

Polk County

Recorder of Deeds

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Proof of Will of W^m. J. Holland.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss.

In the Probate Court.

Be it remembered: that on this 13th day of April A.D. 1883, before me C. L. Russell, clerk of the Probate Court held in & for the county & State aforesaid; personally appeared Alonzo Howard & Isaac H. Bridges who are subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of W^m. J. Holland deceased & being by me first duly sworn depose & state that the said William J. Holland the testator subscribed the same in their presence & published & 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 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
Isaac H. Bridges.

Sworn to & subscribed this 13th day of April A.D. 1883

C. L. Russell

Clerk of Probate

Seal

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss.

In the Probate Court

I, C. L. Russell, clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Mo., having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of William J. Holland deceased & signed by himself W^m. J. Holland, & having heard the testimony of Alonzo Howard & Isaac H. Bridges subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare & adjudge said instrument to be the last Will & Testament of the said W^m. J. Holland 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 13th day of April A.D. 1883.

C. L. Russell

Clerk of Probate

Seal

Will of B. M. Cord Roberts.

I, Braxton M. Cord Roberts of the County of Polk & State of Missouri do hereby make & publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

I will that all my just debts & funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate.

2nd All my property real, personal & mixed after the payment of my debts & funeral expenses, I will devise & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Adaline Roberts during her natural life or widowhood for the support of herself & to rear support & educate our minor children, & at her death or ceasing to be my widow, that it is my will that all my remaining estate of every kind be equally divided among my children & lawful heirs as follows: Mary J. Goals, Riley C. Roberts, Dolly S. Kaster, Mayland D. Roberts, Carson S. Roberts, Melvord L. Roberts, Theodore D. Roberts, Jennie B. Roberts, Montiville F. Roberts, Addie C. Roberts & Minnie D. Roberts; and to my grandsons Judson Leon & Elaud Noble each a share equal with each one of my children heretofore named to the children of my deceased daughter Martha E. Bailey all taken together, a share equal to that given to either one of my children heretofore named; the sum to be equally divided between them.

To my daughter Ann Eliza Hicks I give & bequeath the sum of one dollar

My son Gideon L. Roberts is to receive nothing from my estate as he has already received his full share from me

3rd In case my wife Mary Adaline Roberts should die or cease to be my widow before any one of my children have received their support & education; then it is my will that sufficient portion of my estate shall be set apart to them to support & educate equal to my other children, before any of the distributions herein provided for are made

4th It is my will that all my personal property which is not needed for the immediate use & support of my wife & children as herein provided shall be converted into money & all money shall be loaned on the best terms & at the best rates possible, & that the interest thereon be used

for the support of my wife & for the support & education of my children as herein provided: & that no part of the principal be used for those purposes, except & only so far as the interest shall prove insufficient & in no case shall any one of my heirs or legatees be permitted to borrow any of the moneys of my estate.

I hereby appoint & constitute James P. Slagle of Polk County, Missouri my executor of this my last will & testament

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal on this the 28th day of September A.D. 1880.

Braxton McBord Roberts (Seal)

The above & foregoing instrument of writing was on this 28th day of September A.D. 1880, in our presence & sight, signed & sealed & executed by Braxton McBord Roberts who declared to us that he executed the same as his last will & testament & at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other we signed the same as attesting witnesses thereto at Bolivar Polk County Mo.

Wm. M. Delaplain Bolivar Mo.
A. J. Hunter Bolivar Mo.

Proof of Will.

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

Be it remembered that on this 25th day of April A.D. 1883, before me C. L. Russell clerk of the Probate Court, held in & for the county & State aforesaid, personally appeared A. J. Hunter & William M. Delaplain who are subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Braxton McBord Roberts deceased & being by me first duly sworn, deposed & say that the said Braxton McBord Roberts the testator subscribed the same in their presence & published & 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 year 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.

A. J. Hunter
Wm. M. Delaplain

sworn to & subscribed before me this 23rd day of April A.D.
 1883
 Seal
 C. L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate.

Certificate of Probate.

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 fore-
 going instrument purporting to be the last will of
 Braxton McLeod Roberts, deceased & signed by himself, &
 having heard the testimony of C. J. Hunter & Wm. M. Del-
 aplain subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the
 execution of the same do adjudge & declare said in-
 strument to be the last will & testament of the said
 Braxton McLeod Roberts deceased late of Polk County
 Missouri.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed the seal of this court this 28th day of
 April A.D. 1883. at office in Bolivar;

Seal

C. L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate

N. W. Mack decd. To. Will.

I, Nathaniel W. Mack of the town of Humansville in the County of Polk State of Missouri, being of sound mind & memory do make-publish & declare this ^{as and for} my last will & testament

1st I desire & it is my will that all my just debts be fully paid off & discharged.

2nd I give & devise to my wife Susan S. Mack absolutely & give all my real estate situate in Polk County Missouri to have & to hold the same to her the said Susan S. Mack her heirs & assigns forever.

3rd I give & bequeath to my wife Susan S. Mack all my household & Kitchen furniture, of every kind & description: all of my interest in the goods stock & business in my store house in said Town of Humansville, now being conducted in partnership with my son William W. Mack, & the income & profits thereof, all money on hand & all debts due me or to become due & all my personal property of every kind & description not heretofore specifically mentioned

4th I make my said wife Susan S. Mack, sole legatee of this my last will & testament for the reason that she will have the care labor & expense of supporting, raising & educating my minor children Mary Alice, Henry Clinton, & Nathaniel W. Mack Jr. to whom I leave nothing directly, & by thus keeping my property together enable her to do this more successfully & satisfactorily, than if my property should be divided among my said minor children trusting to a mother's love & kindness to deal justly by them.

5th As my son William W. Mack is now of full age & established in business for himself & has received from me already all the assistance I am able to give him, in justice to my wife & minor children it is my will it is my will that he shall not receive anything further from my estate.

6th I hereby appoint my wife Susan S. Mack

executrix of this my last will & testament & I desire
& request that my said wife may not be re-
quired to give any bond as executrix of my
estate.

In witness whereof I have herunto signed
my name at Boonville Cooper County Missouri
on this 13th day of April A.D. 1888.

N.W. Mack

Signed, published & declared by the said Nathaniel
W. Mack as & for his last will & testament, in
presence of us who, at his request, have signed
as witnesses to the same in his presence &
in the presence of each other

Cf. Achle

H.M. Clark

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Cooper }

In the Probate Court
In Vacation.

Be it remembered on the 12th day of May
A.D. 1888, before me B.C. Clark, Judge of the Probate Court
held in & for the county & State aforesaid, person-
ally appeared Cf. Achle & H. M. Clark who are the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of N.W.
Mack, deceased, & being by me first duly sworn
depose & say that the said N.W. Mack the tes-
tator, subscribed the same in their presence
& published & declared said will or instru-
ment of writing to be his last will & testa-
ment, & that at the time of signing the same
he, the said testator was of sound & dispos-
ing mind & more than twenty-one years of
age & that the 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

H. M. Clark

Cf. Achle.

sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th

day of May A.D. 1883.

seal

Witness my hand & seal of said court
at office in city of Booneville in the county
aforesaid B. L. Clarke Judge

State of Mo. }
County of Polk } ss.

In the Probate Court.

I, C. L. Russell Clerk of the Probate Court
of Polk County Missouri, having examined the fore-
going instrument of writing purporting to be the
last will of N. W. Mack deceased & signed by him-
self, & having had properly certified to me, by the Pro-
bate Judge of Cooper County Mo. who was duly com-
missioned by this court therefor, the testimony
of H. M. Clark & L. F. Achle subscribing witnesses there-
to in relation to the execution of the same & having
examined said testimony, do declare & adjudge
said instrument to be the last will & tes-
tament of the said Nathaniel W. Mack, de-
ceased late of Polk County Missouri

Seal

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed the seal of
said Court at office in Bolivar
this 16th day of May 1883.

C. L. Russell
Clerk of the Probate Court.

Will of M. L. Carter.

I, Moses L. Carter of the County of Polkst State of Missouri being of lawful agest of sound mindst & memory do makest & publish this my last willst & testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

- 1st I desirest will that first of all my just debts of every kind, & funeral expenses be fully paid.
- 2nd I desire that my farm be used under the control of my executor, so that my beloved wife Cynthia Carter shall be well & amply supported & provided for out of the proceeds, that is products of the farm during her natural life, or so long as she shall remain my widowst & unmarried: & that no partition or division of said farm shall be made during the life time of my said wife if she remain unmarried, or until^{after} she shall be married again, in case she shall remarry.
- 3rd I also desire that my said wife shall, during her natural life or in case she shall marry again, till her said marriage, have the house-hold & kitchen furniture for her use & benefit.
- 4th I desire that my executor sell all my other personal property & divide it as herein provided.
- 5th All property real & personal is to be divided as follows leaving to the widow as aforesaid -

To my son J. W. Carter the sum of Fifty dollars only. There =
mainder to be divided into twenty one equal shares to go as follows: My son J. J. Carter Two shares: My son J. M. Carter, two shares: My daughter Mary Driscoll two shares: To my daughter Elvira Lower two shares: To my daughter Margaret M. Wykle two shares To my daughter Mandy C. Akard two shares: To my daughter E. Adeline Kersey two shares: To my daughter Delilah L. Lee three shares: The other four shares I desire shall be divided among my grandchildren so that the children of my deceased daughter Sarah Jane Will =
iams & Julia Gunn shall, taking them all together, share exactly alike giving said four shares to them to be fully divided among them as herein specified.

6th I hereby constitute & appoint J. J. Akard as my executor.

Witness my hand & seal this second day of April
A.D. 1883.

Moses L. Carter (Seal)

At the undersigned at the request & in the presence of

Moses L. Carter the testator & in the presence of each other sign the above as attesting witnesses; and we certify that we saw the said testator sign the same & he declared the same to be his last will & testament: that said executor was at the time he signed the same of sound mind & memory & we further certify that the word "only" was inserted at the end of the end of the third line in the fifth provision, & the word "one" erased & the word two written in the sixth & seventh lines of said fifth provision, all done before the same was signed by the testator.

Witness our hands this 2nd day of April A.D. 1883.

John D. Abbe Bolivar Polk. Mo.
A. J. Lower Bolivar Polk. Mo.

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk. }

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered that on this 7th day of August A.D. 1883 before me James M. Jones Judge of the Probate Court held in & for the County & State aforesaid, personally appeared John D. Abbe & A. J. Lower who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Moses L. Carter deceased, & being by me first duly sworn depose & say that the said Moses L. Carter the testator, subscribed the same in their presence & published & 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.

John. D. Abbe

Andrew J. Lower.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th day of August A.D. 1883.

James M. Jones

Judge of Probate.



Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk. }

In the Probate Court.

I, James M. Jones, judge of the Probate court,

of Polk County Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last will of Moses L. Carter deceased and signed by himself, and having heard the testimony of John D. Abbe and A. J. Lower 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 Moses L. Carter 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 7th day of August 1883.

JS

James M. Jones
Judge of Probate Court

Will of Lewis Venable deceased.

I Lewis Venable of the county of Polk & State of Missouri being in feeble health & well advanced in years but of sound mind & disposing memory, being desirous of disposing of my property do make & publish this as my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me here to fore made.

1st I bequeath my soul to God who gave it & my body to the earth to be interred in decent christian like manner.

2^{ndly}: I desire that my funeral expenses & my debts be first paid out of my estate, & the remainder I desire to be distributed & disposed of as hereinafter mentioned as follows:

Third: I give & bequeath to my daughter Nancy Harris, wife of Lewis Harris all my real estate situate in Polk County Mo. described as follows to wit: North east $\frac{1}{4}$ of North east $\frac{1}{4}$ Section Twenty (20) & South east $\frac{1}{4}$ of South east $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section Seventeen (17). & ten acres more or less in South west $\frac{1}{4}$ of South west $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section sixteen described as follows Beginning at the South west corner of the last mentioned tract, running east with the line to the creek thence north meandering with the creek to the North west corner of said last mentioned tract all in Township Thirty three⁽³³⁾ Range twenty two (22) containing in all 90 acres more or less. They the said Nancy & Lewis Harris having taken care of & provided for myself & my beloved wife Susanah Venable in our old age for a number of years past. & on the further condition that they care for & provide for us during the remainder of our lives.

Fourth: I give & bequeath to John, James, & Cornelia Doran, children of Mary E. Doran deceased, (my daughter), the sum of five dollars each & also request that a certain note which I hold on W^m C. Doran their father for about \$100 be given up & cancelled by my executor, having also heretofore given him money with which to buy a home in addition to this.

Sixth: I give & bequeath to James Hopkins & Benjamin Hopkins children of Matilda C. Hopkins my daughter who is dead, the sum of Twelve dollars & fifty cents each to be paid by my executor, having also helped them for the last ten years.

Seventh: I give & bequeath to my daughter Rachel Howser the sum of five dollars to be paid by my executor, having heretofore aided & assisted her & her husband in buying a home.

Eighth: I give & bequeath to W^m C. Burchett & James Burchett two of my grand children the sum of twenty five dollars each to be paid them by my executor.

Ninth: I give & bequeath to Mathias Venable my son the full

amount which Bryant & John Tipton owe me on a judgment which I paid off for them as surety: the exact amount of which I am unable to state but suppose to be about \$60⁰⁰, be the same more or less & I hereby give him full authority to collect the same for his sole use & benefit.

Tenth: Lewis Harris & myself being equal owners of all the cattle horses & mules now on the farm & on hand, I desire that all be appraised & valued at its cash value as in other cases of administration & that the said Lewis Harris select therefrom such as he may choose. until he shall have selected a number equal to one half the cash value of the whole, the the remaining other half due me, I desire it to be sold by my executor at public sale, on such terms as he shall deem best together with one two horse wagon 1 Rifle gun & all my books (Except Bibles & Hymn books which I bequeath to my beloved wife) & that the proceeds of said sale, after paying my debts if any remaining unpaid, & the bequests hereinbefore mentioned remaining unpaid & the legal costs of administration Sale &c, I desire to be equally divided between the said Nancy Harris, Rebecca E. Worley Patrick Venable, & Matthias Venable & that the same be paid by my Executor.

Eleventh: The hogs now on the farm belonging to me, I desire to remain for the use of said Lewis Harris & family & my widow. The sheep on hand I claim no interest in, they being the property of said Nancy Harris. I further desire that all growing crops or grain now on hand be used & applied as far as may be needed to keep the stock until disposed of & the remainder to be retained and used by said Lewis Harris for himself & his family & my widow, who I desire shall remain & live with said Lewis Harris.

Twelfth: I will & bequeath to my wife Susannah Venable all our household & kitchen furniture as her absolute property.

Thirteenth: The farming implements & other personal property now on the farm & not hereinbefore mentioned, I have no interest, such having been bought & purchased by said Lewis Harris & is his separate property.

I hereby appoint Lewis Harris my executor of this my last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have here to set my hand this the 3rd day of September A.D. 1883

Lewis Venable,

We attest the above & foregoing Will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses at the request of the testator, in his presence & at his request & in the presence of each other this the

3rd day of September A.D. 1883.

W. W. Hendricks,
John Moats.

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

I, C. L. Russell clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last will of Lewis Venable deceased & signed by himself, & having heard the testimony of John Moats & the deposition of W. W. Hendricks, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare & adjudge said instrument to be the last will & testament of the said Lewis Venable deceased late of Polk County Missouri.

LS.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said court at office in Bolivar this 4th day of Oct. A.D. 1883

C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate Court.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered on this 27th day September A.D. 1883 before me C. L. Russell clerk of Probate Court in & for the County & State aforesaid personally appeared John Moats who is one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Lewis Venable deceased & being by me first duly sworn deposes & says that the said Lewis Venable, the testator subscribed the same in his presence & published & 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 old & that said deponent attested said will as witness thereto by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of the testator & of the other subscribing witnesses & at the request of the said testator.

John Moats.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 27th day of Sept. A.D. 1883

LS.

C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate.

Commission.

The State of Arkansas, To any Judge or Notary Public ~~Greeting~~
of the State of Arkansas Greeting;

Know ye, That reposing confidence in your ability we do hereby empower you to cause to come before you at a time & place to be you appointed W.W. Hendricks, an attesting witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Lewis Venable deceased & the said W.W. Hendricks to examine on oath touching his knowledge of the execution of said instrument of writing & of the condition of the mind of the said Lewis Venable at the time of the publication of said instrument of writing. The examination of the said W.W. Hendricks thus taken you will reduce to writing & cause him to subscribe the same & the examination thus taken & subscribed you will certify to the clerk of our Probate Court within & for the County of Polk & State of Missouri under your hand.

Witness I C. L. Russell clerk of our said Probate Court within & for Polk County Missouri with seal of said court hereto affixed at City of Bolivar this 27th day of Sept 1883

C. L. Russell
Probate Clerk

Certificate on back of Commission.

State of Arkansas }
County of Carroll } ss. I, Geo. O. Linbarger a Notary Public in & for said County of Carroll, do hereby certify that in obedience to & by authority of the within commission I cause W.W. Hendricks to appear before me in the City of Eureka Springs in said County on the 1st day of October A.D. 1883 who did then & there on oath as to his knowledge of the execution of the annexed Will of Lewis Venable now deceased & as to the mental condition of said Lewis Venable at the time of executing the same which said testimony was reduced to writing by me & signed by said witness & is now certified to the Probate Court in Polk County in said State

In witness whereof I have hereto signed my name & affixed my official seal Done in City of Eureka Springs Carroll County & State aforesaid, this the 1st day of October A.D. 1883.
Geo. O. Linbarger
Notary Public.

Deposition of W. W. Hendricks.

State of Arkansas }
County of Carroll } ss. Be it remembered that on this first day of October A.D. 1883 before me a Notary Public, duly

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commissioned & acting in & for the county & state aforesaid, personally appeared W. W. Hendricks who is one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Lewis Venable deceased & being by me first duly sworn deposes & says that the said Lewis Venable the testator subscribed the same in his presence & published & 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 deponent attested said will as witness thereto by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of the testator & of the other subscribing witness & at the request of the said testator

W. W. Hendricks

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this Oct. 1st 1883

DS

Geo D Linbarger
Notary Public.

My term of office expires May 2nd 1883;

Will of Elizabeth Britton.

To all whom it may concern greeting: Know ye that I have made & constituted this my last will & testament & I do hereby give & bequeath unto W.R. Box all the property & money & effects that I have or may have coming to me, after paying all my just debts & funeral expenses & putting me away in a decent manner & I also appoint J.J. Akard my executor or administrator to carry out the foregoing will, to pay all my expenses & turn the balance over to W.R. Box -- this the 12th day of June 1883.

Elizabeth^{his} Britton (seal)
mark

Attest D.R. Box.

A.J. Box

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss
County of Polk }

Be it remembered, that on this 22nd day of August A.D. 1883, before me C.L. Russell a clerk of the Probate Court held in & for the county & state aforesaid, personally appeared D.R. Box & A.J. Box, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Elizabeth Britton deceased, & being by me first duly sworn depose & say that the said Elizabeth Britton the testator subscribed the same in their presence & published & declared said will or instrument of writing to be her last will & testament & that at the time of signing the same, she, the said testator was of sound mind & more than twenty one year old, & 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.

Attest C.L. Russell.

D.R. Box.
A.J. Box^{his}
mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd day of August 1883

C.L. Russell
Clerk of Probate

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss
County of Polk }

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 Elizabeth Britton deceased, signed by herself, & having heard the testimony of D.R. Box & A.J. Box subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same do declare & adjudge said instrument to be the last will & testament of the said Elizabeth Britton 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 22nd day of August
 AD 1883
 L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record Aug. 22nd 1883. L. Russell Clerk.

Will of George Purselley.
 Polk Co. Mo. May 30th 1883

Know all men by these presents that I George Purselley of Green Township Polk Co. Mo being of sound mind but weak in body do hereby make this my last will & testament.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Drona Purselley all that certain tract of land in section 17. Township 35. R. 22. containing One hundred & seventeen & one half acres (117 1/2) & fully described in deed from C. J. Hudson & wife to George Purselley of Feb. 13. 1878, Also that certain strip of land reserved and lying south of the west 40 above described out of land purchased from J. G. Simpson & later sold by me to Wm. List. I bequeath the above to my wife, for the express purpose of her disposing & selling the same & do further stipulate that out of the proceeds of the sale thereof she shall pay all the lawful debts against me or my estate of whatsoever kind or nature & the balance (if any) to remain in her possession to use as she wills.

The balance of the estate both real & personal I bequeath unto my wife to be used & controlled by her for the support of herself & family. This support & control to be retained by her during her widowhood only After the death of my said wife or at the end of her widowhood, all of my property both real & personal, shall be divided equally, to share & share alike between my children excepting my daughter Lucinda (wife of John C. Brown) who has already received the equivalent of the sum of One hundred & twenty five dollars (\$125⁰⁰) said amount to be deducted out of her share & considered as paid.

Drona Purselley, wife of George Purselley, having this day & date, the above read & explained unto her, has hereby accepted the bequest herein written by her beloved husband
 George X Purselley
 mark

And in witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures & seals this day & date.
 James Hattlesley Seal
 John M. Buckner Seal
 James Wilson Seal
 James McEloughry Seal

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Be it remembered that on this 6th day of March A.D. 1884
Before me C. L. Russell clerk of the Probate Court held in
& for the County & State aforesaid, personally appeared
George W. Buckner & Green S. Wilson who are the subscribing witnesses
to the annexed will of George Purselley deceased & being by me first duly sworn
depose & say that the said George Purselley the testator subscribed the
same in their presence, & published & declared said will or in-
strument 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.

Geo. W. Buckner,

Green S. Wilson.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 6th day of March A.D. 1884

C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate

(Seal)

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

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 George Pursel-
ley, deceased & signed by himself with his mark, & having heard the testimony of
George W. Buckner & Green S. Wilson subscribing witnesses thereto in relation
to the execution of the same, do declare & adjudge said instrument to be
the last Will & Testament of the said George Purselley 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
Mo. this 6th day of March 1884

C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate Court of Polk
County Missouri.

(Seal)

Will of Peter P. Pyeatt.

Peter P. Pyeatt of Polk County State of Missouri do make & publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking & making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I direct that after death my body be decently interred & that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponded with my estate & situation in life & as may be desired by my friends.

I direct that all my just debts be payed out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate.

I will & bequeath to my son James P. Pyeatt five dollars - & also to my daughter Martha Pyeatt or Martha Gregory five dollars, And also Mary Sarine Pyeatt or Mary Sarine Hodges, five dollars. And also Margaret Pyeatt or Margaret King five dollars. And also Nancy Pyeatt or Nancy Stout five dollars. And also Alvin P. Pyeatt five dollars - Sarah Ann Pyeatt or Sarah Ann Gregory five dollars, & also Miriam L. Pyeatt or Miriam L. Mars five dollars.

And I will & bequeath that the remainder be divided equally between Peter A. Pyeatt & Leni Rebecca Pyeatt.

The real estate is as follows, being in the county of Polk & State of Missouri, that is to say Beginning five chains & fifty links North of the south east corner of the North west quarter of section No 8 in Township No 32 Range 23 thence west 40 chains, thence North 49 degrees west 26 chains & 150 links: thence north 5 chains, thence south 84 3/4 degrees west 60 chains, & 150 links, thence south 17 chains to the beginning except 1/2 an acre as follows Beginning 5 chains & 150 links North of the North west corner of section 8 in Township 32 Range 23 thence north 49 degrees west 50 links thence north 38 3/4 degrees east 3 chains thence south 39 degrees east 4 chains, thence west 4 & 1/2 chains to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre, also except 1/2 acre out of the south east corner of the south east 1/4 of the south east of said section 8 conveyed by deed for school purpose to J. W. Cunningham et al Board of Township 71 dated Sept. 4th 1868 containing in all hereby conveyed.

I hereby appoint Heolbert J. McClure my executor to carry out & enforce the above will

This the 6th day of Oct. A.D. 1872.

Peter P. Pyeatt (Seal)

Michael Wiley Witness.

J. W. Brown Witness.

Filed May 15th 1884.

Ed Russell Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In vacation of Probate Court of county &
State aforesaid.

Be it remembered that on this 15th day of March A.D. 1884, before me C. L. Russell a clerk of the Probate Court in & for the county of Polk & State aforesaid, personally appeared W. F. Brown & David M. McClure who being by me first sworn, upon their oath depose & say that J. W. Brown, one of the subscribing witnesses of the annexed will of Peter P. Pyeatt deceased late of Polk County Missouri, is now dead, that said W. F. Brown subscribed to the same as a witness aforesaid in their presence & the presence of the testator & that his signature as aforesaid is genuine.

And the said W. F. Brown & David M. McClure further depose & say that they were present at the making of the aforesaid & annexed will of said Peter P. Pyeatt & that the said Peter P. Pyeatt, signed the same in their presence & published & declared said will 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 the subscribing witnesses to said will attested the same at the request of the said testator Peter P. Pyeatt.

David M. McClure.

W. F. Brown

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 15th day of March A.D.

1884
C. L.

C. L. Russell clerk of Probate Court.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In Probate Court,
In Vacation.

Be it remembered on this 15th day of March A.D. 1884 before me C. L. Russell clerk of Probate Court held in & for the county & State aforesaid, personally appeared Michael Wiley one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Peter P. Pyeatt deceased & being by me duly sworn deposes & says that the said Peter P. Pyeatt the testator, subscribed the same in his presence & published & 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 old. & that said deponent attested said will as witness thereto by subscribing his name thereto in the presence of the testator & of the other subscribing witness & at the request of the said testator.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 22nd day of March A.D. 1884 } Michael Wiley.
C. L. Russell Probate Clerk.

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk }

In the vacation of 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 Peter P. Pyatt deceased, & signed by himself, & having heard the testimony of Michael Wiley a subscribing witness & D. W. McClure & N. J. Brown attending witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare & adjudge said instrument to be the last will & testament of the said Peter P. Pyatt deceased, late of Polk County Missouri.

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In testimony whereof. I hereunto set my hand & affix the seal of said court, at office in City of Bolivia Mo. this 22nd day of March AD. 1846

C. L. Russell clerk of the Probate Court.

Will of James Kennon decd.

I James Kennon of the State of Missouri & county of Polk being of sound mind & disposing memory do hereby make publish & declare this instrument to be my last will & testament, revoking all others I make - first I will to my son John W. Kennon his equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars, already by me advanced Also one note given by him to me & dated the 2nd day of February 1841, said note calling for forty dollars principal & bearing interest at the rate of ten percent per annum. It also being money already advanced by me to him as a part of his legacy in my estate, which note bore a credit of ten dollars, said credit dated May the 12th, the year not mentioned, The several amounts named shall be charged against the said John W. Kennon on a final settlement.

Item Second. I will to my son Lea Kennon or his heirs one equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars already by me advanced to him, Also my daughter Sarah Jane Lane of Tennessee, or her heirs, one equal share in my estate, Also to James W. Kennon his equal share after deducting One hundred dollars by me already advanced to him Also Elizabeth Maget of Tennessee or her heirs her equal part Also Louisa Crow of Kansas, or her heirs her equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars, being already advanced by me as part of her legacy.

Also to Nancy Goodwin her equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars already advanced by me as a part of her legacy
 Also to my daughter Melvina Goff her equal share of my estate Also to my daughter Mahala Kennon, I with her her equal share in my estate & further more I also gave her one bead & bedstead & all the bed clothing thereunto belonging & one young red cow & one sow & pigs such as she may choose together with half of the founts on the premises. The above property I gave to make her equal with her Brothers & Sisters When they left me, again in consideration for her services in my family through past life. I hereby sell & deliver the following property to wit: one small bead & bedding known as the Trunnel bead, also one loom & fixtures, also one cup board with all the deph ware Kifes forks, &c thereunto belonging, also one cooking stove & fixtures, also one looking glass, two tables, four chares & one trunk & all the vessels, boxes &c on the premises & further more bit understood that I convey they above mentioned property to my daughter Mahala in compensation for her entry services rendered to her mother & myself in past life N.B. All of the bead clothing of my said daughter Mahala will for the future be marked with the letter H so as to distinguish it from the other bead clothing of the estate. And I further will that my son James W. Kennon shall execute this will & in so doing shall proceede legally to sel & distribute all my estate Boath personal & Real Estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of September 1878.

Witness

John W. Crow

Josephus Upton.

James W. Kennon ^{his} _{mark} Seal

Filed Jan. 22nd 1884,

L. L. Russell Clerk

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss.
 County of Polk }

In the Probate Court.
 In Vacation.

Be it remembered that on this 22nd day of January A.D. 1884, before me L. L. Russell Clerk of the Probate Court held in & for the county & state aforesaid personally appeared John W. Crow who is one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James Kennon deceased who being by me first duly sworn deposes & says that the said James Kennon

the testator, subscribed the same in his presence & published & 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 deponent attested said will as witness thereto by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of the testator & the other subscribing witness & at the request of the said testator.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd day of January A.D. 1884

John W. Lerow
A.L. Russell Clerk of Probate Court.

State of Arkansas }
County of Madison } 22

In the Probate Court in Vacation -
Be it remembered that on this 11th day of June 1884 Before me A.L. Thompson Judge of the Probate Court of said county & State, personally appeared before me Josephus Upton who is one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James Kinnon deceased & being by me first duly sworn deposes & says that the said James Kinnon the testator subscribed the same in his presence & published & declared said will or instrument of writing to be his 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 deponent attested said will as witness thereto by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of the testator & the presence of the other witness to wit John Lerow.

Josephus Upton.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of June 1884

A.L. Thompson
Probate Judge of
Madison County

Arkansas

State of Arkansas }
County of Madison }

I, A.L. Thompson, County & Probate Judge of Madison County Arkansas, do hereby certify that in obedience to & by authority of the within commission, I caused to appear before me Josephus Upton in said county, on the 11th day of June 1884, who did

then & there testify on his oath to the knowledge of the execution of the annexed will of James Kennon deceased, As to the mental condition of said James Kennon at the time of executing the same, which said testimony was by me reduced to writing & signed by Josephus Upton & is now certified to the clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County Missouri

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name this 11th day of June 1884

A. L. Thompson
County & Probate Judge,

State of Arkansas }
County of Madison }

I, J. H. Bodenhamer clerk of the Circuit Court & ex officio Probate Clerk do hereby certify that A. L. Thompson whose signature as given above, is county & Probate Judge within & for the county of Madison & State aforesaid, & that his signature is genuine & that his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, That his commission dates October 2nd 1882 & his term of office expires on the 2nd day of October 1884.

Witness my hand as such clerk this the 11th day of June 1884

J. H. Bodenhamer
Clerk.

Seal of
Office }

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court
In Vacation.

I, C. L. Russell, clerk of the Probate Court in & for Polk County Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of James Kennon deceased, signed by himself by mark, & having heard the testimony of John W. Cron & Josephus Upton, subscribing witnesses, thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare & adjudge said instrument to be the last will & testament of James Kennon 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 Missouri this 16th day of June 1884

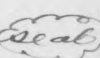
C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate Court

Seal of
Office }

Will of Thompson Irwin.

To all whom it may concern, that I, Thompson Irwin of the county of Polk & State of Missouri viewing the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof & being now in good health & desirous of settling my worldly affairs do make this my last will, the following disposition of my goods & chattels after my death. First of all I desire to be decently interred & the expence of my last sickness & funeral to be paid & my debts paid out of my personal property or money that I may have on hand at my death after this is done, I give, bequeath & devise my estate and property as follows, that is to say; To my wife Sally Ann Irwin I bequeath & devise all my property both real & personal unto her during her natural life or as long as she remains my widow for her maintenance, & that she may have full control of all the household & kitchen furniture during her lifetime or ~~during~~ widowhood & have full control of land & stock, & I further appoint her my executor of my estate & the court will not bind her to give bond & security for her performance in conducting my estate.

After her death when her debts & funeral expenses is paid the balance of the property both real & personal, left, I desire to bequeath & devise, that is to say among my children James H. Irwin, Clarissa Ann Irwin, Eliza Jane Lyon & Sarah Alice Irwin, but should any of them die & leave no heirs to inherit their part of the estate, it is to be divided among the surviving heirs should any of the heirs die & leave heirs, their portion of my estate to go to their heirs. I desire that they all have equal portions & that they make the division among themselves & if any infant heirs they appoint some suitable person to act for them & if you can not agree yourselves in a division, ^{that each of} you appoint a person to act as a commissioner & bind yourselves to stand to their decision. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed & sealed this instrument & published & declared the same as my last will at my own residence on 23rd day of March, One Thousand and Eight Hundred & Seventy four (1874)

Thompson Irwin 

Attest. On this 23rd day of March the above named Thompson Irwin, signed & sealed this instrument & published & declared the same as & for his last will. And we in his presence & at his request & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

attest

George J. Miller,
S. H. Hopper,

Proof of Will

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

Be it remembered, that on this 11th day of October A.D. 1884, before me C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court held in & for the county & state aforesaid, personally appeared George J. Miller, who is one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Thompson Irwin deceased & being by me first duly sworn deposes & says that the said Thompson Irwin the testator, subscribed the same in his presence & published & 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 deponent attested said will as witness thereto by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of the testator & of the other subscribing witness & at the request of the said testator.

Geo. J. Miller

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of October A.D. 1884

C. L. Russell

Clerk of Probate Court.

State of Missouri }
 County of Vernon } ss

Before H. P. Gray a Judge of Probate for county of Vernon Mo. In Vacation

In pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Clerk of the Probate Court within & for the county of Polk & State of Missouri, I H. P. Gray Judge of Probate Court for said Vernon county, did on the 31st day of October A.D. 1884 cause to come before me at office in City of Nevada in County of Vernon & State of Missouri, S. H. Hopper, who being by me duly sworn deposes & says that he was present & saw Thompson Irwin subscribe his name to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will of him the said Thompson Irwin & heard him publish & declare said instrument to be the last will of him the said Thompson Irwin & that said Thompson Irwin at the time of signing the same was of sound & disposing mind & that he subscribed his name thereto as a witness to the same at the request of the testator in his presence & in the presence of the other subscribing witness & further deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed in my presence this, S. H. Hopper
 31st of October A.D. 1884

And I do hereby certify that the testimony of the said S. H. Hopper, was by me reduced to writing & by him subscribed

in my presence on the day & year & at the place above written &
his testimony so by me taken & certified is herewith returned

H. P. Gray
Judge of Probate

James H. Perriman To Will

I James H. Perriman of the county of Polk & State of Missouri
of lawful age, sound in mind & memory knowing the certainty of
death & the uncertainty of life do make & ordain this my last will &
testament

1st. I will my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried.

2nd. I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet D. that she shall af-
ter my decease be taken care of & provided for by my son Benjamin J.
Perriman, in a decent & respectable manner during her natural life.

3rd. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Laura A. Perriman, the East
half of the South east quarter of Section Thirty six in Township Thirty two
of Range Twenty three.

4th. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth A. Davis, Five
dollars to be paid in money.

5th. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah J. Ballinger, Five
dollars to be paid in money.

6th. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary W. Brochus Five
dollars to be paid in money.

7th. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Orlena M. Pitts Five dollars
to be paid in money.

8th. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Harriet A. Hadlock
Five dollars to be paid in money.

9th. I will & bequeath to my beloved son William L. Perriman, Five
dollars to be paid in money.

10th. I will & bequeath to my beloved son John A. Perriman Five dollars
to be paid in money.

11th. I will & bequeath to my beloved son Chester L. Perriman Five
dollars to be paid in money.

12th. I will & bequeath to my beloved son Benjamin J. Perriman all
the real estate that I own, (except the east half of the South east
quarter of Section Thirty six in Township Thirty two of Range Twenty three
the same being willed to Laura A. Perriman) as follows, the North
half of the North east quarter & the South east quarter & twenty acres
off the North east corner of South west quarter of North east quarter
of Section Thirty six in Township Thirty two of Range Twenty three.

also 10 acres off the west side of the Southwest quarter of the North-west quarter of section Thirty one, in Township thirty two of Range Twenty-two, containing One hundred & fifty acres more or less.

13th It is my will that should there be any money on hand or due me, or personal property on hand after paying all my just debts burial expenses & the foregoing legacies, the same shall be equally distributed amongst all my heirs.

I hereby appoint my son Benjamin I. Perriman my executor to execute & carry out the provisions of this my last will & testament & in confirmation of my sincerity in making, constituting & publishing this my last will & testament I hereunto subscribe my name & affix my seal the 11th day of August 1877

James H. Perriman seal

We attest the above & foregoing will in the presence & by the request of James H. Perriman the testator this 11th day of August 1877

J. W. Cunningham

B. W. Appleby,

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

In the Probate Court.

Be it remembered that on this the 3rd day of November A.D. 1884 before me James M. Jones Judge of the Probate Court held in & for the county & state aforesaid, personally appeared J. W. Cunningham & B. W. Appleby who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James H. Perriman deceased & being by me first duly sworn depose & say that the said James H. Perriman the testator, subscribed the same in their presence & published & 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 and at the request of the said testator.

J. W. Cunningham

B. W. Appleby,

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 3rd day of Nov. A.D. 1884

James M. Jones

Judge of Probate.

Will of J. S. Davison decd.

I, John S. Davison of the county of Polk & State of Missouri, being of sound mind, lawful age & disposing will, do this 14th day of January 1884 make this as my last will & testament that is to say

- (1) that all my just debts shall & funeral expenses shall be paid
- (2) I will & bequeath all of my real estate & personal property including money notes & evidences of debts owing to me to my beloved wife Maggie Davison
- (3) It is my will that there shall be know sale of my property
- (4) I hereby appoint A. J. Rutherford my executor to carry out the intents of this will

5 I further declare this to be my last will & testament revoking all former wills, given under my hand the day & year first & signed in the presence of John W. Lerow & William P. Brewer as their signatures does witness

John S. Davison (Seal)

Witness in the presence of the testator & each other -

John W. Lerow

Will. P. Brewer.

Proof.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered that on this the 29th day of November A.D. 1884 before me C. L. Russell clerk of the Probate Court held in & for the county & state aforesaid personally appeared John W. Lerow & Will. P. Brewer who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of John S. Davison deceased & being by me first duly sworn depose & say that the said John S. Davison the testator subscribed the same in their presence & published & 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

John W. Lerow
Will. P. Brewer.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29th day of November A.D. 1884

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C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate Court

Will of A. C. Nichols

In the name of God Amen, I, A. C. Nichols of the City of Bolivar County of Polk & State of Missouri, knowing the uncertainty of life & that death is certain & being of sound mind & disposing memory, do by these presents, make & publish this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In consideration of the fact that my beloved wife Amelia Nichols has helped to accumulate what property I now have, I hereby by these presents, give & devise unto her my said wife Amelia Nichols all of my property, Real Personal & Mixed of which I may be seized at the time of my death, bequeathing to said Amelia Nichols all my personal property & chattels, absolutely for her own separate use & benefit, to be by her disposed of at will as she may think best & it is my desire & I hereby by these presents give & devise unto my beloved wife Amelia Nichols all & singular, each & every my messuages lands & tenements & hereditaments, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, whereof I am seized in fee, situate lying & being in County of Polk & State of Missouri. It is my desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

And I hereby appoint as my sole executrix of this my last will & testament, my beloved wife Amelia Nichols, who it is my express desire shall be permitted to act as my executrix without giving any bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this first day of March A.D. 1884.

A. C. Nichols.

Signed, published & declared by the said A. C. Nichols as & for his last will & testament, in presence of us, who at his request have signed hereto as witnesses to the same in his presence & in the presence of each other.

W. L. Weaver

O. D. Knox.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered that 4th day of March A.D. 1884, before me L. Russell, clerk of the Probate Court held in & for the county & state aforesaid, personally appeared O. D. Knox & W. L. Weaver who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of A. C. Nichols deceased & being by

me first duly sworn depose & say that A. L. Nichols the testator
subscribed the same in their presence & published & 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 subscrib-
ing their names to the same in the presence of the testator & of each
other & at the request of the said testator.

O. D. Knox
W. L. Weaver

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4th day of March 1888



C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate

Will of Solomon Theeden.

Knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death & being of sound mind & memory, I Solomon Theeden, do make & publish this my last will & testament.

Item 1st I will that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my personal assets

Item 2nd I hereby give & bequeath all the remainder of my estate, real, personal & mixed, to my beloved wife Nancy Theeden during her natural life to use & dispose of in any way or manner she may think proper while she lives & whatever remains at her death I give & bequeath to the children of my son William H. Theeden, in such proportion as he my said son William H. Theeden, shall direct if he should then be living & I hereby revoke all former wills made by me In witness whereof I hereto set my hand this 23rd day of April 1881

Solomon Theeden

We attest the above foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses, in the presence of & at the request of the testator Solomon Theeden on the presence of each other this 23rd day of April A.D. 1881

W. L. Snodgrass
P. M. Burns
Jno W. Ross.

I, Maridy Richards of Polk County Missouri being of sound mind & disposing memory do make & publish this as my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills & codicils by me heretofore made.

1st My will & desire is that my funeral expenses & first debts be first paid out of my estate.

2nd I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Richards one half of all real estate & personal property which I may own & be possessed of at the time of my death with the use rent, interest & profits of the other half of said real estate & personal property which I may own & be possessed of at the time of my death as aforesaid for & during her natural life or so long as she shall remain my widow, but in case she should remarry then the use of ~~the~~ with the rent interest & profits of said other half shall cease & terminate.

3rd The other half of my real estate & personal property not hereinbefore bequeathed to my wife I will & bequeath as follows:

To the heirs of Patsy Dawson my sister	\$ 3.00
" " " " Elizabeth Luttrell " "	5.00
" " " " John Richards " brother	5.00
" William Richards	5.00
" Eliza Bullock widow of Richard Bullock	5.00
" Heirs of Nancy Winfrey my sister	5.00
" " " " Sandy Richards " brother	5.00

The said sums of five dollars to be paid each of the above named parties in cash by my executor 4th In consideration & for the reason that John Overshiner &

Eliza Pitts wife of W. D. Pitts have heretofore rendered to myself & my wife Mary Richards valuable services in way of taking care of me & assisted us greatly in helping to make & accumulate such property as we have & believing & desiring that Reuben Richards my other brother will hereafter help take care of us in our old age, I will & bequeath to the said John Overshiner, Eliza Pitts wife of W. D. Pitts & Reuben Richards equally the other half of all my real estate & personal property.

5th The bequests herein made to my wife Mary Richards I consider it & make it to be in lieu of all her

rights as to Lawer & homestead in my estate & direct that she dispose of it as she may choose but my will & desire is that she dispose of it & give it by deed or otherwise to such persons as she may believe have well be most kind to her & treat her best.

6th I will & desire that all costs & expenses attending my estate & the payment of the bequests made in the third clause hereof be paid & deducted first before the distribution & division to my wife, John Overshiner, Eliza Pitts & Reuben Richards.

7th In case of the death of either the said John Overshiner, Eliza Pitts or Reuben Richards & they should leave no wife husband or children surviving them, I will & bequeath that the bequests herein made to such of them as shall depart this life before they become to be entitled to their share go to & belong to the survivor or survivors of them or their husbands widows or their children as the case may be.

8th In case the parties to whom I have bequeathed my real estate as aforesaid, cannot make a satisfactory division thereof among themselves, I will and desire that all such real estate as I own at the time of my death as soon as it becomes necessary, be sold by my executors under the order of the Probate Court having jurisdiction of my estate on such terms as shall appear to such court to be for the best interest of all interested & the proceeds divided as aforesaid.

9th I hereby appoint my wife Mary Richards Executrix & John Overshiner & William Pitts executors of this my will.

In witness whereof I the said Mary Richards have hereto subscribed my name on this the 4th day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & Eighty four

Mary Richards.

We hereby certify that the above & foregoing was signed published & declared by the said Mary Richards the testator in our presence as his last will & testament & was at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other subscribe our names as attesting witnesses this March 4th 1864

W. L. Huxdregar
J. R. Stallings
A. D. Lovelace

In the name of God Amen: I, Lewis Ragsdale, of Polk County Mo. being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will and testament: hereby revoking any and all other wills by me heretofore made.

1st I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid.
2nd I give and bequeath to my son J. W. Ragsdale the sum of One Dollar and no more.

I give and bequeath to the children of my deceased daughter C. E. Watkins the sum of One Dollar and no more.

To my daughter E. F. Wright, I give the sum of One Dollar and no more.

To the heirs of my deceased daughter Emily E. Stumett I give the sum of One Dollar and no more.

To my son George V. Ragsdale, I give the sum of One Dollar and no more.

To my son Felix M. Ragsdale, I give the sum of One Dollar and no more.

To my son Thomas L. Ragsdale, and to his heirs, he now being dead I give nothing.

To my daughter Nancy C. Ragsdale, I give the sum of Twenty five dollars, and no more.

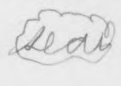
To my daughter Unity B. Terrill, I give the sum of Twenty five dollars, and no more.

3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel J. Ragsdale, all of my Estate real and personal and mixed, to be for her use and enjoyment during her natural life, if she continues my widow during life, but if she shall marry after my death then all her right and interest in the said property shall terminate and my said property go^t at once to my other legacies herein and as herein provided. None of the legacies in this will are to be paid until the right of my said wife to enjoy the use of the property shall terminate either by her death or marriage as herein provided.

4th I Will and desire that all my property of every kind shall, after the interest of my beloved wife shall be terminated as herein provided and after the other legacies herein provided for are paid, be equally divided my sons, L. W. Ragsdale, Robert W. Ragsdale, and William A. Ragsdale. Provided, however, that if either of these three sons shall die without children and before the said right of my wife shall terminate then it shall be divided between the other two of the three boys, and in case two of these three boys shall die without either of them having children and before the right of my wife to said property

has terminated, then in that event, I desire the property divided to these three boys be divided so that my daughter Nancy C. Ragsdale shall receive one third and the survivor of the three

leaves the other two thirds thereof. In the division of my property among my sons, as provided in this article I will that no account be taken of my gifts of any kind I have made or may make to either of them in my life time.

5th I hereby appoint my son L. W. Ragsdale to be my executor.
 Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of August A.D. 1886
 Lewis Ragsdale 

Wm. H. Viles, of Halfway Mo, W. L. Snodgrass, and J. D. Abbe, both of Polivar Mo. on this 20th day of August 1886, at the request and in the presence of Lewis Ragsdale, and in the presence of each other sign this will as attesting witnesses to the same.

Wm. H. Viles
 W. L. Snodgrass,
 J. D. Abbe.

State of Missouri } ss
 County of Polk }

In the Probate Court

Be it Remembered That on this 29th day of January A.D. 1887, before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State of Missouri, personally appeared W. L. Snodgrass Wm. H. Viles and John D. Abbe, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Lewis Ragsdale deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Lewis Ragsdale the testator, subscribed the same in their 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 mind 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

W. L. Snodgrass
 Wm. H. Viles
 J. D. Abbe

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of January A.D. 1887.

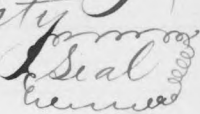
A. J. Lower
 Judge of Probate

I Benjamin F. Brown of Polk County Missouri being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament

My will is - first that my beloved wife Ivy D. shall have all her property which she had at the time of our marriage or which she has received since to have and hold as her own

I give and bequeath to my son William E. one thousand five hundred dollars to have and to hold the same to him forever.

I also give and bequeath to my wife Ivy D. all my horses Cattle and other stock and implements to have and hold as her own and she shall have full benefit of my Farm as long as she remains a widow in my name and I do nominate and appoint Stephen Owens to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament

In Testimony whereof I B. F. Brown have here subscribed my name and affixed my Seal this the twenty fourth day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Seven
B. F. Brown 

Signed Sealed and declared by the Said B. F. Brown to be his last will and testament in presence of us and we have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto in the presence of Each other

attest Jas. Rule

Clarence M. Swingle

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

Be it remembered that on this 9th day of February A.D. 1887 before me A. J. Lower Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared James Rule and Clarence M. Swingle who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Benjamin F. Brown deceased and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Benjamin F. Brown the Testator

Subscribed the same in their 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
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

Jas. Rule
Clarence M. Swingle

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of February
A.D. 1887
A. J. Loines
Judge of Probate

Will of J. S. D. Lewis

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In the name of God. Amen. J. S. D. Lewis of the county of Polk in the State of Ind. Aged 37 years, being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my beloved husband, A. H. Lewis Lots No. Five (5) Six (6) Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block No. Twenty (20) Dumas Addition to the city of Bolivar, County of Polk and State of Missouri, to hold and enjoy absolutely in fee simple.

I appoint my husband A. H. Lewis executor of this my last will, revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 30th day of November 1887.

J. S. D. Lewis

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed and declared by said J. S. D. Lewis to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. S. Adair	of Bolivar, Ind.
B. F. Wilson.	of Bolivar, Ind.
Charles Van Buren.	of Bolivar, Ind.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court
Be it Remembered, that on this the 20th day of May A.D. 1887, before me W. J. Fowler Judge of the Probate Court held in and for said County and State aforesaid personally appeared W. S. Adair, B. F. Wilson and Charles Van Buren, who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of J. S. D. Lewis, deceased, and being by me first sworn, depose and say that the said J. S. D. Lewis, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or 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 twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as Witnesses by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other at the request of the.

said testator

W. S. Odor
B. F. Wilson
Charles Van Buren

I sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20th day of May
A.D. 1857.

A. J. Lower
Judge of Probate

I, W. S. Anderson, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament, revoking any and all other Wills heretofore made by me 1st I desire that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid by my Executor hereafter named.

2nd I give devise and bequeath to my son Lorenzo K. Anderson, Isabella J. Hunter (Anderson) and E. Evelind King (Anderson) my daughters the sum of one dollar each.

3rd I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel J. Anderson all the residue of my property of whatsoever kind both personal and real to use and dispose of as she may choose that is to be hers absolutely. Real Estate described as follows.

Lots No three (3) and four (4) in Block No four (4) as shown in the plat of the town of Morrisville in the county of Polk in the State of Wisconsin. Also the North West quarter of the South West quarter of Section fourteen (14) Township Thirty (30) Range twenty four (24) in the County of Boone in the State of Wisconsin and any other real estate that I may own at the time of my death.

I hereby appoint Lorenzo K. Anderson my Executor and desire that he be permitted to act as such without giving bond.

This the twenty sixth day of April 1857.

W. S. Anderson (Seal)

We the undersigned saw W. S. Anderson sign the foregoing and heard him declare it to be his last will and testament and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other sign our names thereto as witnesses.

J. L. Linneman Morrisville Mo.
Mr. H. Kelly Morrisville Mo.

State of Missouri ss.
County of Polk

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, that on this the 2nd day of June
AD. 1887 before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and
for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared J. L.
Lemmon and Wm H. Kelly, who are the subscribing witnesses
to the annexed Will of W. D. Anderson deceased, and being by
me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said W. D. Anderson
the testator subscribed the same in their 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
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, 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. L. Lemmon
Wm H. Kelly

Sworn to and subscribed before me A. J. Lower, Judge
of the Probate Court this 2nd day of June AD. 1887

A. J. Lower
Judge of Probate

Will of Joseph Banton deceased

Know all men by these presents, that Joseph Banton of Fair Play in the County of Polk and State of Missouri, a farmer, being in good health and of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, and as to my worldly Estate and all the property Real, Personal or mixed of which I shall die possessed or which I shall be entitled to at the time of my decease I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit: All my just debts and funeral expenses shall first by executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

I give, devise and bequeath to my niece E. E. Banton, only daughter of my brother Daniel C. Banton now living near Jamesville in Jefferson County Kentucky, All of my Real Estate and personal property belonging to me at my decease after debts and funeral expenses are paid.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint John C. Smith to be the executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony Whereof I the said Joseph Banton, have to this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 17th Seventeenth day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty six (1886)

Joseph Banton (Seal)

Signed sealed and declared by the said Joseph Banton as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

E. A. Woods } Witnesses
Mr D. Brewer }

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } Before A. J. Lower, Clerk of the Probate
 Court of said county in vacation.

In the matter of the Probate of the last
 Will and Testament of Joseph Banton deceased

E. A. Woods, on oath states that he is forty two years
 old, and lives in Polk County Mo. I knew Joseph Banton
 in his life time. The paper presented is the Will of Joseph
 Banton and dated July 17th 1887, was on that date executed
 and signed by Joseph Banton in the presence of myself and
 Mr. D. Brewer, and said Joseph Banton at the time of executing
 said will was of sound and disposing mind and memory
 and declared to us that he executed the same as his last will
 and testament and affirmed and said Mr. D. Brewer at the
 request of the said Joseph Banton and in his presence and
 in the presence of each other saw Joseph Banton sign his name
 to said Will and we then and at his request and in his pres-
 ence and in the presence of each other signed our names thereto
 as witnesses

E. A. Woods,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this June 10th 1887

A. J. Lower

Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } Before A. J. Lower, Clerk of the Probate
 Court of said County in vacation

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and
 testament of Joseph Banton, deceased,

Mr. D. Brewer on oath states that he is
 Thirty nine years old and lives in Polk County Mo
 I knew Joseph Banton in his lifetime. The paper here
 presented is the will of Joseph Banton and dated July
 17th 1887, was on that day executed and signed by
 Joseph Banton in the presence of myself and E. A. Woods
 and said Joseph Banton at the time he signed said
 will was of sound and disposing mind and memory
 and ~~over~~ twenty one years of age, and declared to us
 that he executed the same as his last will and testament
 and affirmed and said E. A. Woods at the request of said
 Joseph Banton and in his presence and in the presence

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of each other witnessed the execution of said Will by said
Joseph Bantow, and signed our names thereto as witnesses
M. D. Brewer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June 1887

A. S. Jones

Clerk of Probate

Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind and disposing memory, I, Thomas Dumaway of Polk County + State of Missouri being seventy three years of age, do make and publish this my last Will + Testament.

1st
2nd

I desire that all of my just debts + ~~funeral~~ ^{burial} expenses be paid. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife all of my property, both Real and personal of whatever kind whether in possession, reversion, or remainder, to have and to hold for + during her natural life for her support + for the purpose of support and maintenance of her and her children so long as she shall live.

I further will and direct that should it become necessary for their support, my said wife Catharine A. Dumaway sell + dispose of any or a part of said property for the support of herself + family. That she shall sell so much as may be necessary for that purpose + in selling the land that she shall first sell that part of the farm east of the Prairie de Terre Creek + she is hereby empowered to make all necessary deeds + conveyances for such parts as she may sell for such purposes.

3rd

If my said wife Catharine A. Dumaway should die leaving any property I here bequeath to her or the proceeds thereof such remainder I do will + desire shall be sold for the best available price + that the proceeds be divided among my children and heirs as follows, viz: That my son John A. Dumaway receive One Dollar, Hugh A. Dumaway receive One Dollar, That Elizabeth A. Perryman (my daughter) receive One Dollar + that my other daughter Maria A. receive One dollar, + my son Elijah A. Dumaway receive One Dollar, after which I desire that my children Jess A. Dumaway Lucinda C. Dumaway, Salina R. Dumaway Alice J. Dumaway, Margaret E. Dumaway and Susanah V. Dumaway each receive Two hundred Dollars. + that the children + heirs of my daughter Nancy M. Pate (now deceased) receive One hundred and seventy dollars to be divided among them, as I gave to my said daughter Nancy M. Thirty dollars in her life time, should there be enough left to make this division, if not that such remainder be given to them in this proportion, should there be any left after the payment of the foregoing legacies, I will + bequeath that it be divided among my said children + the heirs of Nancy M. Pate (receive as one) that all shall share equally, except my two daughters Maria A. and Elizabeth who shall each receive One dollar for every five dollars received by one of the others from

the last remainder, and having thus disposed of all my property, I do make and publish this my last will & testament this being closed on the fourth page thereof.
 Thomas Dummaway

We attest the above and foregoing Will, by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of Thomas Dummaway the testator.

This 15th day of April 1886.

John W. Rofs. of Bolivar Ind.
 P. C. Roberts. " "

State of ~~Indiana~~ ^{Missouri} ss
 County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this 1st day of Aug. A.D. 1887, before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State of aforesaid, personally appeared John W. Rofs, P. C. Roberts, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Thomas Dummaway deceased and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Thos. Dummaway, 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 and 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. W. Rofs.
 P. C. Roberts

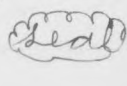
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of Aug. A.D. 1887.

A. J. Lower
 Judge of Probate

Know all men by these presents, that Joseph Banton, of Fair Play in the County of Polk and State of Missouri, a Farmer, being in good health and of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, and as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following, to wit: All my just debts and funeral expenses shall first by Executor herein named be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

I give, devise and bequeath to my Niece E. E. Banton only daughter of my brother Daniel C. Banton now living near Gainesville in Jefferson county Kentucky, all of my real estate and personal property belonging to me at my decease after debts and funeral expenses are paid.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint John C. Smith to be the Executor of this last will and testament

In testimony whereof the said Joseph Banton have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 17th seventeenth day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty six 1886
Joseph Banton 

Signed sealed and declared by the said Joseph Banton as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

E. A. Woods, } Witnesses
Ch. D. Brewer }

State of Missouri } ss Before A. J. Lower Clerk of the Probate
County of Polk } Court of said County in vacation
In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Joseph Banton deceased.

E. A. Woods on oath states that he is forty two years old, and lives in Polk County Mo. I knew Joseph Banton in his lifetime, the paper presented here as the will of Joseph Banton and dated Feby 17. 1886 was on that date executed and signed by Joseph Banton

in the presence of myself and Mr. D. Brewer, and said Joseph Banton at the time of executing said will was of sound and disposing mind and memory and declared to us that he executed the same as his last will and testament and affiant and said Mr. D. Brewer at the request of said Joseph Banton and in his presence, and in the presence of each other said Joseph Banton his name to said Will and we then, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed our names thereto as witnesses

E. A. Woods

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this June 10th 1887,

A. J. Lower
Clerk of Probate Court

State of Missouri ss Before A. J. Lower Clerk of the
County of Polk ss Probate Court of said county in vacation
In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testa-
ment of Joseph Banton deceased.

Mr. D. Brewer, on oath states that he is thirty nine years old and lives in Polk County Mo. I knew Joseph Banton in his lifetime. The paper here presented, as the Will of Joseph Banton and dated July 17th 1886, was on that day executed and signed by Joseph Banton in the presence of myself and E. A. Woods, and said Joseph Banton, at the time he signed said Will was of sound and disposing mind and memory and over twenty one years of age, and declared to us that he executed the same as his last will and testament and affiant and said E. A. Woods at the request of said Joseph Banton, and in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the execution of said will by said Joseph Banton, and signed our names thereto as witnesses

Mr. D. Brewer

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 14th day of June 1887,

A. J. Lower
Clerk of Probate