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

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

Second. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth in lieu of her dower the plantation on which we now reside situated in the State and County aforesaid in Range twenty four in Township thirty three in Section No. fifteen and being the North East quarter of said Section containing one hundred and sixty acres during her natural life or widowhood and all the live stock, Horses, Cattle, Sheep Hogs &c. by me owned and kept there and also all the House hold furniture and other items not particularly named and not otherwise disposed of in this Will during her natural life and widowhood as aforesaid. She however first dispose of a sufficiency thereof to pay my just debts.

A Hays
to
Last Will.

And that at the death of my said wife all the property hereby devised or bequeathed to her as aforesaid or so much thereof as may then remain unexpended to my heirs in Equal Division my son John Hays excepted provided that Jasper Rygle who he now lives with shall do the part by him that he agreed to do if not he shall come in a equal share and the portion that I will to my two sons and daughter Littleton Stahely and Marthens they shall make up to the rest Equal at the General distribution.

Third. I give and devise to my Eldest son Littleton the Horse Saddle & Bridle that he now has in possession and one Cow and Calf.

Fourth. I give and devise to my second Son Stahely a bay filley and Saddle and bridle and one Cow and Calf.

Fifth. I give and devise to Eldest daughter Marthens one Horse and Bed and Heifer.

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint Charles Rountree to be the Executor to this my last Will and testament Revoking and annulling all former Wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

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In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this second day of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand Eight Hundred and forty three.

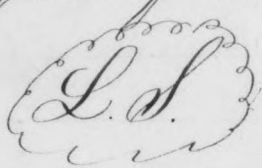
Andrew Hays.

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

Jacob L. Prewitt,
Peter Jones.

State of Missouri, }
County of Polk. }

Be it remembered that on this 13th day of
July A.D. 1843. personally appeared before the undersigned
Clerk of the County Court of said County Jacob L. Prewitt
and Peter Jones the persons whose names appear subscribed
to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Andrew Hays
Decd. as witnesses thereto and being duly sworn on oath state
that the said Deceased signed and published the foregoing
as and for his last will and testament and that at the
time of signing and publishing the same the said Deceased was
of sound mind and disposing memory and that they signed
their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the
request of said Deceased.

L. P.

Witness, Israel W. Davis, Clerk of said
County Court with my seal of office
this day & year aforesaid.

I. W. Davis, Clerk.

Recorded in my office this 13th day of July
A.D. 1843.

I. W. Davis, Clerk.

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I Nathan Witt of Polk County and State of Missouri
being sorely afflicted in body But of sound mind being
desirous to make a disposition of my Goods and hereditaments
do hereby make this my last Will and testament to the follow-
ing distribution of the same

First, I do hereby bequeath to my beloved wife all my
real and personal Estate to have and to hold during her natu-
ral life and at her death and at her death all my Children
by her Son - John M. Witt, James Allen Witt, William Witt
Angelina Witt, Margaret Jane Witt, Louisa Witt, Marietta
Witt, Calib Witt I do bequeath all my Estate real and
personall to the said Eight mentioned Sons and Daughters to
be equally divided amongst them after all my just Debts
being first paid. My eldest Son Milton Witt I will and
bequeath the sum of one Dollar out of my estate and should
my Deceased Father's Will be broke that has Willed to
my son Milton Witt the sum of one Hundred and fifty
Dollars and some property then and in that Case
I Will and bequeath to him the sum of Fifty Dollars more
of my Estate that is all that I will to him of my Estate
which sum of Fifty Dollars to be paid out of the
moneys arising out of my Father's Estate and no other.

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

Teste
Benj. M. Jewett,
John W. Clark,
Wm. Lunsford.

his
Nathan Witt.
mark.

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State of Missouri, *3*
County of Polk. *3*

Be it remembered that on this
5th day of September A. D. 1843, appeared before the
undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County
Benjamin M. Jewett, William Linceford and John M.
Clark whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing last
Will and Testament of Nathan Witt Deed, as Witnesses
thereto and being duly sworn on oath states that the said
Deceased made, published and signed the foregoing as and for
his last Will and testament and that at the time of signing
and publishing the same the said Deceased was of sound
and disposing mind and memory and that said Deceased
signed the same in their presence in his last sickness and
that they attested the same in the presence of said
Deceased.

L.S.

Witness Israel W. Davis, Clerk as aforesaid
with the seal of said Court affixed this
day and year aforesaid.

I. W. Davis, Clerk.
By A. Williams, D. Clerk.

Recorded in my office this 5th day of September,
A. D. 1843.

I. W. Davis, Recorder.

I John Mackey of Polk County and State of
Missouri being weak in body but of sound and dispo-
sing mind and memory blessed be god for his mercys
do make and publish this my last will and Testament
disallowing all former Wills One thousand Eight
hundred and forty three on the thirtieth day of March
For wit.

1st I leave all of my property to my
dearly beloved wife Rebecca after paying all my
just Debts during her Widowhood if my wife
should marry again she is to have the One
third part of all my property.

lastly I doate and appoint my son Samuel A. Mackey
Executor to this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand And Seal the day and year above written

Test.

George Mitchell
Edward Pritchett
A. J. Dunsinon

his
John Mackey Seal
mark

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that at a regular
term of the County Court of Polk County began and hold
in the Town of Bolivar on Monday the 1st day of May A.D.
1843. Samuel A. Mackey Executor of the last Will
and Testament of John Mackey Deceased produced in said
Court for probate the foregoing last Will and Testament of
said Deceased which being duly proven by the oaths of George
Mitchell and Edward Pritchett the subscribing Witnesses
thereto that the said Deceased made and published the fore-
going as his last Will And Testament and that at the time
of making and Subscribing the same said Deceased was of
sound and disposing mind and memory and that they
subscribed their names thereto in the presence of said Deceased
whereupon it was ordered by said Court that a Certificate of
Probate be granted hereon and the same is done

LS.

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

I. W. Davis clerk

Recorded in my Office this 1st day of May
A.D. 1843
I. W. Davis Recorder

Ans. Mackey
to
Last Will

Probate

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

I William C. Clark of lawful age
being of sound & perfect memory knowing the uncertainty of
this life and the certainty of Death. Wishing to settle my
pecuniary & worldly affairs before my decease between my
beloved family. Therefore make this my last will & Testam-
ent in the name of god Amen

Article 1st

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

Article 2nd

I do will and bequeath to my Beloved wife Margaretta
Clark formerly Margaretta Moore the One third part of all my
real & personal property during her natural life after all of my
just debts are paid. After the death of my wife Margaretta Clark
I will that the land be divided between my five sons as follows
Jacob B. Clark William S. Clark David S. Clark Pleasant H.
Clark & Samuel S. Clark Equally by each one paying or
having deducted out of his share of the Estate three Hundred
fifty Dollars it being the first cost of the Land

Article 3rd

After the death of my wife Margaretta Clark I
wish an Equal Division made between my beloved children
taking into consideration what some of them have already got
Rendering a General Schedule as follows my Daughter an-
anda Melvina Clark got Feb 1st 1829 as a lone one Negro
Woman at Eight Hundred Dollars 800.00
One Horse Saddle & Bridle One Hundred & Twenty Dollars
120.00 One Colt fifteen Dollars 15.00 6 \$935.00
Said heir is chargeable with Interest on same up to the time
of Division at the rate of six per centum per annum
My Second Daughter got as a lone April 5th 1832 One Negro
Woman worth Seven Hundred Dollars 700.00
One Horse Saddle & Bridle worth One Hundred & Twenty
Dollars 120.00
\$820.00
My son John M. Clark got as a lone January 1st
1836 Eleven Hundred & Ninety five dollars
& fifty eight cents 1195.50

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 One Horse Saddle & Bridle One Hundred and twenty Dollars
 Apr 6th 1838 120.00
 Paid James Worron 28.00
 To Extra Schooling 100.00
 1443.58

These are the credits that John M. Clark is entitled to
 April 6th 1838 108.00
 \$1335.58

Jacob B. Clark got as a lone One Horse Saddle & Bridle
 January 1st 1838 \$115.00

William T. Clark got as a lone Apr 1st 1844

One Horse \$30.00

William T. Clark is entitled to a credit of One Hundred
 & thirty Dollars for Extra work done on farm \$130.00

My Daughter Cammelia S. Clark got as a lone
 One Negro Boy \$500.00

To the Amount of One horse in Sundries 100.00
 Jan 10th 1839 \$600.00

My Daughter Margaretta C. Clark as a lone
 15th May 1840 One Negro Boy 1150.00

One Horse Saddle & Bridle 100.00
 \$350.00

My son James P. Clark got as a lone 1st Jan 1845
 One Horse worth \$100.00

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

2nd I will bequeath to my son Pleasant W. Clark
 One light Sorrel Horse worth fifty Dollars \$50.00

3rd I will bequeath to my son Samuel G. Clark
 1 Bay Horse worth fifty Dollars \$50.00

The above and foregoing accounts as charged are
 to be taken into consideration & a Division made Equal
 Taking into out of the land as afforsaid which I will
 shall be equally divided between my five sons as afforsaid
 at the afforsaid rates of Three Hundred & fifty Dollars
 each. If any of the heirs die without lawful issue
 I will that their portions shall be equally Divided
 between the rest of my lawful heirs. In all
 cases of account Interest is to be charged

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from the aforesaid dates at the rate of six per cent per annum up to the time that the Division takes place

In the cases of my Grand Daughters Amanda Smith my Daughter Margaretta Williams formerly Margaretta Clark & my Daughter Cammelia S. McMinum formerly Cammelia S. Clark all of the property that comes to their hands through this my last Testament is for the benefit of them my said Grand Daughters & Daughters to them & their heirs if all or any of them should die with lawful issue their portions to be Equally divided amongst the rest of my heirs as aforesaid

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

Given under my hand this the
day and date aforesaid
Witnesses (Signed) Wm C. Clark

R Ryland
Frances Ryland
Milly Ann Campbell

State of Missouri
County of Polk }

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day of September AD 1825 and during the Vacation of the County Court of said County the foregoing last Will and Testament of William C. Clark Deceased was produced to me by William C. Campbell one of the Executors therein named for probate. And Bedford Ryland Frances Ryland and Milly Ann Campbell being by me duly sworn to testify the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth touching the Execution of the last Will and Testament of the said William C. Clark Deceased as subscribing Witnesses thereto do on their oath state that they each subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said Testator and that the said Testator signed the same in their presence and acknowledged the same to be his last Will and Testament

as and for the purposes therein mentioned And that at the time of signing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind And Memory

In Witness whereof I Israel W. Davis
S.S. Clerk of the County Court of said
County of Polk have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my Seal of office
this day & year above written

I. W. Davis clerk

Delivered and Recorded this 2nd day of
September A.D. 1845

I. W. Davis Records

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

And my last will is first that after my decease my
body shall be decently buried and that my funeral charges
shall be paid by my Executors hereinafter named and that
my just debts shall also be paid by my Executors

And as to the residue of my Estate and property
with which god has blessed me and which shall not be
required for the payment of my debts funeral charges
and Expenses of this my will I give devise and dispose
thereof as follows to wit I give devise and bequeath
to my Dear wife Julia Ann Wells all my interest
in a certain tract of Land in the State of Illinois being half
of 140 acres and also give bequeath and devise

to my aforesaid dear wife Julia Ann Wells all the balance of my property and effects both real and personal whereever being or in whosesoever hands or possession. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my Dear wife Julia Ann Wells my Executor to carry out this my last will and Testament.

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

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

Leachman
John Toler
Thomas Ruffin

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of January A.D. 1846 the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Charles Wells Decd was produced to me for probate and thereupon came Thomas Ruffin Littleton Leachman and John Toler subscribing witnesses thereto and being by me first duly sworn do on their oath state that the said Testator signed sealed and published the foregoing as and for his last will and Testament and that they severally subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of said Decd at his request and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

In witness whereof I Charles W. Davis
Clerk of the County Court within and for
said County of Polk have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court
at office this 12th day of January A.D. 1846
Records 12 Jan 1846 W. Davis Recorder

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

Item my will and desire is that my wife Semina possess and enjoy the following property that is to say the forty acres on which the dwelling house stands together with and singular the improvements thereon also the forty acres on the hill which includes the spring also the use of the timber on the East side of the creek opposite to said farm to keep up the same during her natural life also the following named negroes one man named Bentley and one girl named Kitty during her natural life also the following property namely one waggon one yoke of cattle one sorrel mare called Francis two milk cows (she to have choice of all of my stock of cattle) two Beds and furniture also two ploughs two pair of gears two axes & two hoes all of the above to revert as hereafter provided

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

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

Item. It is my will and desire that my son Nathaniel W. Wilson hold and enjoy Frank

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Sophia and yellow Tom together with Sophias increase also Horses cattle & other stock Beds and furniture heretofore given him

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

+ Item. It is also my will and desire that my Daughter Mary M. Calaway hold and enjoy the following named negroes and their increase namely Hannah and her increase and young Moses also one tract of land containing three hundred and twenty acres on which Joseph Calaway now resides also one other tract of land lying and adjoining William Owens both in the County of Polk & State of Missouri also one negro girl named Kitty at the death of my wife Semina Wilson to whom I have herein willed the above named Kitty during my said wifes lifetime also one bed and furniture in addition to what she has heretofore received from me namely Beds horses cattle & other stock

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

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

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

I hereby revoke all former wills by me
made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of April
one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

James ^{his} Wilson (seal)
mark

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

James ^{his} Wilson (seal)
mark

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

Hamilton Bradford
Ira W. ^{his} Parish
George ^{mark} Lowell

State of Missouri
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered that on
the 12th day of May 1848 personally appeared
before the undersigned Judge of Probate for
Polk County Hamilton Bradford Ira W.
Parish and George Lowell whose names appear

as subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of James Wilson Deceased and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Judge of Probate according to law depose and say that on the 25th day of April 1848 they were called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and testament of James Wilson deceased that he the said James Wilson signed the last will and testament on the foregoing pages in their presence and that at the time of signing the same he the said James Wilson deceased was sound of mind and memory and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and that they subscribed the same as witnesses

Hamilton Bradford
Ira W^{his} Parish
George Lawel

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

William Paushee Judge
of Probate

Delivered and Recorded this 12th day of May, A.D. 1848

A. J. J. Clerk

May the 6th 1848 Last will and Testament of Morris Mitchell senior First I give and bequeath to my Wesley Mitchell the south half of the two west eightys of my farm where I now live.

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

I want all the Black people to belong to my wife Elizabeth during her natural life after my wife death I wish all the slaves to be equally divided among the heirs and provided the law makes provision for to be liberated slave to be free and no one to be accountable for their conduct I am to be freed at

fiftyfive years of age Hannah at fifty five years of age Pharo to be freed at fifty five years of age all the children that is now or hereafter may be born shal be free agreeable to the above named pravision that is at the age of fifty five.

My wife Elizabeth is entitled to a child's part with the above named fifty dollars.

my wife is not to have any doover in the real estate the balance of the real Estate and all personal property to be equally divided among the heirs.

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

Morris ^{his} Mitchell senior

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

Stephen Mitchell.

Wesley Mitchell.

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

Morris Mitchell Junior

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered that on the 31st day of January 1848 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of Probate for Polk county Stephen Mitchell and Wesley Mitchell whose names appear as subscribing witneses to the foregoing will of Morris Mitchell senr deceased and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Judge of Probate according to law depose and say that on the 6th day of May 1848 they were called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and testament of Morris Mitchell senr deceased that he the said Morris Mitchell senior signed the last will

and testament on the foregoing page in their presents and that at the time of signing the same he the said Morris Mitchell senior deceased was sound of mind and memory and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and that they subscribed the same as witnesses.

Wesley Mitchell.

Stephen Mitchell.

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

William Faushee Judge
of Probate

Recorded this 31st day of January A.D. 1848.
William Faushee Judge of
Probate of Polk Co.

Delivered for Record this 8th day of March
1848

A. Donly Jr. Recorder

In the name of God amen I William Wright a resident of the County Polk in the State of Missouri being feeble in body but of sound disposing mind and memory do devise and bequeath my estate both real and personal as follows to wit.

first I will that all my just debts be paid.

second I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah the homestead upon she now resides containing one hundred and twenty acres during her natural life also all the personal property which I now have on the place to her forever as her sole and separate property.

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

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

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

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

Seventhly I will and bequeath unto my daughter Grace Wright and Betsy Wright each one hundred dollars to be applied by each of them in entering eighty acres of land.

Eighthly I will and bequeath unto my daughters Mary Parish and Emily Parish one hundred dollars each to be applied in entering each eighty acres of land this claim is upon condition that they have not now their husbands received the same amount of money heretofore for the same purpose Nancy Nance having already received eighty acres of land nothing is given her except as hereafter mentioned.

Ninthly I will and bequeath unto each of my children one horse saddle and bridle.

Tenthly I do hereby will appoint and request John S. Whitesides of the County of St. Clair in the State of Illinois in which County I now am to sell and convey all of my lands situate in said County of St. Clair to such persons as he may think fit and proper and the proceeds to pay over to my executors hereinafter named.

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Sarah to

be Executrix and my sons in law Joseph Parish and
 Barnard Parish to be Executors of this my last will
 and testament hereby revoking all will or wills by
 me heretofore made and do declare this to be my last
 will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of
 March A.D. eighteen hundred and forty eight

Witnesses

J. W. Pulliam

Hardy Johnson.

William I Harris

William Wright (seal)

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } ss

The State of Missouri

Do any Judge, Justice of the Peace, Mayor or other Chief
 Magistrate in the County of St Clair State of Illinois.

You are hereby empowered to call and cause to
 come before you John W. Pulliam Hardy Johnson and
 William I Harris of the County and State aforesaid
 whose names are subscribed as witnesses to the last
 will and testament of William Wright hereto
 annexed at the Court House in the town of Bellville
 County & State aforesaid, and them diligently examine
 on their oath touching the signing and execution of the
 will hereto annexed whether the testator signed
 the same or whether some other person signed it by
 his direction and in their presence whether at the time
 of making and signing the same the testator was
 sound of mind and memory and whether he declared
 the same to be his last will and testament for the
 purposes therein mentioned and whether they sub-
 scribed their names as witnesses thereto by and
 at his request and the examination and testimony
 then taken you cause to be reduced to writing
 and signed by said witnesses and transmit the
 same without delay to the undersigned.

J. H. P.

In testimony whereof I William Foushee
 Judge of Probate of the County of Polk in
 the State of Missouri aforesaid have

hereto affixed my private seal there
being no official seal yet provided
this 15th day 1848

William Daushee Probate
Judge

State of Illinois }
County of St Clair }

John W. Pulliam Hardy
Johnson and William J Harris witnesses to
the above will being duly sworn depose and
say that William Wright whose signature
appears to said will signed the same in
their presence that at the time of signing
said will he was of sound mind and memory
and that he declared the same to his last
will and testament for the purposes therein
mentioned and that they signed the same as
witnesses at his the said William Wrights
request.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
25th day of May A.D. 1848.

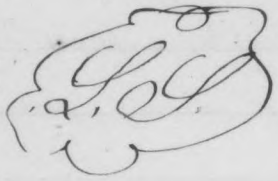
J. W. Pulliam
Hardy Johnson
William J. Harris

Edward Abend, J.P.

State of Illinois }
County of St Clair }

I William McClintock Clerk
of the County Commissioners Court of the County
aforesaid do hereby certify that Edward Abend
whose signature appears to the foregoing instrument
of writing was at the time of signing the same
(namely the twenty fifth day of May A.D. 1848)
an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the
County of St Clair aforesaid regularly comm-
issioned and qualified as such full faith and
credit are due and of right ought to be given to
all his official acts.

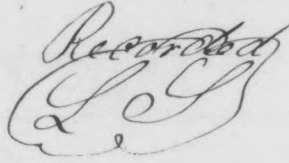
In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe



my name and affixed the seal of the
aforesaid Court at office in Belleville
this 25th day of May A.D. 1848

Wm. McClinton Clerk

C. C. C. S. D. C. C.



Recorded in my office this 3^d day of June A.D. 1848
William Fausher
Judge of the probate
Court

Delivered and Recorded this 20th day of June
1848

A. Finley Jr Recorder

In the name of God amen I Washington Mathews
of the County of Greene and State of Missouri being of
body but of sound mind and memory do make and
publish this my last will and testament in manner and
form following.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Christiana Mathews the home place consisting of eighty
acres of land with all and singular the appurtenances
thereunto belonging also the household and kitchen
furniture together with all the stock consisting of horses
cattle sheep hogs and wagon and all the farming utensils.

I do also give and bequeath unto my son James J.
Mathews one hundred and twenty acres of land (viz)
the West half of the South East quarter in Section No seven
T thirty one Range twenty three West also the North
East qr of the N East qr Section No eighteen Township
thirty one Range twenty three West to have and to
hold with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto
belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever. I do also
give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia Bryson five
dollars. I do also give and bequeath to my daughter
Orr five dollars. I do also give and bequeath unto
my grand son Alfred M. Bryson the South East
qr of the South East qr of Section No seven Township
T Range twenty three West to have and to hold
with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto
belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

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I do hereby appoint Christiana Matthews
my beloved wife sole Executrix of this my last
will and testament hereby revoking all former
wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 10th of August in the year
of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty seven
Washington Matthews

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presents
of us.

Burnet M. Saxe Harrison Kilby.

I do hereby certify that I subscribed the testators
name at his request.

Harrison Kilby.

State of Missouri
County of Greene ss

This affiant Harrison Kilby one
of the witnesses to the last will of Washington
Matthews deceased being by me duly sworn says
upon his oath that he signed the testators name
to the foregoing as the last will of the deceased and
in the presents and at the request of the testator and
that this affiant subscribed his name thereto as a witness
to the same in presents of the testator and that he
verily believes that the testator was at the time of
making said last will of sound mind.

Harrison Kilby

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day
of Sept 1848.

Wm C. Price probt. Judge.

State of Missouri
County of Greene ss

This affiant Burnet M. Saxe
who being by me duly sworn says that he subscribes
his name to the annexed will as the last will and
testament of Washington Matthews deceased at the
request of the testator as a witness thereto and in
the presents of the said testator and that he verily

believe that said Washington Matthews was at the time of making and signing said last will of sound mind and disposing memory.

Burnet M. Saye

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 14th day of November A.D. 1848.

Wm C. Price Prob. Judge

State of Missouri
Greene County } to wit.

Be it remembered that on the 26th day of September 1848 Harrison Kilby one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Washington Matthews deceased (which was filed in my office on said day) and on the 14th day of November 1848.

Burnet M. Saye the other subscribing witness to said last will and on their oaths duly proved the same.

(Seal)

In testimony whereof I William C. Price Judge of Probate in said County have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal there being no official seal yet provided at Springfield this day aforesaid.

Wm C. Price probt. Judge

State of Missouri
County of Greene } to wit

I William C. Price Judge of Probate in and for the County of Greene aforesaid do certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the last will of Washington Matthews deceased together with the Probate thereof as the same is now on Record in my office.

In testimony whereof I William C. Price Judge of Probate as aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal there being no official seal yet provided at Springfield this 18th day of Novr 1848.

Wm C. Price Prob. Judge.

Delivered for Record this 23rd March 1849.

A. Denly Jr. Clerk and Recorder
By J. A. Denly Clerk

In the name of God amen I Pitt Woodard of
Palk County and State of Mississippi being weak in body but
of sound mind and memory blessed be God do make and
publish this my last will and testament in the form following to wit

That the negro property named as follows Cloc. Alexander
Alfred. Mary Ann. Caroline. Effeline. Moses and Jacob
be valued by disinterested men except Mary Ann. and
Jacob. (who have been valued by me) and divided equally among
my heirs James Woodard the heirs of Sarah Vann Deceased
James Falkner. Thomas S. Woodard Martha B. McNight
William McNight & Elisha Luter Thomas S. Woodard has
received three hundred Dollars in the person of Jacob and
Elisha Luter three hundred Dollars in the person of Mary
Ann which amount is to go against that much of their part
of the above mentioned property also James Woodard and
James Falkner have received each one hundred Dollars
in the price of a Negro boy Emmens sold by me to James
Falkner which amount is to be deducted from their part of
the above mentioned property also that Martha B. McNight
have the use of Minerva during her natural life or widowhood
then sold and the proceeds applied equally to the benefit of the
heirs of Thomas W. McNight Deceased also that James Falkner
Thomas S. Woodard and William McNight see to and
take care of Aggy and Jane so long as they live. moreover I
will that my son Thomas S. Woodard have one half of
my gress mill with all its appurtenances further that my
executors use money enough that may arise from the sale
of my property or the money that is now due me to enter the
quarter section of land on which I now live then sold to the
highest bidder including one half of the mill and the
proceeds divided equally among the above mentioned heirs
also that all my property not mentioned in the above enumeration
be exposed to sale to the highest bidder and divided equally
among the above mentioned heirs lastly I nominate and
appoint James Falkner. Thomas S. Woodard and William
McNight executors to this my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and
seal this the 28th day of February in the year of our Lord
1844. Test Abner Spence

Elijah Perkins

A. C. Mitchell.

Pitt Woodard (seal)

State of Missouri } In vacation of the Polk County
County of Polk } ss. Clerk

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of April A.D. 1849. personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County Elijah Perkins and Abner Spence whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to the above will of Pitt Woodard Deceased and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Clerk according to law depose and say that on the 28th day of February A.D. 1844 they were called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and testament of Pitt Woodard Deceased, that they saw the said Pitt Woodard sign the last will and testament on the foregoing pages in their presence and that at the time of signing the same he the said Pitt Woodard Deceased, was of sound mind and disposing memory and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned, and that they subscribed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator.

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

A. Ferly Jr. Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss.

I, Abraham Ferly Jr. Clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that the foregoing will was this day delivered to me for Record and duly recorded in will Book A page 48.

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed
(A. F.) my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office
this 20th day of April 1849.

A. Ferly Jr. Clerk

By J. A. Ferly D. Clerk.

Recorded this 20th day of April 1849.

A. Ferly Jr. Clerk & Recorder

By J. A. Ferly D. Clerk.

I Richard Graham being of sound mind and perfect memory do make and ordain this my will and testament. First to my dearly beloved wife I give and bequeath all the stock and personal property on my farm together with her support off said farm (except as hereinafter named during her natural life to my Daughter Ruth I bequeath the North West quarter of the North East quarter of Section twenty three in Range Eighteen together with a horse worth forty Dollars and leave a good bed with suitable clothes to my sons William and Joseph I bequeath each the three forty acres tracts of land whereon I now live Joseph at the decease of his mother to have the three Negroes I now own to my James and Daughter Elizabeth I bequeath three forty acre tracts of land that lie in Park County to be divided between them my son Ezekiel having been sufficiently provided for already. I leave him none of my present property it is my wish that my executors collect the money that is owing to me and discharge all my debts if any and necessary expenses of administration the balance to be appropriated to finishing a house comfortable for my wife to live in and I hereby appoint my son William Executor to this will

Signed and acknowledged before me
 us this the 28th day of December 1848. *Richard Graham.*

Thomas Martin
Gabriel Denny
Samuel Hendrick

State of Missouri
 County of Dallas

Be it remembered that on this 10th day of February A.D. 1849. was present to me Jesse L. Pain Judge of Probate of said County the last will and testament of Richard Graham Deed late of said County and was proven by the evidence of two subscribing witnesses thereto to have been signed sealed and published by said deceased as his last will and testament &c. It is therefore ordered that the same be admitted to record and that Letters testamentary be granted to William Graham the Executor therein named. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal there being no official seal yet provided at office in Buffalo this day

and year last above written *J. L. Pain* Judge of
 Recorded June 17th June 1849. *J. Denny, J. Clark & Recorder*
By J. Denny, J. Clark, & Recorder Probate

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

In testimony whereof have hereunto set my hand this the first day of March in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Signed in the presence of. Elvira^{her} Elliott
mark

Edw^d Thompson &

William S. Thomson

State of Mississippi
County of Polk B. P.

The State of Mississippi

To any Judge Justice of the Peace or Clerical of the County of Greene and State of Mississippi.

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

enclose the same to the undersigned Clerk of the County
Court of Polk County.

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

A. Ferly Jr Clerk.
By A. A. Ferly D. Clerk.

State of Missouri
County of Greene

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

Ragland W. Langston Justice of
the Peace.

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

In testimony whereof I the Clerk as aforesaid have hereto
set my hand & affixed the seal of said Court done at
my office in the City of Springfield this 3rd day of
Novr A D 1849.

Joshua Davis Clerk.

State of Missouri
County of Greene

Be it remembered that on 6th day of Novem-
ber 1849. appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County

County of said County William L. Thompson whose name appears subscribed to the foregoing last will and testament of Elvira Ellath Deceased as a witness thereto and being duly sworn on oath states that the said Deceased made published and signed the foregoing as and for her last will and testament and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Deceased was of sound mind and disposing memory and that said Deceased signed the same in his presents in her last sickness and that he attested the same in the presents of said Deceased.

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

A. Ferly Jr Clerk
 By J. A. Ferly D Clerk.

State of Mississippi
 County of Palk & set

I certify that the foregoing will was
 this day delivered to me for Record and duly recorded in
 will Book A pages 48. 49 & 50.

LS Given under my hand with the seal of the County Court
 affixed at office Nov 6th 1849.

A. Ferly Jr Clerk
 By J. A. Ferly D Clerk.

Recorded this 6th day of November A D 1849.

A. Ferly Jr Clerk and Recorder.
 By J. A. Ferly D Clerk.

I Henry Akard of the County of Palk in the State of
 Mississippi do make and publish this my last will and
 Testament in manner and form following that is
 to say.

First it is my will that my funeral expenses
 and all my just debts be fully paid
 Second I give devise and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Livina Akard in and by of her dower the plantation
 on which we now reside situated in the County and
 State of aforesaid containing two hundred acres as per
 Land office receipts now in my possession I have in
 fee simple during her natural life ~~there~~ to my

Heirs & Equal distribution

I have all the house hold furniture and other items not particular mentioned also all the live stock Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs now by me owned and lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my said wife Levena Akard to be the Executrix of my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament and that my wife Levena Akard shall sell and dispose of sufficient of my personal property to pay my debts with such any authority of law. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal signed published and declared

Henry Akard

By the above named Henry Akard as and for his last will and Testament he presents of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same

Abel Bowen

Henry Bowen

State of Missouri In vacation of the Polk County Court
County of Polk Mo.

Be it Remembered that on the 21st day of August A D 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County Abel Bowen whose name appears subscribed as a witness to the above will of Henry Akard deceased and after being duly sworn by the undersigned clerk according to law depose and say that on the 24th day of April 1849 he was called upon to witness the making and signed of the last will and testament of Henry Akard Decd that he saw the said Henry Akard sign the last will and testament on the foregoing pages & his presents and at the time of signing the same he the said Henry Akard Decd was of sound mind and disposing memory and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and that he subscribed the same as a witness there to in the presents of the testator

Abel Bowen

Witness A Fenty Jr Clerk of the County Court with the
 seal of said Court affixed at office this 21st day of
 August 1850 A Fenty Jr clerk
 By R. Sayd Clerk

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } ss

This affiant Leander J. Jones who being by me
 the undersigned Clerk of said County Court duly sworn says
 that he verily believes that the signature of Henry Akard
 purporting to be his as signed to the within will is his own
 hand subscribed by said Henry Akard and is genuine
 Leander J. Jones

Subscribed & sworn to before the undersigned clerk of the
 Polk County Court with the seal of said Court
 affixed at office this 21st August 1850

A Fenty Jr clerk
 By R. Sayd Clerk

Delivered and duly recorded this 21st day of August 1850

A Fenty Jr clerk
 By R. Sayd Clerk

State of Missouri }
 Polk County }

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

Witnesses
 J. B. Haston
 W. Lydner
 Jos. Ballinger

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } ss in vacation of the Polk County Court
 Be it remembered that on the 18th

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Day of November 1850 personally appeared before
the under signed Clerk of the County Court of
said County J. B. Haston and Joseph Ballinger
whose names appears subscribed to the above
will of Jacob Ballinger Decd and after being
duly sworn according to law depose and say
that on the 22nd day of October 1850 they were
called upon to witness the making and signing
of the last will and testament of Jacob Ballinger
Decd. that they saw the said Jacob Ballinger
sign the said will and testament in their presence
and at the time of signing the same he the said
Jacob Ballinger Decd was of sound mind and
disposing memory and declared the same to be
his last will and testament for the purposes
therein mentioned and that they subscribed
the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of the
testator

Subscribed & sworn to
before the undersigned Clerk of
the County Court of said
County the 18th day of November
AD 1850. A. Fenly Jr. Clerk
By R. Sayd Clerk

J. B. Haston
Joseph Ballinger

State of Missouri
County of Polk ss

I, Abraham Fenly Jr. Clerk of the
County Court of said County certify the foregoing
will was delivered and filed and duly recorded
in will Book A. page 52.

A. Fenly Jr.

Given under my hand with the seal
of said County Court affixed at office
the 18th of November 1850

A. Fenly Jr. Clerk
By R. Sayd Clerk

Duly recorded in the Register Book of wills of the
Circuit Court of Polk the 18th of November 1850

A. Fenly Jr. Clerk
By R. Sayd Clerk

Being about to start for California and as life is uncertain I Darling Smith do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in the Event of my death during my absence from home. I do desire that my negro woman and her child Mary are to gether with all my personal and perishable property and effects with the exception of my negro man Lene two horses two yoke of oxen and one waggon be sold by my Executors and the proceeds of said sale applied to the payment of my just debts and the residue of the money arising from said sale after the payment of my debts to remain in the hands of my Executors to be ~~leased~~ loaned out on good security untill my daughter Sarah Smith shall have attained to the age of ten years at which time I desire that the said negro man Lene and what ever other property effects may be in the hands of my Executors be sold & out of the money arising from said sale if sufficient and if not enough then out of what other ^{means} ~~money~~ may Executors may have in their hands my daughter Sarah and Jane have each four hundred dollars distributed to them by my Executors and the balance of the money remaining in my Executors hands I desire to be equally divided amongst all my children to wit William Dudley Jackson James Polly Ann Jane Sarah and Mahala Mitchell & in second I will I desire to my sons Dudley and Jackson all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Platte and known as the west half of the north west quarter of section no twenty six in Township thirty three of Range twenty three also the east half of the north east quarter of section twenty seven of same Township and Range also the south west quarter of the South west quarter of section twenty three of the same Township and Range and the south East quarter of the south East quarter of section twenty two of same Township and Range said tract of land containing two hundred and forty acres to be equally divided between them and in the Event my son Dudley who now is in California

shall die during his absence then it is my will that one half of said tract of land be Devised Equally amongst the rest of my children.

Item Third I will and bequeath to my Son James and my daughter Polly and my home place ^{being} the tract of land I now live on containing two hundred and sixty acres more or less to be equally devised between them.

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

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

Darling ^{his} Smith
mark

Witness

Signed by us in the presents of
Darling Smith the testator

B. F. Roberson

John M. Nelson

State of Maine
County of Penobscot

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

B F Roberson
John W. Wilson

A. Ferby Jr clerk
By R. Saye Decker

State of Maine
County of Penobscot

I Abraham Ferby Jr clerk of the County Court of said County certify that the foregoing will and testament was delivered and filed and duly recorded in Will Book A page 531 4 & 5

[Signature]

Given under my hand with the Seal of said County Court affixed at office this 16th of January 1851

A. Ferby Jr clerk
By R. Saye Decker

Recorded the 16th of January 1851

In the name of God Amos & Henry H. Aststock
of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being
in good Bodily Health but of Sound Mind and
Memory Calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty
of human life and being desirous of settling my
worldly affairs and directing how the Estate with
which it has pleased God to bless me shall be
disposed of after my Decease while I have strength
and Capacity so to do, do make and publish this my
last will and Testament and first I commend
my immortal being to him who gave it and my
Body to the Earth to be buried with little expense
or ostentation my executors herein after named
and as to my worldly estate and all the property real
personal and Mixed of which I shall die seized and
possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time
of my decease I devise bequeath and dispose thereof
in the manner following to wit firstly my will is
that all my just debts and funeral charges shall
by my Executors herein after named be paid out of
my Estate as soon after decease as shall by them
be found convenient. Secondly I do nominate and
appoint Ezekiel M. Campbell to be the executors of
this my last will and Testament Thirdly I will that
the place or tract of land that I got of Stephen
Mitchell 160 acres lying in Hickory County in the
State of Missouri lying on a creek called Wakalam
I desire that the aforesaid land be equally divided
between my wife Penelope and her Mother Susan
Mitchell Fairly & will that all the rest of my property
Real personal and Mixed shall be equally divided
between my wife Penelope Aststock and my son
Thomas Aststock and that Thomas live on the place
with my wife Penelope untill he becomes of age or
twenty one years of age and then is to be a free man
agreeable to the bill of said that I got of E. M. Campbell
Fifthly I will that if there is any law claiming my
Mother Brothers and Sisters any part of my Estate I
only will them Enough of my estate to cut them
out of my Estate or debor them I will that my
Executors be liberly paid for his services sixthly

I will that Penelope have the undivided half of A
 Certin ^{roan} Mare that Stephen Michell gave his mother and
 sister Penelope Autstock

signed sealed and delivered by the said Henry H
 Autstock to be his last will and testament this the 17th
 of October Eighteen hundred and fifty one
 test J H Autstock

James Watson
 Charles Crain Jr.

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of
 November 1857 appeared before the undersigned clerk of the
 County Court of said County James Watson & Charles
 Crain Jr whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing
 will and Testament of J H Autstock Deceased as
 witnesses thereto and being duly sworn on their oaths states
 that the said deceased made published and declared the
 same to be his last will and testament and that said
 testator signed and sealed the same in the presence of
 sworn to and subscribed before me } James Watson
 this 15th day of November 1857 } Charles Crain

A Truly J Clerk
 By R Sarge D M

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } ss

I Abraham Truly Jr Clerk of the County
 Court that the foregoing will and testament was
 filed and duly recorded in my office this 15th day of November
 1857

Given under my hand with the seal
 of said County Court at office
 this 15th of November 1857 A Truly Jr Clerk
 By R Sarge D M

Recorded in my office this 15th of November 1857

A Truly Recorder
 By R Sarge D M

May the 14th 1859

William Stephens knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die and being in my sound mind
and memory do constitute & make this my last will
and testament

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

Second after my funeral expenses of lawful debts is paid
Third that Eliza George Stephens & Samuel W. Davis
Stephens to have the place where I now live it
being the south west fractional quarter of section two
in Township thirty two of Range twenty four west containing
one hundred & fifty seven acres and forty four hundredths
of an acre

Fourthly all the residue of my personal property
to be equally divided between Eliza Jane Thom-
pson Martha M. Nugent & Albert S. Stephens

Fifthly I nominate Joseph Willhite Executor
of my last will & testament

attest

Wm Stephens

Ransom Cates

J. M. Willhite

State of Missouri ss.

County of Polk } Be it remembered that on the
12th day of June 1859 personally appeared before
the undersigned clerk of the County Court of said
County Ransom Cates and J. M. Willhite whose
names appears subscribed to the within will &
testament of William Stephens deceased as wit-
ness thereto and being by me duly sworn an-
d their oath states that the said deceased did
sign seal publish and deliver the within will
to be his last will & testament and that
they subscribed the same as witnesses in the
presence and at the request of said deceased
and at the time time of making signing &
publishing the same said deceased was of
sound mind and disposing memory & that
they subscribed same as witnesses before the

William
Stephens?
at
at

undersigned clerk of the Polk County Court this the 19th
of June A.D. 1852

A. Finley Jr. Clerk } Ransom Coates
By R. Say S.P. } S. M. Witthite

Recorded in my office this the 7th day of December A.D. 1852
Thomas Rountree recorded

James
Kelley's
last
will

Know all men that I James Kelley of the County of Polk &
State of Missouri being helped with sound mind & memory do
make & ordain this my last will & testament concerning
the distribution of the estate wherewith it hath pleased
Almighty God to bless me with
To my beloved wife Elizabeth I give & bequeath the
whole of my estate for her own use & benefit during
her natural life or widowhood with the exception
of fifty Dollars which sum of fifty Dollars I give
& bequeath to my son James Montgomery Kelley
to be held in trust by my above named wife
Elizabeth & to be paid to the said James Montgomery
Kelley on his attaining to the age of Twenty one
years the residue of my property or Estate I direct
at the death or marriage of my ^{above named} wife Elizabeth
to be equally divided equally between my three daughters
Sarah Jane & Martha Deard & Rebecca Ann & my
above named son James Montgomery Kelley with
the exception of thirty dollars I give to my grand
son James Thomas Wilkinson & Twenty dollars I
direct to be given & divided equally between my
three grand daughters Sarah Ann & Nancy Jane
& Elizabeth Murphy Wilkinson In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this the 16th November In the Year of the Lord
one thousand eight hundred & fifty two
Signed sealed & delivered }
in the presence of } James Kelley Seal
James Lemmons

I do hereby appoint my brother Tho^s. J. Kelley Executor
of my last will & testament James Kelley Seal

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } Be it remembered that on this
 1st day of December A.D. 1852 Thomas J. Kelly the Exec-
 -utor therein named appeared before the undersigned
 and produced the foregoing writing purporting to be
 the last will & testament of James Kelly Dec.
 late of said County of Polk & offered to Proove the
 same whereupon appeared John Blakely & James
 Lemmons the subscribing witnesses thereto who
 being by me duly sworn according to law on their
 oaths state that the testator signed & sealed & delivered
 the foregoing writing as and his last will and
 Testament and that they each subscribed their
 names as witnesses thereto in the presence & at the
 request of said Testator & at the time of making
 & signing said writing the said Testator was
 of sound & disposing mind & memory and
 Furthermore they say not

L.S.

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

J. W. Davis Clerk

Recorded in in my office this 7th day Dec AD 1852

Thomas Rowntree Clerk
 & Recorder

William C. Campbell being about to start on a trip
 to California in view of the uncertainty of life &
 in the event of my death whilst absent from home
 last on said Lower in order that a just & equal dis-
 -tribution of my worldly effects may be made between
 my heirs & legal representatives do hereby make ratify
 & ordain this my last will & testament

After the payment of my debts I desire that my property
 Real & personal & mixed be divided as follows

Amongst & between my wife & children

First I have already given to my son Leonidas M. Blair
 C. Campbell four negroes (to wit) Arthur George Mary &

Caroline which slaves I consider worth fifteen hundred dollars
 One Wagon & team consisting of five mules valued at Two
 Hundred & fifty dollars & Cash one hundred dollars all of which
 my said son has already received amounting to Two thousand
 Dollars — I have also heretofore given of the same has
 been received by my daughter Ann C. Late late Ann C.
 Campbell four negroes (to wit) Emeline Eliza Agnes
 & Amanda worth fourteen hundred dollars. Two horses
 worth one hundred & fifty dollars & Cash three hundred &
 twenty five dollars making the total sum of Two thousand
 Dollars Now it is my will & desire that after accoun-
 -tting for the above amount of Two thousand dollars
 each give as above to my son Leonidas St. Clair C.
 Campbell & Ann Eliza Late the said amounts being deducted from
 their portion of my estate That my wife Sarah Campbell
 my son Leonidas St. Clair C. Campbell Ann Eliza Late
 & my three younger children (to wit) Mary Eliza Cam-
 -pbell Matilda Golden Campbell & William C. Campbell
 Jr. share & divide equally amongst them my estate
 real personal & mixed share & share alike the
 portions which my wife Sarah Campbell shall
 receive in lieu of her dower —
 I hereby appoint C. M. Campbell the Executor of this
 my last will & testament In testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal

This 3rd day of April 1855

In presence of Wm C. Campbell Seal

John W. Wilson

Morris Mitchell

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk }

Be it remembered that on this 1st day of
 November A.D. 1855 Ezekiel M. Campbell the Executor
 therein named appeared and produced in open Court
 a writing the foregoing purporting to be the last will
 and testament of William C. Campbell dec'd and asked
 to have the same probated whereupon John W.
 Wilson and Morris Mitchell the subscribing witnesses
 thereto appeared in open Court at the November
 Term of the County Court of said County of Polk
 and on the first day of said term thereof and after
 being duly sworn according to law on their oaths

declared the said William C. Campbell the testator
 therein named signed sealed delivered & published
 the foregoing writing in their presents as and for
 this last will & testament and that they each
 subscribed their names thereto as ~~witnesses~~ witnesses
 thereto in present and at the request of said Tes-
 tator and that at the time of making signing
 & publishing the same the said Testator was
 of sound & disposing mind and memory & testifying
 whereof I Sprail W. Davis clerk of the County
 Court of said County of Polk
 have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed the seal of said
 Court the day & year aforesaid

L.S.

Subscribed and

J. W. Davis clerk

Recorded this 13th day of December AD 1859

Thomas Rountree
 Recorder

In the name of God Amen

I James M. Clure of the County of Polk & State
 of Missouri being of lawful age and of sound & disposable
 mind do make this my last will & testament

Item 1st It is my will and desire that my horses cattle
 James Chags shup plows hoes axes and other farming utensils at
 my death be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds
 last divided as follows (to wit) The sum of ten dollars I
 give leave to my grand daughter Margaret Ann Taylor & the
 balance I wish to be divided equally between my
 legal heirs. Item 2nd It is further my will & desire
 that my house hold & kitchen furniture such as beds
 bedsteads Cup board tables chairs Castings Cupboard
 & table ware & such like remain with my wife
 Barbara for her use & benefit during her natural
 life and at her death it is my will the same be sold
 and divided as directed above equally among my heirs
 except the above named Margaret Ann Taylor

Item 3rd It is also my will & desire that all the money
 I may have on hand at my death be divided as I
 have directed in the first Item of this will & that my clerk

he sold with the farming utensils & that the proceeds be divided
in the same manner In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal this 12th day of January 1850

Teste Jonathan Rice

James Miles

James McClure

State of Missouri Set

County of Polk

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of
March A.D. 1853 the foregoing writing purporting to be the last
will & testament of James McClure deceased was produced to
me for probate and on said Jonathan Rice one of the sub-
scribing witnesses appeared before me & afterwards on the 28th
day of March A.D. 1853 James Miles the other subscribing
witness appeared before me both of whom being by me
at the times above stated and duly sworn according
to law on their oaths severally stated & declared that
the Testator did sign seal & deliver the foregoing instrument
as & for his last will & testament in their presence &
that they each subscribed their names thereto in the
presence & at the request of the Testator as witnesses to
the same and that at the times of making sealing
& publishing the same the said James McClure was sound
& disposing mind & memory & further more they say
not

In witness whereof I Israel W. Davis Clerk of
the County Court within & for said County of
Polk have hereunto set my hand and affixed
the seal of said Court at office this 28th
day of March A.D. 1853

I. W. Davis Clerk

Delivered & filed for record & was duly recorded this
the 10th day of May A.D. 1853

Thomas Hounthwaite Recorder

In the name of God I Rhoda Hunt of the County of
County of Polk & State of Missouri being of sound mind &
Conscious of the uncertainty of life I do hereby dispose of
my property as follows (to wit)

1st I desire that all my just debts be paid

2nd I will & bequeath unto Louisa Hunt & her heirs to her
and their only proper use and behoof the following real
estate situate in the County of Polk aforesaid To wit
South East quarter of South West quarter of Section N^o 2
Township N^o Thirty two Range N^o 24 on which the house I
now reside in stands and I further will & bequeath
to Louisa Hunt & her heirs all the hogs now on the S^d
farm together with all the cattle except seven head of
an S^d farm I further will & bequeath to said
Louisa Hunt and her heirs provided she shall pay
or cause to be paid the County Court of Polk County
my indebtedness to the Internal Improvement
Fund of said County the following real estate To wit

The North East quarter of North West quarter of
Section N^o 36 Town Township N^o Thirty two Range
N^o Twenty four & East half of S. E. q^r & S. W. q^r of S. E.
q^r in Section N^o 2 Township Thirty two Range twenty
four 30th I will & bequeath to my children Fiddler S.

Hunt Sarah Lawrence Thomas R. Hunt Narcissa
Foushee John W. S. Hunt David H. Hunt & Katharine

^{Katharine Lane Copped agent of}
Lane Copped dec. the balance of My real Estate
situated in said County to be equally divided
between them 4th I will & bequeath to Edwin
Foushee a certain bay mare three years old now
in my possession 5th It is my desire & will that
Thomas R. Hunt make private sale of certain
negro Girl slave belonging to me named Cynthia
& divide the proceeds of said sale between Sarah Law-
rence Narcissa Foushee & Louisa Hunt I desire
I desire Sarah Lawrence to have one third and
Narcissa Foushee one third and Louisa Hunt one
third the said Louisa Hunt upon the arrival
of Katharine Lane Copped to the age of Eighteen
years of age to pay S^d Katharine Lane one half
her said one third without Interest should the S^d
Katharine Lane die before she arrives to the age

Rhoda
Hunt
last
will

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of Eighteen I wish ^{sd} Katherine James said portion of ^{sd} slave
divided between my children herein before mentioned equally
6 th/₁₁ It is my will and desire that the property I have given
to my children & heirs shall be settled up without letters Testa-
mentary or letters of Administration & without expense or cost
by Thomas R Hunt & William Foushee who are hereby
Created my Executors I hereby revoke all wills and
Testaments by me heretofore made Inconsistent with
this my last will & Testament & testimony whereof I
have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal
as my last will & testament this 15th day of March
1853 Rhoda ^{tr} Hunt Seal
mark

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

William H Otter
Katherine ^{tr} Bunch
Mary Ann Bunch

State of Missouri }
County of Rock }

But remembered that on this 10th day of May A.D. 1853 personally
appeared before the undersigned clerk of the County Court within & for the County
aforesaid Katherine Bunch & Mary Ann Bunch two of the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will & testament
of Rhoda Hunt and being by me duly sworn according to law on their
oath declare that the said Rhoda Hunt the Testatrix therein mentioned did sign
sign seal & publish the foregoing as & for her last will & testament & that they each
subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence & at the time of signing
sealing & publishing the same the said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind
& memory In testimony whereof I Issued as. Davis Clerk of the County
Court within & for the County aforesaid have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office
this day & year aforesaid J. W. Davis Clerk

Delivered & filed for record and was duly recorded this the
10th day of May AD 1853

Thomas Houtree Recorder

State of Missouri
County of Polk 3 May the 4th 1854

I Thomas Johnston, Senr of the County of Polk and State of Missouri Do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say

First I will and bequeath unto my three Daughters to wit Mary Johnston Margaret Johnston & Lany Johnston. The West half of the South East quarter of Section nine in Township thirty one Range twenty two West in the District of Lands Subject to Sale at Springfield Missouri containing eighty Acres with the improvement thereon to have and to hold jointly and equally Between each other &c and also

Secondly That the East half of the South East quarter of Section nine in Township thirty one and Range Twenty two West. The North East quarter of the South West quarter of Section nine in Township thirty One of Range twenty two and The South East quarter of the South West quarter of Section nine in Township thirty one of Range Twenty two in all One Hundred and Sixty Acres is to be sold and the proceeds is to be equally divided between my children as follows John Johnston Nancy Degraffened Kelly Smith Malenda & Lily Melila Wallis & Thomas Johnston

Thirdly that Mary Johnston Margaret Johnston & Lany Johnston each of them to have their Bed that they claim with their usual bedding without being Inventoried and all my table and Kitchen furniture to be equally divided between these three Daughters Each of them are to select one Cow or Cow and Calf as the case may be from my Cattle.

Fourthly I will that all my Personal Property that has not been allotted to my

Children shall be sold and the proceeds shall be equally Divided between all my children or their heirs

Fifth I direct that after my death that all my Just Debts be paid and my Funeral Expenses Satisfied out of the first Money that shall come to the hands of my Executors or Administrators

And Lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my son John Johnston & my son Thomas Johnston Executors to this my Last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and Seal this 4th day of May 1854 his

Test Thomas + Johnston
 Hugh Boyd I certify that I assigned ^{marry} the Testator
 name by his request
 John D. Winton
 Simon D. Bird

State of Mississippi }
 County of Polk }

Be it Remembered that on this 3rd day of June A.D. 1854 before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court within and for said County Personally appeared Hugh Boyd and John D. Winton whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Johnston deceased as Witnesses thereto and being by me first duly sworn according to Law on their oaths state that the Testator the said Thomas Johnston died in his life time and in his last sickness did sign seal and publish the foregoing in their presence as and for his last will and Testament and they each at the request of the Testator and in his presence did subscribe their names as witnesses thereof and that at the time of signing sealing and publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing Mind and Memory

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

I. M. Davis Clerk

Recorded in my Office this 3rd day of June A.D. 1857
I. M. Davis Clerk and Recorder

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

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

Second I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann D. Richardson in lieu of her Dower the plantation on which we now reside situated in the County of Polk and State of Missouri containing about acres during her natural life or widowhood and all the live stock Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs &c by me now owned and kept thereon, also all the Household Furniture and other items not particularly named and otherwise disposed of in this will during her natural life or widowhood as aforesaid my executor however first disposing of a Sufficiency thereof to pay my just Debts as aforesaid And that at the death of my said wife or her marrying a second time all the property hereby devise or bequeathed to her as aforesaid or so much thereof as may then remain unexpended except her lawful Dower in case of her

Marrying a second time be equally divided between my three Daughters and two Sons to wit Nancy C. Richardson, Eveline L. Richardson, Arthur A. C. Richardson, John M. Richardson, and Amos Richardson.

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

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John B. Hunt to be the Executor to this my last will and Testament revoking and annulling all former Wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of

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

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Be it Remembered that On this 9th day of August A.D. 1854 before the Undersigned Clerk of the County Court of Said County, Personally appeared Leander Wilson and John Arrived and produced to me the foregoing Writing purporting to be and contain the Contents and Substance of the last Will and Testament of Clayton Richardson dec'd late of Said County

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

LSB

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

I. W. Davis clk

Recorded this 9th day of August
 A.D. 1854

I. W. Davis Clerk
 & Recorder

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

It is my will that my Negro Girls Linda and Fittana shall belong to my beloved wife during her natural life then to be sold by my Executor at public sale the proceeds of which shall be divided as follows viz

Martin Rector my son in law to have Five Dollars out of the proceeds of said Negroes and my Daughters Nancy D. Rector's bodily heirs by her husband Martin Rector to inherit an equal share of the proceeds of the sale of said Negro Girls to be distributed equally amongst her said bodily heirs George W. Rector to have Five Dollars out of the proceeds of said Negroes. Frederick J. Rector to have Five Dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of said Negroes. William W. Rector & Powhattan Rector my Grand Children to have Fifty Dollars each at the death of their Grand Mother my beloved wife. John W. Claypool my son in law Five Dollars. Josiah Whitten my son in law to have Five Dollars. My son William A. Rector to have Five Dollars. Charles Howard my son in law to have Five Dollars heirs by my daughter Rebecca to have and interest inherit an equal share with my other heirs to be divided equally amongst said heirs. My son Jacob H. Rector to have an equal share with said Howard heirs & Nancy D. Rector's heirs. My beloved wife Mary I desire for her to have in her own name and right for her use and benefit one Gray Filly and One Carriage Five head of Cattle all the beds

and bedding with all house hold and
 Kitchen Furniture for her use during
 her natural life and at her Decease the
 above named Carriag to go to my son Jacob
 H Rector in his own right. One Eighty (80)
 Acre Land to belong to my beloved wife Mary
 which I desire her to locate adjoining my
 son J. H. Rector or any other place that
 would suit her interest. The above described
 Land Warrant when Located the said
 Land to be for her use and benefit during
 her life time then to go to said J. H. Rector
 the balance of the above described property
 except the Carriag above mentioned to be
 sold at the Decease of my beloved wife
 and the proceeds divided as set forth in
 the foregoing distribution of said Estate
 And I hereby nominate constitute and
 appoint my son Jacob H. Rector & Henry
 J. Butler to be Executors of this my Last
 Will and Testament and that in case
 of the Death of one of them the survivor
 shall be Executor of this my said Will

In Witness Whereof I hereto set
 my hand and Seal and Publish and declare
 this to be my last Will and Testament
 January 13th 1856

Lohr J. Rector, *his*
 mark

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

Attest

Henry J. Butler
 W. W. Hollard

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Be it Remembered that
on this 4th day of February A D 1856 before
the undersigned Clerk of the County Court
of said County personally appeared Henry
J. Butler and W. M. Holland the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing instrument of
writing purporting to be the Last Will
and Testament of John J. Rector deceased
and being by me first duly sworn accord-
ing to law on their oaths declared that
the said John J. Rector in his lifetime
did sign seal and publish in their pres-
ence the foregoing as and for his Last
Will and Testament and that they each
at the request and in the presence of said
Testator subscribed their names as
witnesses thereto and that at the time
of signing and publishing the same
the said Testator was of sound and
disposing mind and memory
In witness whereof I Israel M.
Davis Clerk of the County Court
of said County have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the
Seal of said Court at office
this day and year aforesaid

I. M. Davis clerk

Recorded this 4th day of
February A D 1856

I. M. Davis Recorder

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

In the first I resign my body to the dust and my soul to god and my wish is after my death my body shall be buried in a decent Christian like manner I dispose of my worldly goods as follows. My Just Debts are first to be paid out of my personal estate, I bequeath as follows, To wit

Rachel Wilson my wife is to have all the property both personal estate and real estate that she had at the time of our marriage as her absolute property during her life in quiet and peaceable possession and to heirs forever And in addition to this the said R. Wilson my wife is to have the use and labour of my black boy Dave so long as she shall remain my widow in peaceable possession and no longer then Dave is to return back to my children And that there shall be a just and equal Division of my estate Among my children as follows after the Amount aforesaid is taken out. The names of my children as follows To wit Samuel C. Wilson Michael Wilson Elisha C. Wilson Ripley W. Wilson Elizabeth & Clement Deceased Mary A. Robertson Nancy P. Robertson William C. Wilson

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

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix my seal this the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1855

Robert Wilson Decd

Declared and published by R Wilson as
his last will in the presence of
James Grider
William D. Grider

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

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

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

I. W. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 14th day of May 1856

Israel W. Davis Recorder

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

First I bequeath my soul to god who gave it and my body after death to be buried in a decent Christian manner doubting nothing but I shall remain the same at the Resurrection of the just as to my worldly effects with which god has been pleased to bless me with I bequeath in manner and form following To wit

First I will and bequeath to my wife Dicy C. Weir all my household and Kitchen furniture also the farm I now live on or a decent support of its proceeds during her natural life then at her death my will is that the above farm here named descend and belong to my Youngest Son Lorry Oliver G. Weir and that the household & Kitchen furniture be sold and divided with my other effects as hereinafter directed also I will and bequeath unto my wife Dicy C. Weir my Corral Horse Luf burrow and my Yoke of Cattle also my Waggon all the Farming utensils all the Hogs & two Cows & Calfs during her natural life then at her death my will is that my Executors take possession of the above named household and Kitchen furniture with the above described stock & Waggon if on hand, dispose of the same and divide it equally between my 2 oldest sons Lorry C. P. Weir & Loran G. Weir and my 4 daughters Lorry J. C. Hall & Armina Howard Elizabeth Ann. Huston and Mary J. G. Rogers also my will is that after my death my Executors take possession of all the Personal Property not otherwise

disposed of in the foregoing instrument of writing with a certain tract or parcel of land bounded as follows To wit 29 acres of the South East quarter of the South East Section 18 also the North East qr of the North East qr of Section 19 all in Township 35 and Range 24 also a certain land warrant if on hand and dispose of the same and divide the proceeds equally between my 4 Daughters To wit T. E. Hall Armina Howard Elizabeth Ann Huston and Mary J. Rogers & 2 oldest sons To wit C. P. R. Weir & L. Y. Weir also I will and bequeath at my death sixty Dollars out of my effects to each of my 4 Daughters To wit T. E. Hall Armina Howard Elizabeth Ann Huston & Mary J. Rogers also my will is after my death that my Executors take possession of all my cash on hand all the promissory notes, acts or claims in favor of my estate or other property if any not disposed of heretofore and pay of all just claims against said Estate together with the funeral expenses and the remainder of my effects divide equally with my two oldest sons and four Daughters To wit C. P. R. Weir L. Y. Weir T. E. Hall Armina Howard Elizabeth Ann Huston and Mary J. Rogers and I appoint Leon Y. Weir Wm. J. Rogers and Thos. D. Hall my Executors to this my last will and Testament revoking all former wills.

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

In presence of } John Weir (Seal)
W. B. B. George }
Jesse Groves }

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

These affiants being duly sworn according to law do on our oath, declare that the within named John Wier now deceased in his lifetime did sign seal and publish the foregoing as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us and each of us and that we each at the request and in the presence of said Testator subscribed our names as witnesses thereto and that at the time of signing sealing and publishing the same we believe the said Testator to have been of sound and disposing mind and memory

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Isaac Groves
H. B. B. George

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

In Testimony whereof I Israel H. Davis clerk as aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court this day and year aforesaid

I. H. Davis clk

Recorded this 3rd November 1856

I. H. Davis clk

This Indenture made in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven this April the 16th and knowing that I must soon depart this life and appear before God. Do hereby make my last Will and Testamentary

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

Secondly I hereby will to and bequeath to my daughter Malinda Canal Fifty Dollars to make her equal with my sons

Third I will and bequeath to my daughter Harriet Mitchell Fifty Dollars to make her equal with my sons

Fourth I hereby will and bequeath to my wife Mary Frieze to witnes all of the Household and also the contents belonging to the Smoke House also one black mare Saddle and bridle also the choice one of one of the Cows also all of the grain that is now on hand

I also will and bequeath to my wife Mary Frieze Two Hundred Dollars in money to make her equal with the balance of my heirs also I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Frieze all of the profit that may arise from off of the reserve part of my Farm as long as she remains my widow

I will that Albert S. Frieze shall be my Executor of my Estate without giving a ~~large~~ security also I will that all of the stock and property that I have not will and bequeath above stated or mentioned in this will it shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder after my decease or order I also will and bequeath that if there should be any thing over and above what I have will and bequeath here before in

Said Will after all of the expenses to be divided equally between all of my Heirs & therefore being sound in my mind I do hereby make my last will and Testament forever

I hereby in Testimony whereof affix my name and seal

Jacob Frieze Decd

Teste

John C. Mitchell

Alexander Cowan

John W Wakefield

State of Missouri
County of Rock

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

John W Wakefield

Alexander Cowan

In Testimony whereof I seal
W. Davis Clerk of the County
Court of said County with
the Seal of said County
affixed at office this day
and year aforesaid

W. Davis clk

Recorded this 4th May 1857

W. Davis clk

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

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

Second I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet Harper in lieu of her dower that part of the Plantation on which we now live or reside situate in the County of Polk & State of Missouri containing One Hundred and seven Acres including the dwelling porchard leaving an eighty acres on the North and an eighty acres on the South To have during her natural life at her death to be equally divided between my two young est sons Thomas Franklin Harper & Columbus Harper

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

Fourth — I will and bequeath to my son George W. Harper the eighty acres of Land lying and being on the South of the Home place as described above to him and his heirs forever

Fifth It is my will that all of my stock of Horses Cattle Hogs Sheep Household & Kitchen furniture farming tools &c not particularly named and otherwise disposed of in this Will to be sold and the proceeds of the said Sale or two hundred Dollars thereof Provided the said Amounts to so much be given to my daughter Mary Jane

Harper and the remainder of the money arising from said sale to be given to my wife Harriet Harper

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

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

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint John J. Hunt to be the Executor to this my last Will And Testament revoking And annulling all former Wills by me made And ratifying And confirming this and no other to be my last Will And Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of September A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Zachariah Harper (Signature)

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

Charles Arnold (Signature)
John S. Arnold (Signature)

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

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Be it remembered that
on this 5th day of August 1857 before the
Justices of the County Court of said
County in Court sitting Personally
appeared Obenezzer Arrived and John
S. Arrived whose names are subscribed
to the foregoing instrument of writing
as Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn
according to law on their oaths declare
that they each subscribed their names
to said writing as witnesses thereto in
presence and at the request of said
Testator and that said Testator signed
and published said writing in their
presence as and for his last will and
Testament and that at the time of
signing and publishing the same
the said Testator was of sound and
disposing mind & memory

Obenezzer Arrived
John S. Arrived

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

Mr Witness whereof
Israel W. Davis Clerk
of the County Court of
said County have here-
unto set my hand and
affixed the Seal of said
Court at office this day
and year aforesaid
I W. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 5th day of August
1857

I W. Davis Recorder

I John Hodges of the County of Polk State of Missouri do Make and Publish this my last Will and Testament And

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

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

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

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

Signed sealed and Published as my last Will and Testament this 17th day of October A D 1852

In presence of ^{his} John Hodges
mark

Elisha Steadler
John Wth Ramey
mark

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Oliver Headlee and
John W. Ranney being duly sworn according
to law make oath and say that the
foregoing instrument of writing pur-
porting to be the last Will and Testament
of John Hodges Dec^d was signed sealed
and published by the Testator in their
presence as and for his last Will and
Testament and that they each signed
their names as witnesses thereto in
the presence and at the request of the
Testator and that at the time of sign-
ing and publishing the same the
said Testator was of sound and
disposing mind and memory

Oliver Headlee
John W. Ranney
mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day
of November 1857.

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

W. Davis, clerk

Recorded this 11th day of November
1857

I. W. Davis Recorder

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

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

2nd I will that my first wife children have the amount that is in my hands as their Guardian that is Matilda fifty Dollars Sarah & and Salina P. one Hundred Dollars each as will appear from my annual Settlement with Jackson County Probate Court October Term 1857

3rd I will to my wife I am my town lots in the Town of Harrisonville in Cass County Mo as her absolute property separate & apart from the balance of my property

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

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

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

7th My wish is that my wife I am be Guardian for her children & that she manage their parts as she may think best

8th My first wife, children
 can chose their own Guardian & lastly
 I appoint William McKnight
 my Executor to Execute this my last will
 In Testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal this
 the 13th day of November 1857
 Witness

James Faulkner }
 Thomas Woodard }

R. B. McKnight

State of Missouri }
 County of Jackson }

James Faulkner and
 Thomas Woodard being duly sworn acc-
 ording to law make oath and say
 that the within named Robert B.
 McKnight did Sign, Seal and Publish
 the foregoing writing in their presence
 as and for his last will and Testament
 and that they each subscribed their
 names as witnesses thereto in the pres-
 ence and at the request of the said
 Testator and that at the time of
 signing and Publishing the same
 the said Testator was of sound and
 disposing mind and memory
 and further these affiants doth not

James Faulkner

Thomas Woodard

Sworn to and subscribed this 21st Decer
 1857

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

Recorded this 21st December 1857
 J. W. Davis Records

In the Name of God Amen
 I Pleasant M. Stiel of the County of
 Polk and State of Missouri being of
 Sound Mind and Memory and con-
 sidering the uncertainty of this frail
 and transitory life do therefore make
 ordain Publish & declare this to be
 my last Will and Testament that
 is to say

(First after all lawful Debts
 are paid and discharged the residue
 of my Estate real and Personal I give
 bequeath and dispose of as follows
 To wit. To my beloved wife the Land
 and appurtenances situated thereon
 known and described as the Farm of
 Pleasant M. Stiel which she is to have
 during her Widowhood and if she
 marry again it is to be divided
 equally among my heirs her heirs
 & child or Rents. I give bequeath and
 devise all the rest residue and
 remainder of my Personal estate to
 be disposed of to the best advantage for
 the support of my wife and children.

I wish all my just Debts together with
 my funeral expenses to be settled out of
 the Price of a certain tract of Land
 lying and being in the County of Polk
 and State of Missouri which I wish
 to be sold for that Purpose the numbers
 of said Land are as follows SE quarter
 of the SE quarter of Section No 31 in
 Township No 33 of Range No 24
 containing forty acres, one half of
 which belongs to me also SE quarter
 of Section No 6. in Township 32 of
 Range No 24 containing $35\frac{3}{4}$ acres

Likewise I make Const. tuto and appoint
my brothers Nelson Neil and John Neil to
be Executors of this my last will and
Testament

In Witness Whereof I have
hereunto subscribed my name and affixed
my seal this the ninth day of January
in the year of our lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty eight

Pleasant all Neil

In the presence of
these Witnesses

attest Jesse Mitchell
John A. Strain

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

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

John A. Strain

Jesse Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th Jan'y
1858

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

Recorded this 30th Jan'y 1858
W. H. Davis Clerk

In the Name of god Amen I William
 Davidson of the County of Dade and
 State of Missouri being sound of Mind
 and Capable of disposing and being desir-
 ous of settling my worldly affairs while
 I have strength and Capacity so to do do
 Make and Publish this my last Will
 and Testament that is to say

First I order that my Land in
 Polk County be sold after giving due
 Publicity either by public or private sale
 the proceeds of same to be appropriated
 First to the payment of my Just
 Debts

Second The remainder of said
 proceeds to be taken into ac by my Executor
 the same as the balance of my Estate

Second I will that my beloved
 wife Cassa. Q. Davidson shall remain
 upon and on my farm one year from
 the date hereof & that she be entitled to
 all the Household and Kitchen furni-
 ture and in addition to a liberal support
 out of my Estate during her lifetime &
 Widowhood

Third I will that my son
 in law James H. Goforth & my son Thomas
 to work my farm for one year at & on
 such terms as my administrator may
 agree to be equitable & right

Fourthly I give & bequeath to
 my son Thomas a Horse Colt called Jim
 two years old

Fifthly I will my beloved
 wife to have two good Cows & Calves
 two Horses and one two Horse wagon
 which are to remain upon the farm
 until the expiration of one year

Sixthly I will my son in law
the new House he erected on my Land
which he is entitled to remove

Seventhly I will and bequeath
that all my stock to land except the
pork Hogs & the special Legacies here
with enumerated

Eighthly. all the balance &
residue of my estate both real and
personal I will shall be equally
divided between my heirs so that one
may not have more than another

Ninthly I appoint Samuel
L. Carlock, my Executor and enjoin
on him to take charge of my Estate
and to administer this my Last Will
& Testament hereby revoking all
former Wills by me made & publish
this as my last Will & Testament

In Witness whereof I hereunto
set my hand and seal at the County of
Dade State of Missouri this 12 day
of October A.D. 1857

William L. Davidson (seal)
mark

Signed & Sealed by said W. L. Davidson
as & for his last Will & Testament in
the presence of us who in each others
presence & at his request have here-
unto subscribed Our names as
Witnesses

J. A. Switzler

D. M. Long

W. L. Davidson

I J. A. Switzler signed the
Testator named to the foregoing Will
at his request & he made his mark
(J. A. Switzler)

Whereas I William L Davidson of
the County of Dade and State of Missouri
did on the 12th Oct 1857 make my Last
Will and Testament of that date. Do
hereby declare this to be a codicil to
the same. I desire the farm on which
I now live to be sold after 1 year provided
the wisdom of my Executor shall deem
it best after consultation with my wife
them. The Horses & Cows specifically
spoken of in Fifth bequest to be sold
at the end of the year and proceeds
of same to go into my Estate

In Witness Whereof I have here-
unto set my hand this twelfth day
of October A.D. 1857

William L Davidson *WLD*
mark

Signed sealed and delivered by the said
William L Davidson to be a codicil to
his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who at his request & in
his presence in the presence of each
other have hereunto subscribed our
names as Witnesses

J A Sivitzler

D M Long

G W Davidson

I J A Sivitzler signed the
Dictator's name to the foregoing at his
request & he made his mark

J A Sivitzler

Whereas, I William S. Davidson
of the County of Dade & State of Missouri
did on the 12th day of October A.D. 1857
make my Will last and on same
day did make a Codicil to the same
do hereby declare this in addition to
the same

Whereas my son in law L. L.
Carlock has already received of me
One Hundred and thirty Dollars,

I Will that each of the other
Heirs be paid the same out of the first
Money that comes into the Estate not
otherwise provided for and that the
sum of Seventy five Dollars, in add-
ition to the above named One Hundred
& thirty Dollars, be paid same of
Goforth my son in law - and that
William Henry Davidson be not paid
but thirty Dollars, as he has had
already One Hundred Dollars more

same H. Goforth is spoken of
in the fifth provision of my will

In Witness Whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and seal this the
twelfth October A.D. 1857

William ^{his} S. Davidson Seal
witness

Signed sealed and delivered by the said
William S. Davidson to be a Codicil in
addition to one executed Oct 12 1857
to his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us and his presence
and of each other named hereunto
Subscribed our names as
Witnesses

T. A. Switzer
D. M. Long
G. W. Davidson

I assigned the foregoing Testators name to this Deed at his request & he made his mark

J. A. Sivitzler

State of Missouri } In vacation of the
County of Dade } Probate Court

Be it remembered that on this 31st day of October A.D. 1857 personally appeared before the undersigned David C. Eastin Judge of the Probate Court of the County & State of Missouri J. A. Sivitzler & G. W. Davidson the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will & Testament of William J. Davidson & being by me first duly sworn the said J. A. Sivitzler deposes and says that he signed the name of William J. Davidson the Testator to the annexed Will and Codicils by his direction at his request and in his presence and that the said J. A. Sivitzler & G. W. Davidson depose & say that the said William J. Davidson the Testator produced the said Will & Codicils or instruments of writing & in their presence declared the said instruments of writing to be his act & published the same as his last Will & Codicils that he the said Testator was at the time of publishing his said Will & Codicils, thence attached of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that the said deponents attested the said Will & Codicils as witnesses, thence by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said Testator

J. A. Sivitzler
G. W. Davidson

I at the same time and place personally
appeared G. W. Davidson one of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed
Will & Codicils & says that William S.
Davidson the Testator to the annexed
Will & Codicils departed this life
the 14th day of Oct 1857
G. W. Davidson

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
In Witness Whereof I David C.
Carter Judge of the Probate
Court for Dade County State
of Florida have hereunto
Subscribed my Name & affixed
the Seal of said Court at
office in the County aforesaid
this 31st day of October A D
1857 D. C. Carter Judge of
Probate

And said Proof being by the Probate
Judge deemed sufficient to establish
the same therefore Probate on the same
is granted & it is ordered that L. L. Carlock
the person appointed therein as Exe-
cutor have Letters Testamentary on said
Will this 31st day of Oct 1857

D. C. Carter Judge of
Probate

Filed Oct 31st 1857

D. C. Carter Judge of Probate

Recorded in Book of Wills No. 1 pages
134 to 140 inclusive

D. C. Carter Judge of Probate

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I hereby Certify that the foregoing
is a true Transcript of the Last Will
& Codicils of William J. Davidson
and the proceedings had thereon
in Witness Whereof I Daniel C.
Eastin Judge of Probate Davidson
County & State of Tennessee have
signed my name & affixed the
Seal of said Court at office
this 14th day of Jan A D 1858
D C Eastin Judge
of Probate

Recorded this 1st February 1858
J W Davis Recorder

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Hale
do on this the 28th day of December A D 1857 make and
publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all other Wills by me at any time made
and disposing of all my estate both real and personal agree-
able to my will and wish by granting giving and bequeath-
ing unto each heir or person interested in said Estate as I
wish them to have and is as follows, viz. First, I direct
that all my Just Debts burial and funeral expenses be
paid out of any money that I may die possessed of
or may here come into the hands of my executors.

Second

I direct that all my land or real Estate and
personal property be sold as soon after my death as it can
be done conveniently and distribution made thereof
agreeable to my directions

Third

My Widow Sarah Hale my wife I give her one
third of all the proceeds of my Estate that I may die
possessed of both real and personal during her
natural life

Fourth

I want my son William Hale to have forty
dollars that he sent to me while he was in the

Mexican war before any distribution which will make him seventy five dollars

Fifth

I want my daughter Mary Ann Ragdaile to have ten dollars to make her the same amount that I have given my son William Hale before any distribution of my Estate which will make her seventy five dollars.

Sixth

I Consider I have given my son Thomas Hale seventy five dollars making him equal with William Hale and Mary Ann Ragdaile my son and daughter

Seventh

I want my son Stephen Hale to have seventy five dollars out of my estate that I may die possessed of before any distribution in said estate is made to make him equal with those named before

Eighth

I want my son James Morrison Hale to have sixty two dollars and a fifty cents and my Rifle Gun and implements belonging to the Gun making him equal with the rest of the said heirs before any division in said estate

Ninth

I direct that the remainder of my Estate after the widows dower and all the heirs being made equal with each other to be equally divided among my children

Tenth

And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son William Hale and John W Ragdaile my son in law my executors in said will to settle my business and wind up my estate according to directions

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and subscribed my name the day and date first above written as witness my hand and seal

Testator

Thomas Hale

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

1857

Thomas Standley
Charles Ellis

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State of Missouri
County of Polk

Thomas Standley and Charles Ellis
being duly sworn according to law make oath
and say that the within named Thomas
Hale now deceased did in his lifetime sign
and seal and publish the foregoing writing as
and for his last will and testament in their
presence and that they each subscribed their
names as witnesses thereto in the presence
and at the request of the testator and that
at the time signing and publishing the
same the said testator was of sound
and disposing mind and memory

Thomas Standley

Charles Ellis

Sworn to and Subscribed this 13th March
1858.

Witness Israel W. Davis
Clerk of said County Court
with the Seal of said Court
affixed at office this
day and year aforesaid
I W. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 13th March 1858.

I. W. Davis Clerk

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

I James Benham considering the uncertainty
of this natural life and being of sound mind
and memory do make and publish this
my last will and testament in manner
and form following that is to say
First

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Matilda Benham all of my real Estate
during her natural life or while she remains
my widow on this Condition

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11 That she Take Care of the timber and not waste it

Second

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Matilda Benham four Choice horses and one Yoke of Choice Oxen and waggon and two Choice Cows and calves ten head of Choice Sheep and provision enough to last her and family two years and also the farming tools and also the household and kitchen furniture,

Third

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Children Ruth E Benham Martha J Benham Mary S Benham all the money on hand to be equally divided between them share and share alike and also the balance of my property to be sold and the money equally divided between my children share and share alike the money to be loved at interest until they become of lawful age.

Fourth

I hereby appoint my beloved wife, Matilda Benham sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Eighth day of February in the year of our lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight.

James Benham Seal

The above instrument Consisting of two sheets was now here subscribed by James Benham this testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament and we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

Samuel Davis Residing in the County of Rock
Peter Gunnison Residing in the County of Rock
Isaac Ingram Residing in the County of Rock

State of Missouri
County of Polk.

Isaac Ingram Samuel Davis
being sworn according to law makes oath and
says that the within named James Benham in
his lifetime did sign seal and publish and
declare the foregoing as and for his last
will and testament in their presence and
that they each subscribed their names
as witnesses thereto in the presence and at
the request of said testator and that at
the time of signing and publishing the
same the said testator was of sound
and disposing mind and memory

Isaac Ingram

Samuel Davis

Sworn to and subscribed this 24th day of April 1858

J. W. Davis clerk

Witness Isaac W. Davis clerk
of the County Court of said
County have hereunto set
my hand and affixed
the seal of said court
at office this day and
year aforesaid

J. W. Davis clerk

Read and this 24th April 1858

J. W. Davis clerk

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John Vessley of the County of Polk and State of Missouri
being of sound mind do hereby make and publish this
my Last Will and Testament I have before making
this Will given the following property to the following nam-
ed children to Abigail Varimore wife of Dr P. B. Varimore
a negro Girl Slave named Melvina the Bill of Sale
being given to her husband said Perry B. Varimore Judith
Sesley negro Girl Slave named Martha and her Child
Taylor I have also given to said Judith Vessley a negro
man Slave named Albert And I have also heretofore
sold to said Judith Vessley One negro man Slave
named William I have also heretofore given to Almira
Vessley a negro Girl Slave named George Ann to Mary
Post a negro Boy Slave named Garnet to Almira Vessley
now Almira Lindsey wife of Dr James A. Lindsey a
negro woman Slave named Emaline to Rebecca Menifiee
negro Girl Slave named Caroline to Andrew Vessley a
negro Boy Slave named Charles to James Vessley negro
Boy Slave named Arthur to John M. Vessley negro Boy
named Jack also to said John M. Vessley a Sornel mare
and Colt and the aforesaid property at present is no part
of my estate I have also by deed dated 7th April 1854 and
duly recorded in the Clerks Office of Polk County Conveyed
to ss John M. Vessley Certain real estate mentioned
in said deed

1st I desire that all my just debts be paid by my executors
2nd It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Vessley
shall have all my property I die possessed of during natural
life

3rd It is my will and desire that after the death of my beloved
wife that my sons John M. Vessley and James Vessley have
a certain negro Boy negro Boy Slave named Aaron as
their Absolute property each my ss Sons John M. & James
Vessley to have an equal interest in ss Slave Aaron

4th My two Slaves Twitt Eary and Arthur I will and desire
after the death of wife be sold by my executors hereinaf-
ter mentioned and out of the proceeds of said Sale
of sa Slaves I desire that my Son Andrew Vessley be
paid by my Executors the sum of two hundred dollars
and that my Executors pay out of the proceeds of

Said Sale of Said Slaves to my daughter Almira Sessley the sum of four hundred Dollars and after deducting \$200.00 & \$400.00 from the proceeds of said Sale of said Slaves I desire that the balance shall be equally divided between my children Judith Sessley Abigail Sarimone wife of Perry B. Sarimone Mary Galt wife of William Galt Almida Lindsey wife of Dr James A Lindsey Rebecca Menifee wife of Richard Menifee and Almira Sessley

It is my will and desire that the remainder of my property not before disposed of after the death of my wife shall be equally divided between my children Andrew Sessley Abigail Sarimone John M Sessley James Sessley Mary Galt Almida Lindsey Rebecca Menifee Judith Sessley and Almira Sessley

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

I do hereby constitute and appoint William H Otter and Thomas Higginbotham Executors of this my last will and testament

In Testimony whereof I John Sessley have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 28th November A.D. 1854

John Sessley Seal

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us by John Sessley as his last will and testament and we signed the same as witnesses in the presence of said John Sessley and in presence of each other as witnesses at the request of said John Sessley this 28th day of November 1854

Edward G. Heydon
Harvey D. Wilson

State of Missouri
County of Polk

These affiants Leonard Heydon
and Harvey L Wilson being duly sworn according
to law do on their Oaths declare that the within
named John Lessley in his life time did sign
seal and publish the foregoing writing as
and for his Last Will and Testament in their
presence and that they each at the request
and in the presence of said Testator and in the
presence of each other subscribed their names
thereto as witnesses to the same and that at
the time of signing and publishing the same
the said Testator was of sound and disposing
mind and memory

Leonard Heydon
Harvey L Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of June 1858

In testimony whereof Israel W.
Davis Clerk of the County Court
of said County of Polk
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said
Court at office this day
and Year aforesaid
Israel Davis Clk

Recorded this 15th August 1858
By Israel Davis Clk
J W Burns De

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I John Yoast a Citizen in the County of Polk and State of Missouri being in a very infirm State of health and sensible too of my liability to sudden death, at the same time being according to my own apprehension of sound mind, and being anxious to make a suitable disposition of my real and personal Estate, do make this my last will and testament: This my will that all my just debts and the Charges of funeral be paid and discharged by my Executors herein after named and appointed out of my Estate as soon as Conveniently may be after my decease and I leave the Charges of my funeral to the direction of my Executors I give devise and dispose of my Estate real and personal (save what shall be necessary for the payment of my ~~just~~ debts and funeral Charges in the following manner first) I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Twelve hundred dollars out of the proceeds of my Estate for and in lieu of her dower managed and contracted as herein after expressed

2nd That Frances Yoast Hugh Yoast George Yoast William Yoast William Burns & William Senox legal heirs of my Estate to give their votes for two hundred dollars each to the executors of this my last will and testament to be held in trust by them for the support and benefit of my said wife Elizabeth: Said money to yield at least six per cent interest per annum to be paid annually to my said Executors and by them applied to the support of my wife Elizabeth

3rd if either of the heirs aforesaid should remove or die or likely to spend or squander the amount in their hands so as to endanger its loss, there and then in that Cause they shall be required to give security for the amt in their hands, and failing to do so the shall be paid in to the hand of my said Executors and by them made secure and to yield six per cent interest as aforesaid for her support during her natural life or widowhood

4th And at her death if there should remain any of the interest on hand so deposited as

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aforsaid after paying all Charges that may be against her for trouble or otherwise it Shall be equally divided among my heirs as aforesaid And the Several notes above mentioned. Shall be Collected and Paid. And subject to Collection only as herein above Specified

5th In addition to the above I give to my wife of my house hold furniture One set drawers Two beds and bedsteads And a supply of furniture for said beds as she may Chouse One set Silver tea Spoons One looking glass One set knives & forks One pitcher - also twenty five dollars on hand to be use by her for her own discreemary use: Also three sets of window Curtains & One Carpet.

6th I will she have one horse if she desire it. also two Cows ten head of Sheep. the Cows and Sheep she may dispose of as she may think proper.

7th I further desire that all my real and personal Estate (except what is herein above disposed of) Shall be sold for Cash and divided equally among my heirs as aforesaid.

8th In addition to what is bequeath to my wife Elizabeth I give all the wool and Cotton yarn on hand.

9th It is my will that my heirs before mentioned Shall before receiving the two Hundred Dollars interest as aforesaid Shall give Bond and Security for the same and on failure to do so it shall be subject to the Condition herein before mentioned.

10th I hereby nominate Constitute and Appoint my sons Frances Yoast & Hugh Yoast jointly and severally to be executors of this my last Will and testament.

John Yoast (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named John Yoast as his last Will and testament.

We attest the above and foregoing by Subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in presence of John Yoast the testator.

We further testify that Elizabeth Yoast wife of John Yoast the testator, excepted in our presence the

provisions made for her in the foregoing will in
lieu of her dower

George W. Martin
Lawrence Smith

State of Missouri
County of Polk

These affiants being duly sworn
according to law do on our oaths declare that the
within named John Toast in his lifetime did
sign seal and publish the foregoing writing as
and for his last Will and Testament in their pres-
ence and that they each at the request and in the
presence of said Testator and in the presence of each
other subscribed their names thereto as witnesses
to the same and that at the time of signing
and publishing the same the said Testator was
of sound disposing mind and memory
Sworn to and subscribed
this 20th August 1858.

George W. Martin
Lawrence Smith

Witness my hand with the seal
of said Court affixed at
office this day and year
afore said
J. W. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 20th August 1858
J. W. Davis Clerk Recorder
By J. W. Burne D. C. R.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8th I do constitute and appoint my wife
Elizabeth and my son Joseph C McCracken
executors of this my last will and testament
written upon one sheet of paper. In testimony
of the foregoing instrument of writing I
Thomas McCracken Testator have hereunto
set my hand this the first day of January
in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight
Hundred and fifty five his
Signed in the presence of } Thomas + McCracken
of Andrew Gault & } mark
Marcus S Graff }

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

This affiant Marcus S
Graff being duly sworn according to law
on his oath declares that the within named
Thomas McCracken in his lifetime requested
this affiant to write his the Testators name
to said Will that he did write the Testators
Name thereto at the direction and request
and in the presence of the testator and that
the testator made his mark thereto and
that this affiant signed his own name as
a witness to said Will and that the Testator
did sign his name as aforesaid and
publish the foregoing writing as and for his
last will and testament in the presence
of this affiant
and Andrew Gault the other subscribing witness
in their presence and that both affiants
and that said Andrew Gault each at the
request and in the presence of said
Testator and in the presence of each other subscribe
their names thereto as witnesses to the same
that at the time of signing as aforesaid
and publishing the same the said Testator
was of sound and disposing mind and
memory

Marcus S Graff.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

These Affiants Marcus S. Graft
and Andrew S. Graft do make oath and state
that they were both personally acquainted with Andrew
Graft Sr in his life time one of the subscribing
witnesses to the Annexed Will of Thos. W. Crocker
deceased that we were both well acquainted
with his hand writing (I viz Andrew Graft having
frequently seen him write and also sign his name
frequently to instruments of writing and upon our ac-
quaintance with the hand writing of said Andrew
Graft Sr we have no hesitating in saying that the
signature of the said Andrew Graft Sr to the
annexed Will of said Thos. W. Crocker as one
of the attesting witnesses, that is the genuine
signature of said Andrew Graft Sr.

And we further state that said Andrew
Graft Sr is now dead and this affidavit
Marcus S. Graft further states that he was
present when said Will was signed and
attested and that he said the said Andrew
Graft Sr sign his name thereto as one of the
witnesses to the deceased

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of July 1859

I W Davis Clerk

R J W Burns etc

In testimony whereof I Israel W Davis
Clerk of the County Court affix
the seal of said Court and
at office this day and year
above said

I W Davis Recorder

R J W Burns S. C. R

Recorded this 25th January 1859

I W Davis Recorder

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 8th I will and bequeath to

my Daughter Sarah W Haynes wife of James Haynes
Ten Dollars to be paid in money after my death

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

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

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

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

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

In testimony whereof I Abraham Fenly
have hereto subscribed my name
and affixed my seal this 26th day
of October A D 1859

Abraham ^{his} Fenly ^{seal}
mark

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us by Abra-
ham Fenly as his last will and Testament and
we signed the same as witnesses in the presence
of said Abraham Fenly and in the presence
of each other as witnesses at the request of said
Abraham Fenly this the 26th day of October
A D 1859

William S. White
Thomas Goldston

State of Missouri {
County of Polk }

(These affiants being duly
sworn according to law do on our oaths declare
that the foregoing writing purporting to be the

last will and Testament of Abraham Fenby deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and that we each subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Testator and that said deceased acknowledged and published the same as and for his last will and Testament and that at the time of publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory

William S White
Thomas Goldston

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th November
1859

In witness whereof I Spruel W
Davis Clerk of the County Court
of said County have hereunto
set my hand & affixed the
seal of said Court at office
this day and year aforesaid
J W Davis Clerk

Recorded this the 9th day of November 1859
J W Davis Clk

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

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

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

3rd I have given my daughter
 Elvira Duckness about one hundred and
 fifty Dollars worth of Property which shall
 be hers all her life in my estate until the death
 of my wife or her widowhood expires.

4th I have given to my son Isaac B Waincott about one hundred and fifty dollars worth of Property which shall be his full share in my estate until the death of my wife or till her widow hood expires

5th I have given to my son Barnett S Waincott about one hundred and fifty Dollars worth of Property which shall be his full share of my estate until the death of my ^{said} wife or her widowhood expires

6th I have given my son Ewin M Waincott about one hundred and fifty Dollars worth of Property which shall be his full share of my estate until the death of my said wife or her widow hood expires

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

8th And after the death of my beloved wife or her widow hood expires I want all my Personall Property sold that she may die possessed of or when her widow hood shall expire and the Proceeds thereof equally divided between all of my above named children

9th I have given my sons William G Waincott and Lewis A Waincott each one thin horses bridles & saddles & saddles

10th And I want my three youngest sons Charles B Waincott, Ira L Waincott and James E Waincott for each one to have a good horse or mare bridle and

saddle if my wife should not live to give each one his said horse bridle and saddle before any divide is made of my estate

11th I have given John Boon my nephew one black mare colt to have as his own property

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

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

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

Thorn-ton ^{his} Wainscott
mark

We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in presence of Thornton Wainscott the Testator this the second day of December AD 1859

Thomas Standley
Joseph M Griffith

State of Michigan 5
County of Polk 3

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 Thornton Wainscott deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and that we each

subscribed our names as witnesses
thereto in presence of and at the re-
quest of the said Testator and that
the said deceased acknowledged and
published the same as and for his
last will and Testament and that
at the time of publishing the same
the said Testator was of sound and
disposing mind and memory

Thomas Standley

J M Griffith

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

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

James M Jones clk
By Jasiah Lane D.C.

Recorded Feb 7th 1860

James M Jones clk
By Jasiah Lane D.C.

In the name of God Amen
 Know all men by these presents that I
 Edmund H. McMaster of the County of
 Polk and State of Missouri being of sound
 and disposing mind do hereby make
 constitute and ordain this my last will
 and Testament To wit:

1st For the payment of all my just
 debts I desire the sale of all my real estate
 except the farm tract on which I now
 live together with all my personal property
 except so much thereof as may be essen-
 tially necessary for the support and cul-
 tivation of said farm above mentioned

2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved
 wife Eliza the above mentioned farm
 tract of land together with all my personal
 property not otherwise appropriated
 to have and to enjoy during her natu-
 ral life and at her decease to be equally
 divided among my children

3rd I do hereby nominate and appoint
 William H. Newland sole executor of this
 my last will and Testament and Co
 Guardian with my wife of my children
 Given under my hand and seal this 20th
 day of December A.D. 1859

E. H. McMaster Seal

Signed and sealed in presence of
 of and at the request of the testator
 Pastor William Denby
 Francis Leeper

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } In vacation of County Court
 Be it remembered that on the 21st day of
 February A.D. 1860 personally appeared be-
 fore the undersigned James M. Jones Clerk of
 the County Court of the County and State a-
 foresaid William Denby and Francis Leeper
 or the subscribing witnesses to the annex-

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

William Denby
 Francis Leeper

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

James M Jones Clk
 By Josiah Lane D C

Recorded Feb 21st 1860

James M Jones Recorder
 By Josiah Lane D R

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

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

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

I give to my beloved wife Martha during her natural life the tract of Land upon which I now reside together with the appurtenances thereto belonging viz The East half of the South West qr of lot no one of the South West qr of Section 10 thirty in Township thirty five of Range twenty three also the west half of the North West qr of Section thirty one Township 35 of Range 23 also the South half of the South West qr of the North West qr of Section 31 Township 35 of Range 23. also three cows and calves of her choosing ten head of sheep twelve head of hogs one bureau one folding table one curtain bedstead two feather beds and furniture one cupboard and contents (one negro woman named Lizzie) one two horse diamond plow one small Wagon two hoes one mattress two beehives of her choosing all the geese and other fowls found upon the farm one woman saddle & bridle one set of plow gear one single tree and chivis one axe all the water and milk

vessels on hand one trunk one pair and-
 irons one common bedstead mats and
 cords one half dozen chairs one bread tray
 one set of knives and forks one smoothing
 Iron one pair sheep shears one vinegar
 barrel one cotton wheel one chuck Reel
 one flour Barrel all the foregoing here by
 bequeathed to my wife Martha as aforesaid
 after her death I give and bequeath the same
 to my daughter Virginia (the servant girl
 Lizzie excepted) and to her heirs forever and
 in case my daughter Virginia should die be-
 fore my wife as aforesaid without bodily
 heirs then in that case the above bequeath-
 ed property or the proceeds thereof shall be e-
 qually divided between my remaining chil-
 dren to them and their heirs forever. In
 addition to the above I give to my daughter
 Virginia the North East qr of the North E
 qr of Section 36 in Township 35 of Range
 24 containing 40 acres also one hundred and
 fifty Dollars in cash to her and her heirs
 forever I have given to my daughter Ma-
 tilda M Yoast five hundred and fifty
 six Dollars to my daughter Elizabeth B
 Krueger two hundred Dollars to my daug-
 hter Addaline M Rudley two hundred
 Dollars to my daughter Angelina Stratten
 two hundred Dollars to my daughter
 Julian and Rudley two hundred to my
 daughter Rowena Rudley two hundred
 Dollars and to my son Fleming S
 Wilson three hundred and ten Dollars
 and it is my will and desire that out
 of the proceeds of my estate not otherwise
 disposed of in this bequest that my above
 named children be first made equal in
 amount to my daughter Matilda M Yoast
 including the children of Addaline Rudley
 deceased as heirs to the part their mother would
 have inherited It is my will and desire

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

I give and bequeath to my son Israel Wilson the East half of the North West quarter of Lot no 1 of the North West q^r of Section 30 Township 35 of Range 22 also the East half of the South East q^r of Section 25 Township 35 Range 24 containing One hundred and sixty acres valued two hundred and fifty Dollars also two hundred Dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever

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

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

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son Fleming S Wilson and my sons in law Hugh Post and Henry Dudley jointly and severally to be executors of this my last Will and Testament and so as that in case of the death or disability of one or more of them the survivor shall be sole executor of this my said Will and give such survivor all the