

Polk County

Recorder of Deeds

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power and direction I have given my said
Executors

I further will that my children above
named (Virginia excepted) shall first re-
ceive a sum equal in amount to my dau-
ghter Matilda M Yoast viz five hund-
red and fifty six Dollars the balance
of the proceeds of my estate to be divided as
above named +

And in addition to the bequest here-
in before named I have given to my daug-
hter Elizabeth B Frizzo One hundred and
sixty Dollars and to Adaline Dudley nor-
viz One Dollar Rowena Dudley \$191

Angelina Stratton \$41 Julianne Dudley
\$46 and Fleming S Wilson \$219

The several sums here named to be added
to the amount heretofore given in making
the sum equal to my daughter Matilda
M Yoast viz \$856

And lastly my express will and mean-
ing is and I do hereby order and direct that
if any difference dispute question or con-
troversy shall be moved arise or happen
concerning any gift bequest or other mat-
ter or thing in this my will given or be-
queathed expressed or contained that there
no suit in Law or in Equity or otherwise
shall be brought commenced or prosecuted
for and concerning the same but the same
shall be referred wholly to the award order
and determination of my friends that may
be selected by my Executors or a majority
of them for that purpose and what they
shall do order direct and determine therein
shall be binding and conclusive to all and
every person or persons therein concerned

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

Seander Wilson

We attest the above and foregoing Will
by subscribing our names as witnesses
in presence of the Testator

James G Humm
Alexander Ralph
Franklin Fauchier

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

Be it remembered that on the
2nd day of April 1860 personally appeared
before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court
of the County and State aforesaid James G
Humm and Alexander Ralph the sub-
scribing Witnesses of the annexed Will of Le-
ander Wilson and being by me duly sworn
deposes and says that the said Leander
Wilson the testator subscribed the same and
published the said Will or instrument of Writ-
ing 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 the said deponents
attested the said will as witnesses thereto by
subscribing their names in the presence of
said testator

James G Humm
Alexander Ralph

In witness whereof I James M Jones
Clerk of the County Court of the County
of Polk and State aforesaid have
hereto subscribed my name and
affixed the seal of said Court at
office in the County aforesaid this
2nd day of April 1860

James M Jones clk

Recorded April 2nd 1860

James M Jones Recorder
By Josiah Lane & Co

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

1st I give unto my children James
Inglis William Inglis Sarah L Inglis
John R Inglis Isaac A Inglis Margaret
Ann Inglis Joseph G Inglis Five Dollars
each these being all my heirs now in ex-
istence but if there should be another Legiti-
mate heir it to have the same as the others

2nd I give unto my wife Fanny
Inglis the entire residue of my estate both
Real and Personal after the payment of
my just debts and funeral expenses dur-
ing her natural life or widowhood

And at the death or marriage I desire the
whole of my estate to be divided with my heirs
equally In witness whereof I the said William
Inglis have to this my last will and testament
written on one sheet of paper set my hand
and seal this 23rd day of November A D 1859

William Inglis *Test*

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

James L Ownby
Jno Inglis

State of Arkansas 3
County of Washington 3

On this 30th day of November 1859 personally came before me P R Smith as Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex officio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the County of Washington and State of Arkansas James L Ownby and John Inglis the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Inglis deceased and after being duly sworn as the law directs depose and say that the said William Inglis subscribed the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing in their presence and at the time of making the said subscription he the said William Inglis declared said Instrument so subscribed to be his last will and Testament and that they the said James L Ownby and John Inglis signed their names as witnesses at the end of said will at the request of the said William Inglis and that said signatures were made in the presence of said William Inglis and in the presence of each other and that the said William Inglis was at the time he subscribed said Instrument and declared the same to be his last will and Testament of sound and disposing mind and memory according to the best of their belief

James L Ownby
John Inglis

In Testimony that the above affidavit was sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of November 1859 I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk of said Circuit Court and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of said County and affixed the seal of said Court

P R Smith Clerk

State of Missouri 3
County of Polk 3

This affiant being duly sworn according to law do on my oath declare that the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and

Testament of William Inglis deceased was signed
by the testator in my presence and that I
signed my name in the presence and at the
request of said testator and that said deceased
acknowledge and published the same as and
for his last will and testament and that at
the time of publishing the same the said tes-
tator was of sound and disposing mind
and memory

John Inglis

Sworn to & subscribed before me
this April 14th 1860

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

James M Jones Clk
By Jasiah Lane DCR

Recorded April 14th 1860

James M Jones Recorder
By Jasiah Lane DCR

In the name of God Amen

I Preston Beck of the County of Polk and State of Missouri of sound mind and memory knowing the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do make ordain declare and publish This Instrument as my last Will and Testament that is to say first after all my Just ~~debts~~ and lawfull debts are paid I give bequeath and Will and dispose of all of my estate real and personal as follows to wit Item first I devise give and bequeath to my wife Martha All of my Real Estate being and lying in Polk County Missouri to be hers absolutely I also give and bequeath unto my wife Martha two horses to wit the horse named Jim and the mare named Bay I also I also give to wife two Milch cows to be selected by her from my cattle by herself I also give to my wife the newest one of my two carriages together with the harness belonging thereto I also give and bequeath unto my wife Martha the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7000^{no}/₁₀₀) to be paid to her in cash by my Executor I also give and bequeath to my wife all the bed~~s~~ bedding and bed clothes I may own at the time of my death Item 2d I desire that James Griffin shall remain upon my farm where he now resides and continue to cultivate the farm as he has heretofore done for Three Years after my death or so long as my wife and himself ^{shall} ~~may~~ agree upon the terms of rent &c I also give and bequeath unto James Griffin aforesaid in consideration of his kind services to myself and wife for some time the sum of Two hundred Dollars (\$200^{no}/₁₀₀) to be paid to him in cash by my Executor Item 3d I further give bequeath and devise unto my wife Martha all the residue of my household furniture farming utensils hogs cattle horses poultry and other personal property about and on the farm (Excepting money and Notes) subject to the payment of my Just debts Item 4th I devise that my land lying and being in the County of Benton in the State of Missouri shall be sold to the best advantage provided however James Preston Beck my grandson to whom I bargained said land shall fail to pay to my Executor the sum of One Thousand for it within two years from the date of my death and if he will pay to my Executor said sum of money in the time specified then the land shall be his Item 5th I desire that all sums of money due me in this state & Indiana shall be collected forthwith and after it is ^{all} collected including the Thousand Dollars my grandson James P Beck will pay for the tract

of land in Benton County as specified in Item 4th or the proceeds of
 said tract of land if sold I desire that it be Equally divided - first
 having paid the amount I have bequeathed my wife Martha and
 the amount I have bequeathed James Griffin among the following
 named persons, my heirs, to wit, Mary Ann Crank and Elizabeth
 Applegate (children of my deceased daughter Patey) William Preston
 Beck Elizabeth Beck and Anna Beck (children of my deceased
 son Simpson) James Preston Beck (son of my son Lewis now deceased)
 Preston Lee and Isabella Silvers (daughters of my grand daughter
 of Elizabeth Clarissa Silvers late Beck) to them ^{and} to the heirs of their
 bodies forever in equal shares or sums if however said Isabella
 silvers my great grand daughter should die before arriving at
 the age of twenty one years, then I desire that the portion of my
 Estate I have Willed her shall be equally divided among the rem-
 aining heirs I have named in equal parts to them and their heirs
 forever Item 6th The legacies and bequests I have mentioned in
 the preceding items only relate to my own Estate proper,
 Exclusive of any interest I may have as heir in the Estates of my
 sons Preston Beck and John Jeffery Beck who departed this life
 in New Mexico I hereby will devise and bequeath and reli-
 nquish to my grand son James Preston Beck of Cooper County
 Missouri all the right title and interest I have or may have
 as heir or otherwise to the Estates or property goods and chattles
 of my deceased son Preston Beck Esq, and also I give bequeath
 devise and grant to said James Preston Beck all the right
 title interest or property I have or may have in the Estate
 property goods and chattles as heir otherwise of my deceased
 son John Jeffery Beck who died in the Territory of New
 Mexico provided however that my grandson James Preston
 Beck shall pay or cause to be paid to my Executor within
 twenty four months from this date the sum of Ten thousand
 Dollars which sum is to be received by my Executor in
 full pay & consideration of certain Notes Executed to me
 by my son Preston Beck Esq during his lifetime. The said
 James Preston Beck will also as a condition of this
 bequest assume all responsibilities and pay all costs and
 expenses of law suits that may accrue in the collection
 and settlement of said Estates of Preston Beck Esq deceased
 and John Jeffery Beck deceased so far as my interests
 are concerned Item 7th Likewise I make constitute and
 appoint James Preston Beck my grandson son to be

The Executor of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking
all former Wills by me made

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

Preston Beck Seal

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

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

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } These affiants being duly sworn according to
law do on our Oaths declare that the foregoing writing purpor-
-ting to be the last Will and Testament of Preston Beck deceased
was signed by said testator in our presence and that we each
subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence and
at the request of said Testator and that said deceased acknowl-
-ged and published the same as and for his last Will and
and Testament and at the time of Publishing the same the testator
was of sound mind and disposing mind and memory

James B^{his} Smith
Jackson Smith

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

G R Cowan Seal
Judge of P.C

Recorded The second day September 1861
G R Cowan P J

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

1st I Will and bequeath to my Sister Henrietta I Nelson and my Brother Jesse W Nelson all my ~~last~~ Estate both real and personal in fee simple

2^d I Will and bequeath to my Mother Mrs Margaret Nichols the sum of Ten Dollars

3^d I Will and bequeath to my half sister Alice Nichols and Anna L Nichols the sum of Five Dollars each

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint Wm M Briggs Executor of this my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of October 1858

Signed Sealed & published in presence of us

} Francis M. Nelson (Seal)
}

John W. Wilson

Jonathan W. Wilson

State of Missouri

County of Polk { These affiants being duly sworn according to law do on our Oaths declare that the foregoing to be the last Will and Testament of Francis M Nelson deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and ~~that~~^{at} ~~the~~ request of said testator and that said deceased acknowledged and published the same as and for his last Will and Testament and at the time of publishing the same the said testator was of sound mind and disposing mind and memory

John W Wilson

Jonathan W Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of September 1861

In witness whereof I G R Cowan Judge of the Probate of said County of Polk have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal of said Court at Office this day and Year aforesaid



G R Cowan

Probate Judge

Recorded this 11th September 1861

G R Cowan

P J

In the name of God Amen
I Samuel Armstrong of the
State of Missouri and County of Polk being
minded of the mortality of my body I make
this my will and Testament

First - I will that my funeral expenses be fully
paid

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret
Armstrong all my personal property during
her natural life to be disposed of as she may
wish at her death

I also bequeath unto her my beloved ^{wife} Margaret
Armstrong all of my Land Tracts as follows
Beginning at a rock at the North West corner
of the South West quarter of Section No ten (10) Township
No Thirty One (31) in Range Twenty One (21) thence
East to the North East corner of said quarter
Section thence South thirty four (34) Chains and
Eighty Eight (88) links to a Stake thence North
75° 40' West forty One (41) Chains and twenty two
(22) links to a Stake thence North twenty four (24)
Chains and Sixty Six (66) links to the beginning
containing One hundred and nineteen acres
and 7/10 of an acre
also part of the North West quarter of Section
No Ten (10) Township No Thirty One (31) in
Range Twenty One (21) beginning at the
South West corner of said quarter Section
thence North Thirteen (13) Chains and Eighty
five Links (85) to a Stake thence East forty (40)
Chains to a Stake thence South Thirteen (13) Chains
& Eighty five (85) links to the South East corner
of said quarter thence West forty (40) Chains
to the beginning containing fifty five acres and
1/10 of an acre (except Ten (10) acres on the
South East corner of said tract or parcel
of Land) also a part of the West half of the
South East quarter of Section No 10 Township
31 Range 21. Beginning 66 poles North
of the SW corner of the said SE quarter thence
North 74 poles to a Stake the corner of said

Section No Ten (10) Thence East 80 poles
to a Stone Thence South 87 poles to a Stone
Thence West forty (40) poles to a Pin Oak
in the Bank of a Branch Thence a Strait Line
to the Beginning corner containing forty four acres
& 100 poles during her natural life

At her death I will and bequeath the above named
Lands to be equally divided between my ten Sons
Abner Armstrong Paul Hamilton Armstrong and having
already given to my dearest Daughter Mary Jane
Gillintaters Eighty Dollars I will and bequeath
unto her heirs One hundred and twenty Dollars
more making Two hundred to her

Also I will and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah
E Carden One hundred Dollars

Also to my Daughter Lydia Ann Burns I
will and bequeath One hundred Dollars

Also having given to my Son James Armstrong
Five hundred Dollars I will and bequeath
unto him five Dollars more making
Five hundred and five Dollars to him

And I hereby appoint my beloved wife
Margaret Armstrong and my Son Abner
Armstrong as my Executors

In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the 2nd day of
Oct in the year of Our Lord One Thousand
Eight hundred and Sixty Six

Samuel Armstrong

The above instrument consisting of One Sheet
was now here Subscribed by Samuel Armstrong
The Testator in the presence of each of us and
was at the same time declared by him to
be his will and Testament and we at
his request Sign our names hereto as attesting
Witnesses

Wm H. Vansant

W B Epps

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this
the 7th day of June 1867 personally appeared before
the undersigned Clerk of the County and of the
County and State of said William McVansant
and W.B. Epps the Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed
Will of Samuel Armstrong and being by me first
advised and sworn States that the said Samuel Armstro
ng Signed Sealed and delivered the foregoing
Will in their presence and the said William
McVansant and W.B. Epps depose and says
that the said Samuel Armstrong produced
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 21 years ^{age} and that the
and that the said deponents attested the
said Will as Witnesses thereto by Subscribing
their names to the same in the presence of
the said Testator

W.B. Epps
Wm McVansant

In witness whereof I have hereunto Signed
my name and affixed the Seal of said Court
at Office in Barriar Mo this June 7th A.D. 1867
J.B. Burros Clerk

Delivered for Record
June 20th 1867

W.L. Swardgrass
Clerk
J. Reeder

I Delila Piper a resident of Polk County
in the State of Missouri being of lawful
age and of sound mind and disposing
memory do make constitute and publish
this as my last Will and Testament and
1st I give and bequeath to my beloved
Daughter Nancy Johnson my Bay Mare
Saddle and house-hold furniture
2nd I give and bequeath my farm on which
I now live as follows

First The above named farm shall be rented
out until my Grand Son James Johnson
becomes of ~~Age~~ full age and the rent thereof
to be appropriated in keeping my farm
in repair and the exp thereof to be equally
divided among my Grand Children

Secondly at the lawful age of James Johnson
(my Grand Son) the said farm will be sold at
the highest Bidder and the proceeds thereof will
be equally divided among between my Grand
Children Delila McKair, Richard M Johnson
Marvra J Johnson, Samuel B Johnson
James Johnson and Abraham L Johnson
after all my just Dells are paid

3rd I will all my Stock remaining on the farm
to be sold and the proceeds thereof to pay my
burial Expenses and marking my Grave

4th I hereby appoint Thomas Higginbotham
Executor of this my last will and Testament

Witness
James M Jones
Wm H McKinney
Delila ^{her} Piper

We attest The above and
foregoing Will by Subscribing our names hereto
as witnesses in the presence of Delila Piper
the Testator This the Seventeenth day of April
1867
W H McKinney
James M Jones

State of Missouri 3
County of Polk 3

Be it remembered that on

The 7th day of May A.D. 1867 personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County W. H. McKinney and James M. Jones the Subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Delila Piper and being duly sworn the said W. H. McKinney deposes and says that he signed the name of Delila Piper the Testator to the annexed will by her direction at her request and in her presence and the said W. H. McKinney and James M. Jones depose and say that the said Delila Piper produced the said Will or instrument of writing to be her act-and published the same as her last Will that she the said Testator was at the time of publishing her said Will of sound mind and more than Twenty One (21) years of age and that the said deponents attested the said Will as witnesses thereto by Subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said Testator

W. H. McKinney

James M. Jones

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at my Office in Belvoir this the 7th day of May A.D. 1867



James B. Burrows CK
By W. L. Snodgrass DC

Delivered for Record

June 20th 1867

W. L. Snodgrass
CK

In the name of God Amen.
 I Calvin H Bewley being in the County of
 Granger and State of Tennessee being of sound
 mind and disposing memory Pleased be
 Almighty God, for the same do make and
 publish this my last will and Testament
 in manner and form as follows

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

Item 2nd. I Will and bequeath to my
 beloved wife Mary Louise Bewley
 all my real estate and personal
 property with my notes and accounts
 claims or demands that is or may
 be due me or in any manner belong-
 -ing to me, or may hereafter full
 to me, by Heirship or otherwise both
 in the State of Tennessee and also
 in Polk County State of Missouri
 where I have formerly lived, and
 furthermore I do hereby nominate
 and appoint my beloved Brother
 John H Bewley Executor of this
 my last Will and Testament
 hereby revoking all ~~former~~ other
 Wills by me made heretofore

In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and affixed
 my seal this 15th Day of January
 1848

Witnessed by
 Clisbe Austin
 Wm Harris

Archibald Austin
 John McLean

Calvin H Bewley

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I John D. Abbe Judge of Probate in and for the County of Polk and State of Missouri hereby certify that on this 15th Day of December 1869 personally came before me at office in vacation Mary Louisa Burts formerly Mary Louisa Bewley and produced for Record and probate an Instrument of Writing a copy of which is hereto annexed the same purporting to be a certified of the last will and Testament of Calvin H. Bewley deceased late of the County of Granger in the State of Tennessee and the same being accompanied among other things with a certified transcript of the record of the Probate of said Will in the County of Granger County Tennessee and also a certified Statement of the testimony of Elsie Austin & Archibald Austin two of the subscribing witnesses thereto upon an examination of which the said Instrument is considered and taken to be the last will and Testament of said deceased and is duly admitted to Probate as such and I further certify that a true copy of said Will is hereto attached.



In testimony whereof I John D. Abbe Judge of Probate in and for the County of Polk aforesaid have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said this 16th Day of December 1869

John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

Delivered for Record
December 27th 1869
W D Ingraham Clerk

Brookfield Mo Jan 27 1870

This is the last Will & Testament of the undersig-
- ned Bernard John Betheheim written with my
own hand & being in a perfect & healthy state
of mind to wit

I leave my body soul & spirit in the hands of
God my Savior dying in the faith usually
designated Orthodox & evangelical believing
in the divinity of Christ his perfect atone-
- ment made for the sins of the world and
in the resurrection of the Dead.

As for my worldly substance of full description
I appoint my dear wife Elizabeth Mary Bethe-
- heim & my only son Bernard James S Betheheim
sole administrators thereof & wish them to observe
in general the following distribution.

I bequeath Lots no One & Two in Block Two in
the Original Plat of the Town of Brookfield Linn
County & State of Missouri to my Dear wife for
the term of her natural life after which it
reverts to her heirs This Gift includes all the
furniture except the Piano & the furniture of
the Bed Room inhabited by my my Daughter
Lucy both of which I bequeath to her as her
absolute property.

I bequeath Lots no Thirteen fourteen fifteen
sixteen, seventeen & eighteen in Block two
in the Original Town of Brookfield Linn
County & whatsoever belongs to the business to my
dear son as his own portion & also Lot eight
in Block nine & the northern part of Block
seven same Block, the balance being sold to
Henry Overjohn.

I bequeath my house situated on the East half
of Lots Five (5) and Six (6) in Block no 10 in
Crandell's Addition to the Town of Brookfield to
my Daughter Lucy F L Betheheim as her own
Property

I bequeath the one thousand Dollars & Interest due
me on mortgage in Ridden Mo by my son in law

Mr Wm Worth to my Daughter V Rose Worth his
Wife to hold and continue her property & also Lot five
(5) in Rose Hill addition to the Town of Brookfield

Whatever property I still own in Pontiac & Odell
Illinois & timber Land in Armitage all in Livingston Co
Ills. one half a Section I own in Polk County Mo.
& three fourth of Section in Greenwood Co Kansas are
to be sold by the above administrators & equally divi-
ded into four parts one part to each of my four
heirs - wife & three children.

Equally so whatever Debts are due to me or the firm of
Betelheim & Son or to B J Betelheim on notes or Trust
Deeds are to be collected & equally divided into four
parts one part to each of my heirs.

Before the moneys from sales of property ~~or~~ ^{as} collected
as before stated are divided a sum of One thousand
Dollars is to be set apart by the administrators for
the following use

my Papers of whatever kind are to be brought into
order so as to prepare for the Press.

1 A Sketch of my Life.

2 A volume of Sermons, detached Treatises, paragr-
aphs. Thoughts &c on Christian Doctrine & Experiences

I should be greatly obliged were Bro Henty of this
place kindly to undertake the task & accept in
remuneration of his trouble One hundred Dollars
yearly even if it took five years to perform such
labor. Five hundred Dollars more will also be
left at his disposal to be gradually spent in
copying if needed. Should Bro Henty be absolutely
unable to do the work he will please suggest
another reliable Brother.

I also wish my administrators to get publis-
hed my Chinese-Japanese Translations under
the superintendence of Rev Mr Liddle in Hong
Kong Missionary of the Basel Mission Society for
the purpose four hundred Dollars are already
deposited with the Treasurer of the American
Board Boston Mass to which sum they must add
should the work cost more In witness whereof I sign
my own hand & seal

Bernard J Betelheim

Witnesses to Signature

W D Brandell Jr

J F Roberts

To explain more fully my bequest to my wife Elizabeth Mary & my intentions respecting the property herein willed to her I will say that after her death I desire her said property to be equally divided by the surviving Executor among my legatees herein before mentioned

Witnesses to Signature

W D Brandell Jr

J F Roberts

B J Bettelheim

State of Missouri
County of Linn

Be it remembered that on this 28th Day of February 1870 personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court within & for said County of Linn W D Brandell Jr a subscribing Witness to the annexed Will of Bernard J Bettelheim who being by me duly sworn deposes & says that he saw the said Bettelheim sign his name to said Will, that he published the same as his last Will, that he the testator was at the time of publishing the same of sound mind & more than 21 years of age & that he the said deponent attested the said will as Witnesses thereto by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of said Testator & at his request

W D Brandell Jr

Subscribed & sworn to before me on the 28th Day of February 1870

C Boardman
Probate Judge

State of Missouri
County of Linn

Be it Remembered that on this 2nd Day of March 1870 personally appeared

before me the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court within and for said County of F Roberts a subscribing Witness to the annexed Will of Bernard J Buttelheim who being by me duly affirmed deposes and says that he attested the said Will as Witness thereto by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of said Testator & at his request & that at the time the said Testator was of sound mind

J F Roberts

Subscribed and affirmed before me on the 2nd Day of March 1870

C Boardman
Probate Judge

State of Missouri
County of Linn

I Carlos Boardman Judge of the Probate Court within and for said County of Linn having examined the annexed Instrument of Writing & the testimony above written of W D Crandall Jr & of F Roberts in relation thereto Consider that said Instrument of Writing is duly proved to be the last Will & Testament of Bernard J Buttelheim deceased & that the same should have full force & effect

Given under my hand & the Seal of said Court affixed this 2nd Day of March 1870

C Boardman
Probate Judge



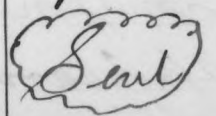
U.S. Internal Revenue
Stamps \$10.00 affixed
and cancelled

State of Missouri
County of Linn

I Carlos Boardman Judge & Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court within & for the County & State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Will of Bernard J Buttelheim deceased & of the testimony in proof of the same & of the Certificate of Probate thereof as the same is of Record in my Office

Given under my hand & seal of said Court at Office March 4th 1870

C Boardman Judge and
Clerk of Probate Court



State of Missouri
County of Linn

To all persons to whom these presents shall come, Greeting

Know ye that the last Will of Bernard J. Bettelheim deceased hath in due form of Law been exhibited proved and recorded in the office of the Probate Judge for Linn County a copy of which is hereto annexed and inasmuch as it appears that B. J. Bettelheim & E. M. Bettelheim have been appointed Executors in and by the said last Will to execute the same and to the end that the property of the Testator may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein and that the said last Will may be executed to the request of the Testator We do hereby authorize them the said B. J. Bettelheim & E. M. Bettelheim as such Executors to collect and secure all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said Bernard J. Bettelheim at the time of his death in whosever possession the same may be found and to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon them by said Will so far as there shall be property and the Law charge them and in general to do and perform all other things which now are or hereafter may be required of them by law

In Testimony whereof I Carlos Boardman Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County of Linn hereunto sign my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at my office in Linn this fourth Day of March A.D. 1870

Seal

Carlos Boardman, J. J.

State of Missouri 3
County of Linn 3 SS

I Carlos Boardman Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Linn aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing Letters Testamentary are duly recorded in my office in Book A at page 204



In Testimony whereof I (have) hereunto sign my name and affix the Seal of said Court at my office in Linn Co this fourteenth Day of March A.D. 1870
C Boardman, P. J.

Delivered for Record April the 25th A.D. 1870
W. S. Snodgrass Clerk

Whereas I Simon Phillips of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being in my right mind but feeling the uncertainty of Human Life and knowing the certainty of death do hereby make and execute this my last will and testament In the name of God amen.

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

Secondly: I bequeath to my beloved sister Emeline Phillips my land known and now as follows the South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section (19) Tinton Township 34 Range 23 containing 40 acres also the North half of Lot (1) one of Section 19 T34 R23 containing 40 acres; also (16) Acre off of the East of South half of Lot (1) one of N.W. 1/4 of Section 19 T34 R23 the whole length of the piece of land North & South together with all the privileges appurtenant and appendages in anywise thereto belonging;

Thirdly; I bequeath to my dear sister all my personal property at the time of my decease under the following conditions that she will sell enough to pay all my debts and pay each one of my legal heirs one dollar and also to take care of and support my mother Rosannah Phillips during her natural life for this purpose and for her support I wish her to have the use of my land as above but at her death all as above to belong to my sister when the conditions herein expressed are complied with

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the first day of January AD 1867

Signed Sealed and delivered in our presence

Witnesses

J W Hamer

Stephen Blevins

Seal
1867

State of Missouri ss
County of Polk

I John D Abbe Judge of Probate in and for said County and State hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Will of Simon Phillips deceased as appears from the Record of the same now in my office and that the same was duly admitted to probate on the 19th Day of April AD 1870

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court hereunto affixed at office in Polk County Mo this 14th Day of June AD 1870

Filed June 14th 1870

W L Snodgrass Clerk

John D Abbe Judge
of Probate

The Last Will and Testament of Joseph Huckaby,
In the name of God Amen.

I Joseph Huckaby of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being of sound and disposing mind and memory calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing now the Estate with which it has Pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my disease while I have strength and capacity so to do.

do make and publish this my Last Will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void, all other last Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

And first I commend my immortal being to him who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried. And as to my worldly Estate and all the Property Real, Personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease.

I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:

My Will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall by my Executors hereinafter named be Paid out of my Estate as soon after my decease as shall

Polk County, Missouri.

June the 18th 1872.

Elizabeth Bailey being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this as and for my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

First, I will and desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my Estate, to Edward Bailey. 1st and I will and bequeath all my interest in the W¹/₂ Lots 6, 7 and 8 and E¹/₂ Lot 6 N.E. ¹/₄ Section 6, in Township 34, of Range 22, 160 acres; also all my other valuables that I own to Edward Bailey.

In Witness whereof, I have hereto signed my name this 18th day of June A.D. 1872.

Elizabeth Bailey.

Signed and delivered by the above named Elizabeth Bailey to be her Last Will and testament, in presence of us, who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses.

Thomas Frazier. Seal

Robert Bell. Seal

Ferdinand ^{his} Cook Seal

Filed for Record, December 30, 1872,
at 10 o'clock a.m.

A. J. Hunter,
Recorder.

Be it Known That, I, Lucy Wadsworth, wife of Josiah Wadsworth of Milton, in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament:

First, I give to my husband Josiah Wadsworth, if he survive me, the net income of all my estate during his natural life, to be collected and paid to him by my executor semiannually.

I give and bequeath to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society Three Hundred Dollars; to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Two Hundred Dollars; to the American Bible Society; to the American Seamen's Friend Society and to Iowa College at Davenport, Iowa, each, One Hundred Dollars.

I give and bequeath to the following persons and to their heirs and assigns respectively viz: To my brother Henry Fisher of Canton and to my sister Harriet Thayer, wife of Washington Thayer each Two Hundred Dollars, and to my brother Samuel Fisher of French Creek, N. Y. and my brother Caleb Fisher of Warsaw, Mo., and to my sister Susan Hunt, wife of Joshua Hunt, and to Harriett Ellen Thayer daughter of my sister Harriet Thayer each One Hundred Dollars, and to Mary Fenns wife of Jesse Fenns of Canton and to Abby Manly Fenns daughter of said Mary Fenns each Fifty Dollars.

I give and bequeath to the following persons and to their heirs in equal proportions, viz: to my sisters Susan Hunt and Harriet Thayer, to Mary Fisher wife of Henry Fisher and to Mary Fenns wife of Jesse Fenns, all my books, household furniture, clothing and personal ornaments.

I give and bequeath the residue of my ^{estate} after the payment of the aforesaid legacies to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and should my estate be insufficient to pay the aforesaid legacies in full then my will is that payment shall be made on each in the proportions above named.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint Ebenezer Alden, of Randolph, in the County aforesaid, Physician, Executor

of this my last will and testament and trustee during the lifetime of Josiah Wadsworth my beloved husband, should he survive me, to receive and pay to him the income of my estate as aforesaid.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Lucy Wadsworth have hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, this ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred and fifty-six.

Lucy Wadsworth (Seal)
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Lucy Wadsworth as and for her last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at her request, and in her presence and in presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Mary H. Reed,

Jason Reed,

Nathl. D. Safford.

I, Josiah Wadsworth, husband of the aforesaid Lucy Wadsworth, being of sound mind and competent to act, have examined the foregoing will and hereby assent to said will and hereby express in writing and endorse my assent thereon.

Josiah Wadsworth.

Witnesses:

Mary H. Reed

Jason Reed,

Nathl. D. Safford.

Copy

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

Having paid to the American Seaman's Friend Society; to the American Bible Society and to Iowa College, each the sum of One Hundred Dollars, which I had named in my will, I do not wish these sums to be paid again.

I give to Joshua Spear, Junr.

129 Charles Spear, and Winchell Leeds, each, the sum of fifty Dollars.

I give to Herbert Fermo fifty Dollars.

I give to Mary Fisher One Hundred Dollars and to George Fisher, Charles Fisher, and Samuel P. Fisher each Fifty Dollars.

I give to Susan Fisher Beals and to Alvan Fisher each, Fifty Dollars and Lucy Wadsworth Fisher One Hundred Dollars, and to Hatty Fisher, and Horace Fisher each Fifty Dollars.

To Sarah Upham daughter of my sister Susan, I give One Hundred Dollars; and to Joshua Hunt, George Hunt, Caleb Hunt, Susan J. Hale and Esther Hunt, I give to each fifty Dollars.

I give and devise to Caleb Fisher of Bolivar, Polk County, Missouri, the land with the buildings thereon conveyed to me April 12, A.D. 1870, by deed of John M. Reynolds, recorded in Polk County, Book "N" Vol. 757. as a home for himself and for his father and mother during their natural lives; and also for his two sisters and brother while remaining unmarried, and afterwards to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Should the aforesaid Caleb Fisher die before reaching the age of twenty one years, then I give the same to his surviving sisters and brother under the same trusts.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare this to be a Codicil to my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named below, this tenth day of August in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

Lucey Wadsworth Seal
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Lucey Wadsworth as and for a Codicil to her last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Eben. Alden

Rebecca M. Stanley

Sarah B. Alden.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Norfolk, S.S. At

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a Probate Court holden at Dedham in and for said County of Norfolk, on the seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-two.

On petition of Ebenezer Alden of Randolph in the County of Norfolk, praying that the instruments therewith presented, purporting to be the last will and testament, and codicil of Lucy Wadsworth late of Milton in said County of Norfolk, married woman, deceased, may be proved and allowed, and letters testamentary issued to him the executor therein named;

and the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested, having been duly notified according to the order of Court, to appear and show cause, if any they have, against the same:

and no party objecting thereto, and it appearing that said instruments are the last will and testament of said deceased, and were legally executed, and that said testatrix was at the time of making the same, of full age and sound mind, and that said petitioner is a competent person to be appointed to said trust.

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

George White Judge of Probate Court

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Norfolk, ss. Probate Court.

I, George White, Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Norfolk, hereby certify that Jonathan H. Cobb whose signature is affixed to the annexed certificate and attestation, is the Registered and proper certifying Officer of said Court, and has, by law, the custody of the seal, and all the records, books, documents and papers of or appertaining to said Court, and that said certificate and attestation are in due form, and entitled to full faith and credit.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-three. George White, Jud of Probate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
 Norfolk, ss.

Probate Court.

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

 L. D.

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

J. H. Cobb, Register.

State of Missouri
 County of Polk

I, D. J. Poage, Judge of Probate for said County of Polk, do hereby certify that the foregoing and last will and Codicil of Lucy Wadsworth has been proven as appears by the Certificate of J. H. Cobb, Register of Probate Court for Norfolk County, Massachusetts, and admitted to probate and allowed and Recorded in the Office of the Probate Court for said County of Polk.

 L. D.

In Testimony of which, D. J. Poage, Judge of the Probate Court for said County, hereunto sign my name and affix the seal of said Court at my Office, in Bolivar, this 26th day of April A.D. 1873.

D. J. Poage,
 Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record, April 26th 1873 at
 4 o'clock P.M. A. J. Hunter,

Recorder.

Last Will and Testament of M. G. Campbell.

I, M. G. Campbell of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, have this day the 23rd day of January A.D. 1874, made my last Will of all of my Estate personal and Real, as follows, to-wit: I want J. A. Campbell & J. S. Campbell, my sons, to settle my personal Estate and divide it as hereafter prescribed. I want my wife Sarah to have One Thousand Dollars, in Cash & one Gray mare, one grey mule, one black mule & bay mule and all my house hold and kitchen furniture, three choice milk cows, fifteen head of stock hogs choice, twenty head sheep all pork and grain that is on hand. And the remainder of my personal property, all money and effects equally divided between my heirs with this exception S. H. Campbell to have One dark bay mule 2 year old past, also Glaze A. Devin to have one black mare mule one year old past; also J. A. Campbell to have One black mare mule. I want my wife Sarah, to have the following described Real Estate her natural life time, to-wit: East Half of the North East of Section (17) Seventeen & the North West Gr. of North East Gr. and North West Gr. of the South East Gr., all in Section (17) Seventeen Township (34) Thirty-four, Range (24) Twenty-four. I want Drury H. Campbell to have the North East of the South East Gr. of Section (17) Seventeen, Township (34) Thirty-four of Range (24), Twenty-four. I want my wife to have the benefit of the Orchard that is on the forty above mentioned during her lifetime. The above described Land that I will to my wife to be equally divided between George H. Campbell and Drury H. Campbell at her death. I want the South West Gr. of the South East Gr. Section (8) Eight in Township (34) Thirty-four Range (24) Twenty-four, to be divided between Mary A. Devin & James S. Campbell to be divided by two disinterested persons. The remainder of my Real Estate to be sold and divided equal between my heirs. We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses, in the presence of M. G. Campbell the Testator.

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23rd day of January A.D. 1874.

M. G. Campbell.

Witnesses:

Isaac H. L. Thompson.

W. M. Frieze.

State of Missouri

County of Polk

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

Isaac H. L. Thompson.

Given To and subscribed me at Belvidere this 23rd day Feb'y 1874.

J. J. Poage

Judge of Probate

State of Missouri

County of Polk

J. J. Poage, Judge of

Probate in and for said County hereby certify that on this 23rd of February 1874, came before me J. A. Campbell & J. S. Campbell names as Executors of the last will and Testament of M. G. Campbell, deceased, and produced the foregoing writing as and for said last Will & Testament and came Isaac H. L. Thompson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being examined by me under oath and his

evidence thereof reduced to writing and the same being seen and fully understood by me said writing is by me deemed and held to be the last will and testament of M^y. Campbell, deceased. Witness my hand & seal of Office this 2nd day of February 1874.

(L.S.)

Thos. J. Poage,
Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record, March 3, 1874 at
3 o'clock P.M. A. J. Hunter, Recorder

The Last will and Testament of John Slagle of Polk County State of Missouri;

I, John Slagle, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and Memory and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity so to do make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say: First: I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Mary M. Griffith the following described tract or parcel of Land, Situate in the State and County aforesaid that is to say, the North West qr of the North West qr of Section sixteen Township thirty two, Range twenty two, also all my personal property, house hold and kitchen furniture, Second, I Bequeath to my son in law S. A. Deross and grand son John C. Pike the remaining ninety acres of my land to be equally divided & between them, the said S. A. Deross and John C. Pike, is to pay my son in law J. W. Utley the sum of ten Dollars, which I bequeath to him as his part of my Estate real and personal, given under my hand and Seal this December 11, 1873

John Slagle ^{his} ~~more~~ ^{Seal}

Signed and Sealed by said John Slagle as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his

135 Presence, and in the presence of each other and at
his request have hereunto subscribed our names
as Witnesses

Gerrill Heatter
James M Pike, Sen
J. B. Heatter

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court of Polk County Mo,
In the matter of proving the last Will
and Testament of John Slagle Late of said Polk
County, Deceased, On this 14th day of March AD
1874, before me the Judge of Probate for the Probate
Court, in and for said County personally came
James M Pike (Senior) Gerril Heatter and J B Heatter
Who being by me duly sworn on their oaths say
that they were present and saw John Slagle
sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be
his last Will and Testament and heard him
publish and declare the same, to be his last
Will and Testament and that at the time of signi-
fying and publishing the same the said John Slagle
was of sound and disposing mind and memory
and that these deponents subscribed their Names
thereto, as Witnesses to the same in the presence and
at the request of the testator and in the presence
of each other and they further say that the said
testator died on the 4th day of March AD 1874
and Gerril Heatter further states that the underlined
tions and enclosures in said instrument were all
made before the same was executed by the testator
Subscribed to and Sworn to before } James M Pike
me this 14th day of March } Gerril Heatter
AD 1874 } J B Heatter

D. J. Poage

Judge of Probate

Filed for Record April 9th 1874 at
5 o'clock PM A. J. Hunter,
Recorder.

In the Name of God, Amen. I Mark W. Nelson of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, in view of the uncertainty of life and certainty of Death, and being of feeble health, but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows: 1st That all my just debts be paid. 2nd, That my executor herein appointed, Collect all debts due me; and ^{after} having paid my funeral Expenses and expenses of last sickness out of the money so collected pay off what is still due on the home place herein described 3rd That all other debts justly owing by me be paid, out of what money is left in the hands of my executor thus collected and if there be not sufficient to pay off all such debts, That so much of ^{my} personal property be sold for that purpose as is necessary, My Executor to exercise a sound discretion in selecting the property that may be necessary for that purpose 4 - That after the payment of all debts as herein directed and the expenses of administration, I give and bequeath all of my personal property (furniture stock, horses, produce, money Chises. in action) of whatever kind or Character, including everything that I own except my real estate (the home place) hereinafter disposed of) to my beloved Sister-in-law Lavinia Nelson, wife of my beloved Brother Joseph H. Nelson, of said County of Polk, and this I do in consideration of the kindness shown to me by said Lavinia and Joseph H. Nelson. 5th I hereby give and bequeath the "home place" where I now reside, to wit the East Half of the South West quarter, and the South East quarter of Section one (1) Township thirty three (33) (Mark W. Nelson) 2 Range twenty three, 23 and the West half of the South West quarter, of Section six (6) Township thirty three (33) Range twenty two (22), all situate in said County of Polk and State of Missouri and containing in all three hundred and twenty acres more or less, to my beloved Sister-in-law, said Lavinia Nelson, wife of my said brother Joseph H. Nelson to have and enjoy with all the rights privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging ^{during} her natural life or so long as she shall be and remain the wife or widow of my said brother Joseph H. Nelson with remainder in fee simple, absolute in and to the children of said Lavinia Nelson by my said brother Joseph H. Nelson begotten and their heirs and assigns forever but shall it

become necessary or expedient to sell off any part of said Real Estate (the homestead) for a rail road depot then and in that event my executor herein named is hereby directed and empowered to sell and convey to any Rail Road Company five or ten acres of said land, for such purpose and make therefor a good and perfect Deed, and in that event if it shall be thought beneficial and expedient, then my said executor is hereby empowered and directed to lay out in town lots and sell off five or ten acres of said land in addition to the part sold for the purpose of a depot, and make good and sufficient conveyance therefor to the purchasers; to all which my said executor is to exercise a sound discretion, the proceeds of all which I give and direct shall be put at interest, so long as said Lavinia Nelson shall be or and remain the wife or widow of said Joseph W. Nelson, the interest arising therefrom annually be given to said Lavinia Nelson and in (Mark W. Nelson's) Case of her death or Marriage to a second husband the proceeds shall go to the children of said Lavinia Nelson begotten by her present husband Joseph W. Nelson as their absolute property; - 6th I hereby appoint my beloved brother Joseph W. Nelson my executor of this my last will and testament and I authorize and empower my said executor in the settlement of my estate and of any debts due me to compromise such debts, if he thinks it advantageous to my estate to accept satisfaction less than the full amount thereof, hereby repealing all or any wills or codicils by me heretofore made, this being the fifth page on which this my said last will and testament is written In Witness Whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this second day of November A.D. 1871

Witness

Mark W. Nelson

John Carson
Jesse W. Nelson
Lydia Ann Molloy
Amelia Nichols
John W. Ross

The within and foregoing instrument written

on the five preceding pages, was at the date thereof signed and declared by the said Mark W. Nelson to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

John Carson
Jesse W. Nelson
Lidia Ann Molloy
Amelia Nichols
John W. Ross

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court of Polk County Mo.
In the Matter of proving the last will and Testament of Mark W. Nelson late of Polk County Mo. Deceased. On this 13th day January AD 1874 before me the Judge of Probate for the Probate Court in and for said ^{Polk} County personally came John W. Ross Lidia Ann Molloy and Amelia Nichols who being by me duly sworn on their oaths, say, that they were present, and saw Mark W. Nelson sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be his Last will and testament, and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Mark W. Nelson was of sound and disposing mind and that these deponents and John Carson and Jesse W. Nelson subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other and they further say that said testator died on the 31st day of December AD 1873

Lidia Ann Molloy
Amelia Nichols
John W. Ross

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
This January 13th 1874

[Signature]

Thos J. Poage
Judge of Probate

Filed for Record April 9th 1874 at
5 o'clock P.M. A. F. Hunter
Recorder.

In the name of God, Amen: I James B. Burros of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri, being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory and being conscious of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous of settling and disposing of my worldly affairs and effects in the best possible manner, do now make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows: 1st I desire that all of my just debts, and funeral expenses and charges be paid off and settled by my executors as soon as the same can be done after my decease. — 2nd — I give, ~~devise~~ ^{bequeath} and bequeath to my beloved wife Orlena E. Burros, the sum of one thousand dollars in money to be paid her by my executors, next after paying off debts and funeral expenses, — and as soon as said money can be collected by them, — and further, devise and bequeath to my said wife Orlena E. Burros the North East qr of Section no twenty six (26) Town 34, Range 23, The sum and land named in this clause are to be hers absolutely, and the same with the other rights, privileges or property in this will granted to her are to be in lieu and ~~stead~~ ^{instead} of all claims or right of dower or other demands she has or may claim either in the real or personal estate of which I may die possessed. — 3rd — I give, devise and bequeath to Sarah M. Russell the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in money to be paid when collected by my executors. — 4th I will and devise that all stock, grain, farming implements, and house-hold and kitchen furniture on hand at my death be the joint property of my beloved wife and children, and that the same shall remain and be used and enjoyed on my home place where I now reside, for the joint benefit and enjoyment of my said wife and children, the same to be used by the advice and under the direction of my executors while they continue to act as such and afterwards, by the advice and under the direction of the guardian and curator of my children. — 5th I will and devise that all the rents and profits of my Real estate which is not herein willed to my beloved wife, shall be used and kept for the support and maintenance of my beloved wife and children.

and also for the Education of my Children, and the necessary repairs and taxes on said Real Estate. Especially my home place under the direction and by the advice and Consent of my Executors and after them of the Guardian and Curator of my Children, — 6th I will and devise that my Wife and Children, shall remain together in the possession, and enjoyment in common of my home place for the term of Fifteen years, from the date of my death if she remain my widow to that date, but if she see fit and proper to marry again, she may remain thereon to that date as before mentioned, and enjoy the use thereof in common with my Children so long as her occupation thereof shall not be in the judgement of my Executors, and after them, of the Guardian and Curator of my Children, prejudicial to the interest and welfare of my Children, but if her occupation thereof with my Children shall at anytime after her second Marriage be deemed by my Executors or whoever shall be acting as such or after them be deemed by the Guardian and Curator of my Children to be prejudicial to the peace, welfare or interest of my Children then my Executors or the said Guardian and Curator may and shall take the possession thereof which she is then peaceably to yield up and the said Executors or Guardian and Curator, as the case may be shall control and use the ^{said} and after paying all taxes expenses and for all necessary repairs, thereon, they shall pay to her for her own use and benefit, the one fourth part of the net annual profits thereof, and the remainder of the same shall be and belong in the hands of said parties or either of them to my Children. At the end of said time of Fifteen years the possession of all my Real Estate not herein absolutely Willed to my said Widow shall belong to my Children as hereinafter provided, or in case none of them be living at that time, to the parties hereinafter provided for as Legatees or devisees in the event of the death all of my Children, but if at the end of said fifteen years, my beloved Wife Orlena E Burros still remains my widow and unmarried then my Children or whoever is or shall be entitled to the possession of my home place under my will.

Acres
of children

shall allow her to remain with them upon said home place and enjoy the same with them as long as she remains unmarried, and in that event I enjoin upon and require that my children or other Legatees or devisees entitled to the possession of said home place shall furnish her a home thereon and see that she is properly cared for and provided for as long as she remains my widow and unmarried. - 7th I will and devise to my three children to wit, Edgar Everett Bueros, James Canton Bueros, and Claud Hamlin Bueros, the South half of Lot Four (4) of Block Twelve (12) in the Town of Bolivar Missouri and the West half of South East qr. of Section No Two (2) in Township No thirty three (33) of Range No twenty three (23) less $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre off the North East Corner, and also less about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre off the South East Corner, as these pieces have been conveyed to other parties) and the West half of the North East qr of section No seventeen (17) Town thirty three (33) of Range No twenty three (23), and the West half of the South West qr of section No (13) and the North East qr of the South East qr of Section No fourteen (14) in Town thirty two, of Range No twenty four (24) and the North West qr of the North West qr of section No thirty three (33) and the North West qr of the South West qr of Section No twenty eight (28) in Township No thirty four (34) of Range No twenty three (23), and all my interest (which is one half) in the following to wit, in the North West qr of the South East qr, and the North East qr of the South West qr and the South East qr of the North West qr of section No thirty five (35) Town thirty four (34) of Range twenty three (23) and in the East half of the North East qr of Section No twenty seven (27) Town thirty five (35) of Range No twenty three (23) and all other real Estate of which I may die seized and not otherwise devised, subject to the uses and privileges hereinbefore named and specified and I also devise and bequeath to my said children all the rest and residue of My personall estate of every

Kind whatever which is not herein otherwise bequeathed or devised the same to be divided and shared equally between them when they or the survivor or survivors of them become of age: no division however is to be made between them until my second child James Canton Burro would become of age if he lived to said time, and in case one of the said children dies before reaching his majority then all the property of every kind devised to my children shall be shared equally by the survivors, and in case two of my children shall die before reaching their majority then the whole of the property herein devised to my children, shall go to the survivor of them, if and when he reaches his majority, but if all my children shall die before reaching majority then it is my will and desire that the property of all kinds herein devised and bequeathed to them shall go to and be shared equally by my brothers and sisters and if any of them ^{are} or shall be dead at such time their descendants shall receive their parents share to be divided equally among them all of said property, however, going to them under the same uses charges and restrictions as it was to be subject to if it was received by my children.

8th I will and devise that my Executors have my Vineyard property cared for and tilled and have the orchard on the place where I now live, kept carefully and properly pruned and trimmed and have trees set in all vacancies therein and keep the same filled, and that they have said Orchard and Vineyard properly kept and cared for and take all steps and measures they may deem necessary to keep and preserve the same in good condition, and allow no stock to be or remain either in the Orchard or Vineyard, and I further will and devise that my executors have all repairs made to the buildings and fences, especially on the home place, which they may deem best to have made for the use and enjoyment of the same as herein provided,

9th I hereby constitute and appoint O. H. B. Dunningham and Joel West as my executors to carry out the

Terms and Conditions of My Will and I also appoint J. B. Burros and Joel West to be the Guardians and Curators of My Children herein named, and all matters and things herein entrusted or enjoined upon my executors as such shall when and after they make a final settlement of my estate, be carried out completed and executed by the said Guardians and Curators of my Children Written upon seven pages and dated December 13th 1873.

attest: J. H. Abbe

W. R. Devin

J. B. Burros

We the undersigned at the request and the presence of James B. Burros the testator in ^{the} foregoing instrument who is personally known to us, and was and is at this date of sound and disposing mind and memory signed our names as witnesses thereto, the said James B. Burros signed his name thereto as testator in our presence and declared to us and in our hearing that the same was his last will and testament and was executed by him as such. Witness our hands this 13 day of December A.D. 1873.

J. H. Abbe, Bolivar Missouri

W. R. Devin, Bolivar Missouri.

State of Missouri
County of Polk

In the Probate Court of
Polk County Missouri

In the matter of proving the last will and testament of James B. Burros, late of said Polk County, deceased. On this 13th day of January A.D. 1874, before me the Judge of Probate for the Probate Court in and for said County personally came John H. Abbe and W. R. Devin who being by us duly sworn on their oaths say that they were present and saw J. B. Burros sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be his last will and testament and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the

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Time of signing and publishing the same the said James B. Burros was of sound and disposing mind and that these Deponents subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other and they further say that the said Testator died on the Second day of January. AD 1874 and said John W. Abbe further says that the interlineation and erasures in said instrument were all made before the same was executed by the Testator

John W. Abbe
W. R. Hevin

Sworn and Subscribed before me this January 13th AD 1874

LL

J. J. Poage

Filed for Record April 9th 1874 at
5 o'clock "P.M." A. J. Hunter,
Recorder.

The Last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Mitchell of Polk County, Missouri:

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

First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy A. Mitchell, first all the household and kitchen furniture with the exception of two beds and bed covers - second; all the stock including horses & Cattle, mules, sheep & hogs and all the produce on hand including corn, wheat and all the feed and provisions on hand for her to convert to her own use as she sees proper, also the wagon and farming utensils. I further bequeath to said wife, for lifetime, the use of house and farm including Eighty acres in Township 35 Range 22, Section 15 & 16 also

the use of a small piece of new ground, containing eight or ten acres on Pommé de terre in Palk County, Missouri, at he use for life time. I further bequeath to and Mary J. Falter, her life time, then to her bodily heirs forever a Certain tract of land situated in Township 35, Range 22, Section 8 to wit: $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ & $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ in Palk County Mo.

I further bequeath to Pabbitha E. K. Mitchell, one bed and bed-clothing for said bed, two hundred dollars in cash, also the sum of Eighty acres of Land, the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section twenty-two (22) of Range Twenty-two (22) Township Thirty-five (35) to her use and benefit, also the sum of Eighty acres at the death of Nancy A. Mitchell, the mother of Pabbitha E. K. Mitchell, situated in Township thirty-five Range Twenty-two, Section fifteen and sixteen, in Palk County, Missouri.

I hereby appoint Nathan K. Pape, Guardian of the said Pabbitha E. K. Mitchell and Executor of this my last Will.

I further bequeath to my eldest son, Joel Mitchell one bed stand and bed and covers for said bed and lastly as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels, of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath equal shares to all my heirs, this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

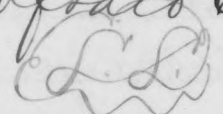
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of December 1869,
Thomas F. Mitchell,

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

James R. Patter, residing in the County of Palk,
State of Missouri.
John Lightfoot

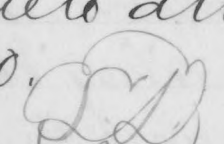
Drewy B. Spillman -
 State of Missouri 3rd ss.
 County of Polk 3rd ss.

I, John D. Ahlbe, Judge of Probate in and for the said County and State, hereby certify that the above and foregoing instrument of writing was presented before me and by me in vacation admitted to probate this March 2nd 1870, and held and deemed to be the last will and testament of Thomas S. Mitchell, deceased.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Probate Court of said County this 2nd day of March A.D. 1870.
 John D. Ahlbe,
 Judge of Probate.

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

I, John D. Ahlbe, Judge of Probate in and for said County and State hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of Thomas S. Mitchell, deceased, and of the Certificate of Probate thereof as appears from the records of the office of said Probate Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court hereto attached, this 2nd day of March A.D. 1870.
 John D. Ahlbe,
 Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record June 15th 1874,
 at 12 o'clock M. A. J. Hunter,
 Recorder.

In the name of God - Amen. I, Hiram H. Terrill of the County of Polk, in the State of Missouri, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and publish this my Last Will and Testament as follows: - First - I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid.

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

Third - I desire that the boy known by the name of George H. Terrill - whom I have raised - shall remain with my said beloved wife, Maria, till he arrive at the age of Twenty one years, and at her death he is to receive four fifths part of all my estate of every kind, then remaining in her hands.

Fourth - I desire and direct that the girl Mary E. Overton, shall remain with my said wife Maria, till she arrives at the age of Eighteen years and at the death of the said Maria, the said Mary E. Overton shall and is hereby directed to receive the one fifth part of all my property of whatever kind then remaining -

Fifth - The devises and bequests named in the third and fourth items herein are both upon the condition that both of said children remain with the said Maria L. - till they each arrive at lawful age, or until the death of the said Maria L. Terrill; if that should first occur and; and that if either of them leave her before age, without her full and free consent, or die before becoming of full age then the share herein named for either shall belong and go to the other, if that other shall comply with the conditions herein named, and if both of said children shall leave my said wife without

her consent, before they each arrive at full age, or before her death if that should first occur, then the whole of my property remaining at the death of my said wife shall belong and go to my lawful heirs then living and in case they both should die before full age or before the death of my said wife Maria L., then it shall belong and go to my lawful heirs living at her death.

Sixth - I hereby appoint my said wife Maria L. Terrill as my Executrix and trustee in regard to my said property and devise that she dispose of the same without Administration and without Public Sale.

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

Hiram H. Terrill.

At the request and in the presence of Hiram H. Terrill the testator we have hereto affixed our names as subscribing witnesses this fifth day of July A.D. 1873.

John D. Abbe, Bolivar, Mo.
W. H. Branham - Halfway Pk Co., Mo.

Filed for Record, October 20, 1874 at
12 o'clock M. A. J. Hunter,
Recorder

In the name of God Amen. I Daniel Molder of full age and of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make, ordain & declare this my last will and testament in manner following. that is to say: First, I desire that all my just debts, and funeral expences be paid from personal estate. Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Julia M. Molder, one half of all my personal estate, effects, goods, chattels, moneys and credits after my just debts are paid absolutely. Third, I give and Bequeath to my children - viz - Orlena Elizabeth Molder, Margret Samantha Molder Phoebe Alice Molder all the residue and balance of my personal estate, effects, Chattels, Moneys, Credits &c in equal parts and equal share to be paid over to the guardian or Executor of their estate when the same are collected Provided however if my heirs should be come unto us, Daniel Molder & the said Julia M Molder subsequent to the date of this instrument, then said personal estate, effects, goods, Chattels, moneys &c shall descend to those subsequent heirs in the same ratio & proportion to them as to the above named heirs Orlena E. Molder Margret S. Molder, and Phoebe A. Molder. Fourth I give and bequeath to my wife Julia aforesaid all my real estate, lands, tenements ^{and hereditaments} to be enjoyed by her during the term of her natural life and after her death I bequeath the same to my aforesaid daughters. Orlena E. Margret S. and Phoebe A. Molder and in equal parts to my subsequent heirs the same situated in the Counties of Polk and St. Clair, State of Mo. Fifth I give to each of my children not heirs before mentioned the sum of Five Dollars to be paid out of my moneys remaining after my just debts funeral expences aforesaid are paid and before my personal estate is divided between and among my wife and daughters aforesaid viz to Mrs Martha Goodson - Henry P. Molder, Emily Sawler, Sally Gash. Louisa Page - Five Dollars each And to the Children of Julia Ann Ball deceased the sum of one dollar each as I have before

this time and during my lifetime provided liberally for all my said children and heirs.

Lifth I do make, nominate and appoint Archibald Hopper my Executor and I hereby enjoin upon them to faithfully execute the provisions of my last will and Testament and I hereby revoke all former wills and Testaments by me made. In witness whereof I have and do hereto set my hand and seal affix. This done at Humansville Polk Co Mo This the 26th Twenty sixth day of October 1868.

In Presence of
J. W. Foster

Daniel ^{his} ~~mark~~ Molder

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

J. W. Foster

George Harris

On account of the absence of George Harris by removal from this County I Daniel Molder deem it necessary have another to this my last will and testament therefore I Daniel Molder order the following annexed certificate

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

J. W. Foster

Joshua Frost

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk }

J. James G. Simpson

ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Will of Daniel Molder as the same appears on file & record in my office.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of said Court. Done at office in Bolivar this 14th day of January, 1875-

[Signature]

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate &
ex-officio Clerk

State of Missouri ss

County of Polk } To all Persons to Whome these presents shall come Greeting: Know Ye, That the last will of Daniel Molder deceased, hath, in due form of law, been exhibited, proved and recorded in the office of the Probate Court for Polk County, a copy of which is hereto annexed; and in as much as it appears that Archibald Hopper has been appointed Executor in and by the last will, to execute the same, and to the end that the property of the testator may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, and that the said last will may be executed to the request of the testator, we do hereby authorize him the said Archibald Hopper as such Executor to collect and secure, all and singular, the goods and chattles, rights and credits, which were of said Daniel Molder at the time of his death, in whosoever possession the same may be found and to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon him by said will, so far as there shall be property, and the law charge him and in general to do and perform all things which now are, or hereafter may be required of him by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I, James G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court, in and for said County of Polk herewith sign my name and affix the seal of said Court, at my office in Bolivar this 14th day of Jan, A D 1875-

[Signature]

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri, } ss.
County of Polk. }

J. James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court, within and for the County of Polk aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Letters Testamentary are duly recorded in my office, in Book "A" at Page 81

L.S.

In Testimony Whereof, I herewith sign my name, and affix the seal of said Court at my office, in Bolivar, this 14 day of Jan. A.D. 1875.

James G. Simpson

Filed for record Feb: 26" 1875-

At 12 o'clock, 15 minutes P.M. A. J. Lowe,
Recorder.

In The name of God Amen.

I, William W. Wortham, of the County of Polk, and State of Missouri, being in the 28th year of my age, of sound mind knowing the uncertainties of life and the certainties of death, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

1st First) It is my desire after my funeral expenses are paid, that of my just debts be paid.

2nd. Second) I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Charity A. E. Wortham my land of the following Number to-wit: North West quarter of North East quarter of Section No Thirty three (33) of Range No Twenty three (23) of Township No Twenty three ~~23~~ forever, or to dispose of as she may deem proper, and apply the proceeds to her own use and benefit.

3rd. Third) It is my desire that my wife ^{may} keep or dispose as she may think best all of my household and kitchen furniture.

4th Fourth) It is my desire, that my wife have of the proceeds of my other personal estate such as horses, cattle & hogs, wagon, harness and plows or the whole or any part in the 4th bequest so that the first and second bequest are complete with the

153 property to be disposed of either by private or public sale to raise the money for that purpose.

And 5th Fifth and lastly I hereby appoint I hereby appoint my beloved wife Charity A. E. Worthan my sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof. I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of November. 1874.

William W. Worthan

signed and delivered by the above named William W. Worthan to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request, and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

A. Milliken
John A. Dysart.

Filed for Record August 11th 1875,
at 12 o'clock 30 minutes P.M.

A. J. Lower.
Recorder.

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

- 1st. I desire that all my just debts and Funeral Expenses be paid out of the proceeds and effects of my Estate.
- Second: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Caroline all my house hold and kitchen furniture, except one bed and bedings during her natural life, absolutely, the above named bed & bedings excepted, as above. I desire to go to my Daughter Junie L. Richardson, born the 22nd of April 1873.
- 3rd. It is my will and that I desire that there be paid to my beloved wife Martha Caroline Five Hundred Dollars out of the proceeds of my Estate for her own use and benefit absolutely.
- 4th. It is my will and desire, that there be placed in the hands of my Executors the sum of One Thousand Dollars out of the proceeds of my Estate for the use and benefit of my Daughter Junie L. Richardson - born the 22nd of April 1873.
- 5th. My said Executors are hereby requested & Required to loan the said sum of One Thousand Dollars at Interest, and the proceeds thereof to be appropriated to the Education and support of my said Daughter Junie L. Richardson.
- 6th. It is my desire, that if my aforesaid Daughter should die before marrying or becoming of age then the said sum of One Thousand Dollars shall revert back to my Estate as and undivided interest my said Estate.
- 7th. It is my will and desire and I hereby authorize and request my Executors to sell my real and personal estate that I may be seized or belonging to me at my death as soon as may be, for the best price and on the best terms they can for the Interest of the estate.
- 8th. It is further my will, and desire that the proceeds of my real & personal estate not heretofore disposed of shall be equally divided amongst my said heirs herein named as follows: (viz) Nancy Brown, Mary McBracken, Preston B. Richardson, Richard M. Richardson, Mary Rodgers, & Phereba Rains. Thomas Richardson; it is not known wheather or not he is living, should he ever come home to his native land, to share equal with the other heirs, all to share & share alike.
- 9th. It is my will that the legal heirs of Job Richardson

Deced^d shall inherit their fathers interest as one of my heirs, to be divided Equally among the living heirs of their said father Job Richardson Deceased.

10th. It is further my desire that the heirs of Jackson Richardson Dec^d, shall inherit their fathers interest in my estate to be equally divided among his living heirs to share & share alike.

11th. I do make nominate and appoint Robert McClracken and Preston B. Richardson my son, my executors, and hereby enjoin upon them to faithfully to execute the provisions of this my last will & Testament, by me made.
In Witness Whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of July, 1873.

Done at Hannanville Polk County, State of Missouri

Amos Richardson ^{seal}

In presence of
J. H. Murry
Alburn Ayres
Geo. G. Humman.

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

J. H. Murry
Alburn Ayres.
Geo. G. Humman.

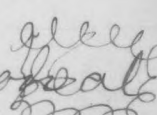
Codicil.

Whereas, I, Amos Richardson of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, have by my last will and Testament in writing duly executed bearing date July 1st A.D. 1873. Among other things given and bequeathed to my daughter Gurra I Richardson, certain property, money, and effects to my estate belonging, and Whereas, my daughter Gurra aforesaid is deceased, she having departed this life August

25th. A.D. 1873. Now I, the said Amos Richardson do make this Codicil to my said will and do hereby revoke any and all legacies and provisions made for and provided, and by my said will given or bequeathed to my daughter Junia as aforesaid wherein any person or legatee named or mentioned in my will as aforesaid is or may or might be affected thereby, and I do give and bequeath to my daughter Georgiana born July 25th A.D. 1844, the sum of One Thousand Dollars which in my will as aforesaid was a provision for the use and benefit of my deceased daughter Junia, and I now and hereby direct and instruct and enjoin the same upon my executors to the faithful performance thereof, and to this end declare that all bequests, benefits, legacies and provisions in my will as aforesaid for the use of my daughter Junia deceased and aforesaid, I now and hereby Give and Bequeath to my daughter Georgiana aforesaid, except, and unless in case of the death of Georgiana aforesaid before becoming of lawful age, and if it should so happen, or come to pass, that my daughter Georgiana aforesaid should die (be deceased) before she becomes of lawful age (18 years) and at the time of her death as aforesaid is yet unmarried or (Femme sole)

(Then in regard to the matter aforesaid concerning my daughter Georgiana it is my will in the premises, and in relation thereto and I direct my executors to pay to my beloved wife Martha Caroline Richardson (provided she at that time still remain my widow) out of the One Thousand Dollars, provided for my daughter Georgiana, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be hers absolutely and the balance or remainder of the One Thousand Dollars as aforesaid with interest if any, to revert to my estate and be equally divided, and distributed among my heirs and legatees and in case that my wife Martha Caroline, as aforesaid, shall marry again and be no longer my widow then the whole of the One Thousand Dollars, with interest thereon or so much as may be as aforesaid shall revert to my estate upon the terms and condition as before mentioned

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of January A.D. 1876 Done at Humansville
Polk County, State of Missouri

Amos Richardson 

In Presence of
 Allum Ayres
 Polly Ann Ayres
 W. H. Anderson

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

Allum Ayres
 Polly Ann Ayres
 W. H. Anderson.

State of Missouri
 County of Polk.

In Probate Court. Be it remem-
 bered, that on this 26th & 31 days of May, A.D. 1875, personally ap-
 peared before me J. S. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of
 the County and State aforesaid Allum Ayres, J. H. Murry
 and W. H. Anderson. the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
 Will & Codicil of Amos Richardson, deceased, and being
 by me first duly sworn, depose and say, that the said Amos
 Richardson, the testator subscribed the same in their presence,
 and published said Will & Codicil, or instruments of writing
 as his last Will, that he, the said testator, was at the time of
 publishing his said Will & Codicil of sound mind, and more
 than 21 years of age, and that these said deponents attested said
 Will & Codicil as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names
 to the same in presence of each other & of said testator.

In Witness Whereof, J. James S. Simpson Judge of
 the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto
 subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said
 Court, at office, in Bolivar this 31st day of May, 1875

James S. Simpson
 Judge of Probate

Filed for record December 14th, 1875,
 at 4 o'clock P.M.

A. J. Lower
 Recorder.

In the name of God. Amen. I, Isaac Wood, in the County of Polk and State of Missouri. Being mindful of my mortality, do this 23^d day of December in the year of Our Lord 1875, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following. First I Give and Bequeath unto my son Columbus S. A. Wood, the tract of Land on which I live containing 160 acres at my decease. Also, I Give and bequeath unto my wife Susan four hundred Dollars worth of my personal property to buy 40 acres of land and said land to be bought by my son I. C. T. Wood for her use and benefit during her natural life. Then the same to be equally divided between my lawful heirs. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary M. A. Dodson the sum of ten Dollars. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Clarissa M. A. Brown the sum of ten dollars. I also give and bequeath unto my son I. C. T. Wood one dollar. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son I. C. T. Wood, sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year first above written

Isaac Wood

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said testator as and for his last Will and Testament in our presents, who at the request, in his presents and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this the day and date first above written.

S. A. Edmonson,
C. Willhite

State of Missouri
County of Polk I Be it remembered, that on the 2nd day of January A.D. 1876, before me, Thos J. Page Judge of Probate for the County of Polk aforesaid, personally appeared before me S. A. Edmonson & C. Willhite who being by me duly sworn upon their oath deposited and say that they were present and saw Isaac Wood and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of signing the same the said Isaac Wood was of sound mind and disposing mind and that these deponents subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other and at the request of the Testator.

S. A. Edmonson,
C. Willhite

Sworn to and subscribed before me this January 2nd 1876.
Thos J. Page Judge of Probate
Filed for record July 11th 1876, at 12, o'clock, P.M.
A. J. Lower Recorder

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

I, give, devise and Bequeath all my estate and property: Real and personal to William Underwood. At my death.

In Witness Whereof I have signed and sealed and published ^{and} declared this instrument as my Will, on this 8th day of December, 1871.

William King ^{his} ~~mark~~ Seal.

The said William King of said County and State and day and date signed & sealed ^{above mentioned} this instrument and published and described ^{the} same as his last will and ^{we} at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

Silas Fox
John Hall.

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County of Polk In Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this 18th day of June A.D. 1876 personally before me Judge of the Probate Court, of the County and State aforesaid, Silas Fox; and on the 10th day of July 1876 John Hall appeared before R M Sawyer J. P. of Elk Co. Kansas To whom I had on the 20th June 1876 issued a commission to take the evidence of said John Hall, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of William King deceased, and being by me & said J. P. severally first sworn, deposed and say that the said William King the Testator, subscribed the the same in their presence and published said Will or instrument of writing as his last Will. That he, the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said Will, of sound mind and more than 21 years of age, and that they, said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to to the same in presence of said testator, and of each other. In Witness Whereof, I.

James G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Bolivar this 28th day of July 1876.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Filed for record Sept 12th 1876
at three o'clock P.M. A. J. Sower Recorder

I, William White, being of sound mind, but becoming frail in body and being admonished that my earthly pilgrimage is fast drawing to a close, do hereby publish this my last will and Testament
 1st. I direct that all my just debts including funeral expenses, and the expenses of administration be fully paid by my Executor,

2nd. I bequeath to my beloved wife Cynthia White my personal property and all my Real Estate to her to have and contrall the same for her sole use and benefit in her support and maintenance during her natural life, and further bequeath that she may sell and dispose of any or all said Real Estate and personal estate or so much as she may deem necessary for her during her natural life.

3rd. I devise and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my estate both Real and Personal to my children who shall survive me and who shall share and share alike, and who are named as follows, Mary Jane Belsford, ^{William or Sidney White Comodore Decatur White} Elizabeth Gregory, Edmond M. Henry White, James R. White, John Wesley White, Amanda Stinson, and Benjamin Franklin White, to them my said children absolutely and forever and to their heirs.

4th. I do hereby appoint Cynthia White the Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby confer upon her full and adequate powers and authority to carry out and consummate ^{any} and all the bequest herein made.

And lastly, I revoke all former wills, declaring this writing above to express the whole of my will.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of June A.D. 1866

William White

Signed by the Testator, William White, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his sight & presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as attesting Witnesses.

Lees Arnold.
 John W. Brent.

State of Missouri,)
 County of Monroeville)

Be it remembered that on this 18th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six before me Miles Allen Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County aforesaid personally appeared

Geo Arnold and John W. Brent who being by me duly sworn, upon their oath, depozeth and says that they were present and saw William White sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of him, the said William White, and heard him publish it and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, the said William was of sound and disposing mind and that these deponents Geo Arnold and John W. Brent, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other, and at the request of the said William White.

Geo Arnold
John W. Brent,

Subscribed and sworn to
before me, this 18th day of July 1866.
Miles Allee,

5cts US Stamp } Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri }
County of Moniteau } I, Miles Allee, Judge of the Probate
Court of Moniteau County, having examined the foregoing instru-
ment of writing, purporting to be the last Will of and signed by
William White and the Testimony of Geo Arnold and John W.
Brent, the witnesses above named, do adjudge and decree the said
instrument of writing to be the last Will and Testament of William
White deceased.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Probate Court, at office
in said county, this 18th day of July, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.
Miles Allee, Judge
Moniteau County Probate Court

State of Missouri }
County of Moniteau } I, Miles Allee, Judge of the Probate Court in and for
said County of Moniteau certify that the foregoing pages
contain a true and perfect copy of the last Will and Testament
of William White, with the affidavit of the subscribing witnesses,
and also the certificate of Probate as fully as the same now
remains of record in my office

Given Under My hand and

the seal of said Court hereto affixed at office in California¹⁶²
on this seventh day of September A.D. 1870,
Miles Allee
Judge

Filed for record May 4th 1877.
at 8 o'clock + 15 minutes A.M.

A. J. Lower
Recorder.

(Copy)

I, Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant, a resident of Polk County in the State of Missouri, being diseased in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, and first and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of my creator who gave it and my body to the earth to be interred in such suitable manner as my friends and relations may direct, and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows, to wit:

In the first place, I desire John P. Thompson shall take my place as administrator of the estate of my father Albert Bryant, deceased,

2nd I will and bequeath all my estate both real and personal equally to John P. Thompson and George W. Thompson after the payment of all my fathers and my just debt except one lay mare, which I will exclusively unto John P. Thompson,

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

In Witness Whereof, I, the said Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant have to this my last will and Testament written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this the 13th of December A.D. 1868
Sarah Ann Melvina^{her} Bryant
mark

Witnesses

John Inglis

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

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Samuel R. Lytle
John Inglis

State of Ind. ss
County of Polk

In Vacation of the County Court

Be it remembered that on the 26th day of December A.D. 1863 personally appeared before the undersigned, Thomas W. Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid, Samuel R. Lytle and John Inglis the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant and being by me duly sworn deposes and says that he signed the name of Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant, the Testatrix to the annexed Will by her direction at her request and in her presence and that the said Samuel R. Lytle and John Inglis deposes and says that the said Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant the Testatrix produced the said Will or instrument of writing to be her act and publishes the same as her last will that she the said Testatrix was at the time of publishing the said Will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that the said deponents attest the said Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said Testatrix.

Samuel R. Lytle +
John Inglis

In Witness Whereof, I, Thomas W. Cunningham, Clerk of the County Court of the County of Polk and State aforesaid, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the County aforesaid, this the 26th day of December A.D. 1863
T. W. Cunningham Clerk

State of Missouri ss
County of Polk

I, James G. Simpson Judge of Probate & ex-officio Clerk thereof hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and correct copy of the will and proof thereof of Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant decd as the same appears of record in my office

JS

At office in Bolivar, this 4th day of Feby. 1878;

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Filed for record Feb 4th 1878
at 11 o'clock A.M.

A. J. Lower Recorder.

I, Joseph A. Brim of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do, therefore make ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will, hereby revoking all other Wills by me made, that is to say; after my lawful debts is paid and my funeral expenses discharged, it is my desire that my Executors purchase a set of Tombstones for me and my wife Elizabeth, each and to erect them at our graves each set to cost about fifty Dollars out of my estate

Second: It is my desire that my wife Elizabeth have the residue of my estate Real and Personal during her natural life, all to be disposed of at the discretion of my executors, except the Beds and clothing, and my bay mare called Linda, I give them to my wife, to have and to dispose of at her own discretion.

Third: It is my desire that my executors dispose of my property as follows. Rent out my farm in Polk County, which is described by my Deeds, to Rent it out yearly and pay the tax on said farm out of the Rents, the rest of the rents pay my wife. My Executors, if at any time think it best to sell the farm, can do so at their discretion at any time after my death, either at private or public sale for cash and put the money at ten per cent interest, which interest they must collect yearly and pay over to my wife, to have and to use at her own discretion and at her death it is my Will that ^{my} executors expose to sale and sell of my personal property on hand,

Fourth: It is my will that the proceeds of the same be disposed of as follows. I give to Catherine Jane Brim, Daughter of R. E. Brim, one hundred Dollars, to John A. Brim two hundred Dollars, to Thomas Neil Brim one hundred dollars, to Addie E. Brim one hundred Dollars, All children of R. E. Brim. I give to my grand Daughter Lucy Jane Brim and grand son Thomas Wiley Brim Daughter and son of Thomas A. Brim one hundred dollars each.

Fifth: I give bequeath and devise all the rest residue and remainder of my estate and its proceeds to my children now living, namely, John W. Brim, Thomas A. Brim and R. E. Brim, to be divided equally between them, share and share alike. likewise, I appoint R. E. Brim

And Thomas A. Brim, executors to this my last will, hereby
revoking all other Will, by me made,

In Witness Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed
my seal this the 30 day of June 1877.

Joseph A. ^{his} Brim Seal
mark

The above or foregoing, within instrument, subscribed to
by the said Joseph A. Brim in our presents and acknowledged
by him to each of us and he at the same time published
the same and declared the above instrument so subscribed
to his last will and we at the testator's request in his
presents have signed our names as witnesses hereto and
written opposite our names our respective places of abode
or residence

J. L. Kinder Polk, Mo.
James M. Kinder Orleans Mo.

Proof of Will,

State of Missouri,
County of Polk

In the Probate court,

Be it Remembered, that on this, the 16th day of
March A.D. 1878, before J. H. Simpson Judge of the Probate
court held and for the County and State aforesaid, per-
sonally appeared J. M. Kinder and J. L. Kinder, who are
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Joseph
A. Brim deceased, and being by me first duly sworn
depose and say that the said Joseph A. Brim, the testator
subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declar-
ed said will or instrument of writing to be his last will
and testament, and that at the time of signing the same, the
said testator was of sound and disposing mind and more
than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents
attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing
their names to the same in the presence of the testator
and of each other, and at the request of the said testator

J. L. Kinder

James M. Kinder

I Swam to and subscribed before me James H. Simpson
Judge of Probate Court this 16th day of March A.D. 1878

J. H. Simpson
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In Probate Court Be it Remembered, that on this 16th day of March A.D. 1878, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid J. L. Kinder and James M. Kinder, the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Joseph A. Brim, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Joseph A. Brim, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published said Will or instrument of writing as his last Will, That he, the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than 21 years of age and that they, said deponents attested said will as Witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in presence of said testator.

In Witness Whereof, I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in Bolivar, this 16th day of March 1878.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

The foregoing Will, Proof of Will and Certificate of Probate, was filed for record in the Recorder's Office April 17th 1878, at 10 o'clock A.M.

A. J. Lower,
Recorder

167 July the 26th 1878, I, Alfred Frieze, of Polk Co. Mo. make this my last Will, hereby revoking all former Wills,

I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property, Real and Personal as follows, that is to say: I want my wife Mary E. Frieze to hold all my property as long as she is my Widow. I want her to hold through life the following Real and Personal property that is to say: (20) Rods on South side of NW¹/₄ of Sec (21) T¹/₂ No (34) of Range (24) containing 120 acres more or less. I want my son Alfred R. Frieze to have the rest of the North West¹/₄ of Sec (21) I want Elbert E. S. Frieze to have a block of (40) acres, less ²/₃ of an acre NW¹/₄ & SW¹/₄ also (20) off W. side NE¹/₄ & SW¹/₄ I want there mother to hold the land until they are twenty one years old, then they take control of it. I want my wife to have two hundred dollars in cash. I also give her one bay mare called Faw and the old mare and their colts. Also all machinery & farming implements that she may see proper to keep. Also, three choice cows fifteen head choice hogs and twenty head choice sheep. Matilda J. Smith to have one three year old heifer & Josephine Frieze to have one three year old heifer, that I have heretofore given them. Then I order a sale of the Balance of my property. I then give John W. Henson two dollars. Martha E. Thompson two dollars. Eliza J. Crow two dollars. John J. Frieze two dollars. Harriet F. Thompson two dollars. Sarah E. Davison two dollars. Susan E. A. Frieze two dollars. Wm. A. Frieze two dollars. Then I order all my just debts paid out of the money that may accrue from sale the balance to be Equally divided between Matilda J. Smith. Josephine Frieze. Mary E. Frieze Adda E. Frieze. Also one that may yet be born. I want my wife to have all my household & kitchen furniture that she may see proper to keep. I constitute and appoint Mary E. Frieze and James E. Wartham or A. A. Devin my executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published and declared this to be my will at my residence this 26th day of July 1878

Alfred Frieze

The said Alfred Frieze on the 26th day of July 1878 at his residence signed, sealed, published and declared this instrument to be his last will, and we, at his request and in his presence and in presence of each other have

written our names as subscribing witnesses

W. E. Drake
J. E. Boyd
W. M. Mitchell

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Certificate of Probate of Will.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } In the Probate Court J. James J. Simpson,
Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having
examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last
Will of Alfred Frieze deceased, and signed by Alfred Frieze,
and having heard the testimony of J. E. Boyd, W. M. Mitchell and
W. E. Drake subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution
of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be
the Last Will and Testament of the said Alfred Frieze, deceased,
late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar, this
4 day of Aug, 1878.

James J. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Filed for record January 28th 1880
at 4th o'clock, P.M.

A. J. Lower
Recorder.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Isaac Kirby of the County of Polk and the State of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of the frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament, is to say:

First, After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: my beloved son, Sanford five hundred Dollars in property during his natural life then the remainder to be equally divided between Guyan Davises heirs, by his present wife Elizabeth Davis and my daughter Margaret Kirby I bequeath them One hundred and sixty acres of land situate in the County of Dade, also five acres in the County of Polk lying North of Barhams land, I give to my daughter Margaret and after all my lawful debts are paid the remainder of my personal property to be equally divided between my daughters Margaret and Elizabeth or their heirs who may be living at the time of their decease to be divided equally between them share and share alike, I now bequeath to the heirs of my son Solomon P. S. Kirby twenty dollars as they become of lawful age, likewise I make constitute and appoint my son in law Guyan Davis to be my executor of this my last Will and Testament. Hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the Thirty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight
Isaac Kirby Seal

The above instrument was subscribed by the said Isaac Kirby in our presents and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument, so subscribed to be his last Will and Testament and we at the Testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto

Jully C. Kirby.
B. F. Hagerman.

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Certificate of Probate

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing Will of Isaac Kirby deceased, and heard

evidence of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and therefore I hereby consider and adjudge the same to be the last will and testament of the said deceased Isaac Kirby:

Witness my hand & seal of office, at office in Bolivar this
18th Day of May 1878.

J. G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Filed for record Feby 16th 1880.
at 3. o'clock P. M.

A. J. Lowe,
Recorder.

Copy of Will

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

First I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my personal estate, by my Executors hereinafter named.
Second. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah M. Emanuel and the five Children, viz: Jas. L. - Robert L. - Jno. B. - Sarah M. & Francis Siegle Emanuel, the use and profits of my farm where I now live, containing about 164 acres, until the youngest of said children arrives at the age of twenty one years, desiring that they all remain and live on the farm until that time if they can agreeably.

Third. I desire that my beloved wife and the five children aforesaid, also have the benefit, use of and control of all the personal property belonging to me at my death, the same to be equally divided between all my children, to wit: Jesse Emanuel, Martha Brown (children by my first wife) and the children by my last wife viz: Jas. L. - Robert L. - Jno. B. - Sarah M. and Francis Siegle Emanuel as the successors of them.

Fourth. I desire that if my wife Sarah M. Emanuel should die before the youngest of my five children arrives at the age of 21 years, that they remain and live on the farm until the youngest of said children arrives at the age of 21 years, at which time I desire that they or the survivors of them divide the farm aforesaid equally between them, or otherwise dis-

pose of it as they may see fit, and divide the proceeds between them -
 Fifth, Jesse P. Manuel, child by my first wife as aforesaid having
 had the use and benefit of his time for three and a half years before
 arriving at the age of 21 years, I consider this equal to any interest he
 would have or be entitled to in my farm.

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

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

Eighth I hereby appoint my beloved wife Sarah M. Manuel and
 my son John B. Manuel as my Executors of this my last Will and Testa-
 ment and desire that they be not required to enter into or give Bonds as
 such.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto signed my name and affixed
 my seal at the county and State aforesaid, This September 27th 1876.
 Philip Manuel Seal

Signed and Sealed by the said Philip Manuel as and for
 his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence
 and in the presence of each other have hereto signed our names as
 witnesses hereto

W. L. Snodgrass
 Morris M. Smith
 Samuel McCrory

Filed for record April 6th 1880
 at 10 o'clock P.M.

A. J. Lower, Recorder.

I, Alburn Ayers of the Town of Humansville in the County of Polk in the State of Missouri, make this my last Will and Testament.

I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property ^{real and personal} as follows: First the payment of all my just debts.

To my children Evan W. Ayers, Marsellis Y. Ayers, Samuel R. Ayers, Francis M. Ayers and Ira Clape Brown heir of Johnson Ayers deceased and --- Shelton --- Shelton heirs of Elanar J. Shelton deceased. Each I give, bequeath and devise a share in my estate equal to five dollars, the same being in addition to lands and other gifts heretofore given to make the share of the above named heirs equal to the share of my heirs hereafter to be provided for in this Will,

And I devise and bequeath to my daughter Sarah E. Brummett all of my old homestead situate in St. Clair County in the State of Missouri not heretofore disposed of the same to be the full share of the said Sarah E. Brummett in my estate.

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

And to my remaining children Logan S. Ayers, Mary A. Wilkerson, Columbus C. Ayers, George W. Ayers and Minnie May Ayers, I bequeath and devise shall each share equal in my estate remaining not heretofore disposed of in this will.

And I hereby appoint Columbus C. Ayers and James W. Wilkerson of Humansville in Polk County in the State of Missouri executors of this my will.

In Witness Whereof I have signed sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at Humansville in Polk County in the State of Missouri. This the 20th day of March A.D. 1880.

Alburn Ayers Seal

We Jacob Burns and William D. Paxton of Humansville Polk County State of Missouri attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as Witnesses in the presence of Alburn Ayers the testator. This the 20th day of March A.D. 1880.

Jacob Burns
William D. Paxton

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } In the Probate Court
I, James H. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk.

County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of Alburn Ayers, deceased, and signed by Alburn Ayers, and having heard the testimony of Jacob Burnes and W. D. Paxton subscribing Witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Alburn Ayers deceased Late of Polk County Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Bolivia this 29th day of March 1880.

James E. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Filed for record June 25th 1880
at 4 o'clock P.M.

A. J. Laver, Recorder.

The last Will and Testament of Amos Henry Brown, of the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York.

I direct my Executors hereinafter named before the distribution of my Estate to pay all my just debt and liabilities.

I give devise and bequeath to my son in Law Charles H. Abbott, in trust for the benefit of the children of the said Charles H. Abbott and Ella B. his wife the one equal undivided half of my Farm of about 800 acres near Georgesville in Franklin County State of Ohio, and I hereby authorize him at his discretion to sell and convey the same or any part thereof and invest the proceeds for the benefit of said children.

I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Annie S. Brown, the remaining equal half part of said Farm last above mentioned to her and to her heirs and assigns forever.

I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Alice Augusta Brown the following tract of land and Real Estate belonging to me as follows viz: 320 acres or $\frac{1}{2}$ section of land situated in St. Clair County State of Missouri also 320 acres or $\frac{1}{2}$ section of land in Polk County and State last mentioned, also, 160 acres or $\frac{1}{4}$ section of land in Juneau County and State of Wisconsin, also 160 acres or $\frac{1}{4}$ section of land in Richland County in the State of Illinois, to her the said Alice Augusta Brown and her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to each of my said daughters Alice Augusta Brown, Ella B. Abbott and Annie S. Brown the sum of Five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500) to be invested by said Executors hereinafter named at their discretion within one year in Bonds or other securities the said Bonds and securities to be held and controlled by my said Executors and they the said Executors shall not be required to deliver over said Bonds or securities until after the expiration of five years from the time of my deceased, but the interest or income arising therefrom is to be paid to said Legatees respectfully as soon as the same may accrue.

I direct my said Executors to purchase five shares of the Capital Stock of St. Nicholas National Bank which with five shares of the Capital Stock of the Hanover National Bank and five shares of the Capital Stock of the National Bank of the Republic, I give and bequeath to my said daughters Alice A., Ella B. and Annie S. their heirs and assigns forever. Share and share alike.

I give and bequeath to the Janesville Athenaeum the sum of Fifty Dollars for the purchase of books or books or atlas for daily reference.

I give and bequeath to my sons Henry C. Brown and J. Mueser Brown all my interest in the good Will of the business of A. H. Brown & Co

with authority to continue the present firm so long as may be deemed expedient

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All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate and effects, real and personal, whatsoever and wheresoever not herein before otherwise effectually disposed of (after the payment of my debts, legacies and funeral expenses) I do give, devise and bequeath unto my sons Henry C. Brown & Amos Brown and my daughters Alice A. Brown, Ella B. Abbott and Annie S. Brown, share and share alike to them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. Provided, however that my said sons Henry C. and J. M. Brown shall at their own cost pay and discharge the mortgages on the Farm aforesaid in Franklin County Ohio

Lastly

I hereby nominate and appoint Franklin Brown of the City of Brooklyn, the said Henry C. Brown of the same City and the said Charles A. Abbott of the City of Janesville Ohio, Executors 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 25th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty

Amos A. Brown. Seal

The foregoing instrument consisting of three pages was, now, here subscribed by Amos A. Brown the Testator in the presence of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will and Testament, and we at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other, signed our names hereto as attesting witnesses

C. L. Mitchell 128 Montague St. Brooklyn
Maggie Maher, 238 Adame St. Brooklyn

Kings County Surrogates Court

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of }
Amos A. Brown, late of }

the City of Brooklyn, deceased

Kings County, to-wit:

Maggie Maher of

the City of Brooklyn, being duly sworn and examined before Walter L. Livingston, Surrogate of the County of Kings, doth depose and say, that he was well acquainted with Amos A. Brown, now deceased, that the subscription of Amos A. Brown deceased, at the end of the instrument now shown to this deponent, and offered for probate as the last will and testament of the said Amos A. Brown deceased, and bearing date the twenty first day of January in the year one thousand eight

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hundred and eighty, was made by the said deceased, in the presence of C. L. Mitchell, and of this deponent, that at the time of making such subscription the said Amos H. Brown, deceased, declared that the said instrument is subscribed by him to be his last will and testament, and that thereupon this deponent signed her name as Witness, at the end of said instrument, at the request of the said Amos H. Brown, deceased, and in his presence, and the said Amos H. Brown, deceased, at the time of executing the said instrument, was over the age of twenty one years, of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint, and competent to devise real estate

Maggie Maher

Subscribed and sworn, this 13th
day of February A.D. 1880,

Walter L. Livingston, Surrogate.

Kings County Surrogates Court,
In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of }
Amos H. Brown, late of }
the City of Brooklyn, deceased }
Kings County, To wit:

Charles L. Mitchell, of
the City of Brooklyn, being duly sworn and examined before Walter L. Livingston
Surrogate of the County of Kings, doth depose and say, that he was well acquainted
with Amos H. Brown, now deceased, that the subscription of the name of Amos H.
Brown, deceased, at the end of the instrument now shown to the deponent, and
offered for probate is the last will and testament of the said Amos H. Brown
deceased, and bearing date the twenty fifth day of January in the year one
thousand eight hundred and eighty, was made by the deceased, in the presence
of Maggie Maher and of this deponent, that at the time of making such subscrip-
tion the said Amos H. Brown, deceased, declared the said instrument is subscribed
by him to be his last will and testament, and that thereupon this deponent signed
his name as a Witness, at the end of said instrument, at the request of the said Amos
H. Brown deceased, and in his presence, and that the said Amos H. Brown, deceased,
at the time of executing said instrument, was over the age of twenty one years, of sound mind
and memory, and not under any restraint, and competent to devise real estate.

C. L. Mitchell

Subscribed and sworn, this 13th
day of February A.D. 1880

Walter L. Livingston, Surrogate

(over)

The People of the State of New York.
By the Grace of Good, Free and Independent,

To all to whom these presents shall come, as may concern, Send Greeting:

Know Ye, That at the City of Brooklyn in the County of Kings, on the thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty, before Walter L. Livingston, Esquire, Surrogate of our said County, the last Will and Testament of Amos Henry Brown late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, was proved and is now approved and allowed by us; and the said deceased, being at the time of her death an inhabitant of the County of Kings, by reason whereof the proving and registering the said Will, and the granting administration of all and singular the goods, Chattels and credits of the said deceased, and also the auditing, allowing and final discharging the account thereof, doth belong unto the Surrogate of said County, the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, and any way concerning her Will, is granted unto Franklin Brown and Henry C. Brown, Executors in the said Will named they being first duly sworn faithfully and honestly to discharge the duties of said Executors.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed

Witness, Walter L. Livingston, Esquire Surrogate of our said County at the City of Brooklyn, the thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty and of our Independence the one hundredth and fourth
W. L. Livingston
Surrogate

Kings County, N.Y.

It appearing on the proofs duly taken in respect to the late Will and Testament of Amos H. Brown late of the County of Kings, deceased, that the said Will, was duly executed, and that the said Amos H. Brown deceased at the time he executed the same ^{was} in all respect competent to devise Real Estate, and not under any restraint, the said Will and the proofs and examination taken therein are hereby recorded, signed and certified by me pursuant to the revised Statutes, this thirteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty

Walter L. Livingston
Surrogate

I, Channcey Dewey of Cadiz Harrison County Ohio, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament. 178

It is my Will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid out of my personal estate by my executors hereinafter named, and that they shall procure and have erected ~~on my~~ ^{for} in the Cadiz Cemetery a suitable Family Monument at a cost not to exceed Fifteen hundred Dollars.

Item 2^d I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy Dewey in lieu of Dower and all other legal allowances, to which she would otherwise be entitled, my library and all household and kitchen furniture and my family horse Captain to be her absolute property. I also devise to her during her natural life my family residence together with all out lots adjoining thereto embracing in all about Twenty five acres, it is my wish that my residence may be a home for any of my children who may wish to return thereto the life of my said wife, I also bequeath to my said wife the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to be paid her by my Executors in quarterly installments each year during her natural life, my Executors are also to pay her the rents and profits arising from the Real Estate owned by me in the City of Chicago Illinois subject to the payment of necessary repairs and any assessment that may be made thereon. All taxes on the Chicago Real Estate whether in her name or my own name, and on the Real Estate in Cadiz herein devised to my said wife during her life are to be paid by my executors out of my estate.

Item 3^d I give and devise to my daughter Clara C. Hogg One hundred and sixty shares of my stock in the Riverside Iron Works of Wheeling West Virginia, I further bequeath to my said daughter the sum of Twelve thousand dollars to be paid her in Bonds, mortgages or money as my Executors may elect in four equal annual installments so that the whole may be paid within four years after my decease.

Item 4th Whereas, I made large donations to the Father and Mother of my Grand-daughter Annie O. Moffit during their lives which has descended with its increase to her, I therefore bequeath to my said Grand-daughter the additional sum of Three thousand dollars to be paid her by my executors within five years from my decease in annual installments of six hundred dollars with annual interest at rate of four per cent. in the event of her death without issue before the payment of said sum or any part thereof, such sum so remaining unpaid shall fall back to my general Estate and is not to be paid to her legal representatives.

Item 5th

I give and devise to each of my nine grand children to wit: Kate B. Cushing, Annie D. Driscoll, Minnie Dewey & Sallie Dewey (children of my son E. C. Dewey) Annie Hogg, Bertie Hogg & Chancey Hogg, George Chancey Dewey (son of E. C. Dewey) and Chancey Dewey (son of E. C. Dewey) each the sum of Three Thousand dollars, to be paid by my Executors in five equal annual installments of six hundred dollars, to those who shall be of age at my decease with four percent annual interest. Those who are not of age to be paid within five years after they arrive at majority in annual installments of six Hundred dollars with interest payable annually at four percent. If any of my said nine grand children shall die without issue before their said Legacy of Three thousand dollars or any deferred payment thereof shall be paid then such part thereof as shall not be paid at their decease shall fall back to and become a part of my general estate and shall not be paid to the legal representatives.

Item 6th

I give and bequeath to Laura Howey and to John C. Spencer children of Martha Spencer the sum of Two hundred dollars each to be paid in two equal annual installments after my decease. - I make all of the foregoing bequests payable in installments, because I deem it for the interest of the several Legatees that the payment thereof should be deferred as provided herein.

Item 7th

I give and bequeath to each of the Eight Boards of the Re United Presbyterian Church, the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to each Board within five years after my decease in annual installments of fifty dollars. And I especially insist that my Executors out of regard to my memory shall promptly and faithfully pay the legacies as provided in this item.

Item 8th

I bequeath to my son Eliphabet Dewey and his wife the sum of Four hundred dollars to be paid to them annually in quarterly installments during their joint lives for support of themselves & their family and the sum of Two hundred dollars

per year payable to the survivor of either during life to be paid quarterly the above to be in addition to the large sum already received by my said son.

Item 8th

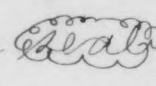
I give and devise all the residue of my property both Real and personal to my two sons Charles P. Dewey and Albert B. Dewey share and share alike. And I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Charles P. Dewey and A. B. Dewey as Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And direct that no Inventory or appraisement be made of my property, and that no Bond be requested of them and should the Court at any time for any cause require a bond I request that each bond shall not be required in excess of the sum of Forty thousand dollars.

I do hereby authorize and empower them to sell at private sale or otherwise without appraisement any or all of the Real Estate of which I may die seized do herein devised to their said Mother during her life, and to sell with her consent that part of the real estate so devised to her and deeds to purchasers to make a fee simple. And I hereby authorize them to sell and convey any Real Estate I may hold in trust such sale being made with the consent and for the benefit of the Certigue trust.

And I hereby authorize them to execute any contract I may have entered into during my lifetime and execute deeds to purchasers for any lands that I may have sold as though I was present and executed the same and to compromise, adjust and settle any claims that may be due me.

And I hereby revoke all former Wills made and executed by me.

In Testimony Whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of December A.D. 1878.

C. Dewey 

Signed and acknowledged by the said Chauncey Dewey as his last will and Testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence

John D. McBean. D. Cunningham

(Over)

In the Matter of the
last Will and Testament
of Chauncey Dewey
Deceased

Probate Court, Harrison County
Ohio February 18th A.D. 1880
The last Will and Testament
of Chauncey Dewey, deceased.

late of Harrison County in the State of
Ohio, was this day produced in Court and it appearing
that the widow and next of kin of the testator residing in this
State have been duly notified that said will would be presented
in Court at this time for Probate. Thereupon came John S. McBean
and David Cunningham the subscribing to said Will and
in open Court upon oath testified to the due execution of said
Will, which testimony was reduced to writing and signed by
said witnesses, and it appearing by said testimony that said
Will was duly executed and attested, and that said testator
at the time he executed said Will was of full age, of sound
mind and memory and not under any restraint. It is
thereupon ordered by the Court that said Will be and is hereby
admitted to Probate and Record in this Court.

And thereupon came Charles P. Dewey and Albert B.
Dewey, the Executors named in said Will and in open
Court accepted said appointment, and Letters Testamentary
were issued to them accordingly, and in pursuance
of the request in said Will the appraisement of the personal
estate of said testator is dispensed with and no
bond is required of said Executors at present.

Amnon Lemmon
Probate Judge

In Matter of last Will
and Testament of
Chauncey Dewey
Deceased

Probate Court, Harrison
County Ohio
February 18th 1880

This day personally came Nancy
Dewey, widow of Chauncey Dewey, late of said County,
deceased, and after a full explanation by the Court,
to her, of the provisions of the Will of said Chauncey
Dewey and of her rights under said Will, and also
of her rights under the law in case she declined to
take under said Will, thereupon in above Court,
she made her election to take under
and abide by the provisions of said

Will of here late husband, the said Channey Dewey, deceased.
 Ammon Lemmon,
 Probate Judge

State of Ohio }
 Harrison County } ss. I, Ammon Lemmon, Judge of the
 Probate Court in and for said County do hereby certify, that the
 foregoing writing is a full and true Copy of the last Will and
 Testament of Channey Dewey, deceased; and of the proceedings
 in said Court admitting said Will to Probate, and the Election
 of the widow; and that the foregoing writing is a true transac-
 tion and copy from the Records of the Probate Court of Harrison
 County in the State of Ohio.

Witness my signature and seal of said Court this 18th
 day of February. A.D. 1880.

Ammon Lemmon. Probate Judge

Filed For record Aug. 6th 1881
 at 2 o'clock P.M.

A. J. Lower,
 Recorder.

Know all men by these presents, That I, Ira
 Tinker of Johnson Township Polk County State of
 Missouri Carpenter by trade being of sound mind
 and Memory do make and publish this my last
 will and Testament. I give and bequeath to my
 beloved wife Rebecca Tinker the following lands
 and tenements viz The south half of North East
 Quarter and South East Quarter of North West
 Quarter of Section No (31) Thirty One, Township
 No 35 Thirty five of Range No (24) Twenty four
 containing one hundred and twenty acres more
 or less all in Polk County State of Missouri
 together with any and all interest in said
 lands. I ordain my son Charles W Tinker
 as Executor of this my last will and Testament.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal and publish and declare this to
 be my last will and Testament in the presence

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Of the witnesses named below this 10th day of February
A.D. 1882

Ira Tinker 

Signed sealed and published and declared by
the said Ira Tinker as and for his last will and
Testament in presence of us who in his pres^{ence} of each
other at his request have hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses

Alonzo Howard
Alice M. Tinker

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

I James F. Simpson Judge of the
Probate Court of Polk County State of Missouri have examined
the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of
Ira Tinker deceased, and signed by Ira Tinker and
having heard the testimony of Alonzo Howard and Alice
M. Tinker subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the
Execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said
instrument to be the last will and Testament of the said
Ira Tinker deceased, late of Polk County Missouri



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

James F. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Filed for record August 15th 1882

at 12 O'clock M

At J. Lower Recorder

By C. L. Allen deputy

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

First I grant, give and bequeath to my wife Martha L. Wollard all of my personal property, except the two year old ^{gray} horse Colt. and the saddle bequeathed to William L. W. Austin. Also all of the South half of SW ^{qr.} of Section No (5) Five of Township No (34) of Range No (23) twenty three. To have and hold, possess and occupy and control the same during her lifetime.

Second I also I grant and bequeath to William L. W. Austin, the East Half of the South ~~half~~ ^{part} of South West ^{qr.} of Section No (5) Five of Township No (34) of Range No (23) after the death of his mother Martha L. Wollard my wife, provided he shall well and truly, kindly, humanly provide for his mother Martha L. Wollard aforesaid, during her natural life.

Also I grant and bequeath to the said William L. W. Austin the gray colt two years old also a good saddle in part payment of my indebtedness to him.

Also I grant and bequeath the residue of my real estate, being the West half of the South West ^{qr.} of Section No (5) to my Children namely George W. Wollard, Sulvan B. Thomas L. Wollard, to be divided equally between them from and after the death of my wife Martha L. Wollard.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. in the presence of the witnesses named below. this Eleventh day of March A.D. 1883.

William J. Wollard *WJW*

Signed, sealed, published and decl^d by said William J. Wollard and for his last and testament in pres^{es} of us and in pres^{on} of each other, and at his request, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Alongo Howard
Isaac W. Bridges

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In The Probate Court.

Be it remembered, that on this the 13th day of April A.D. 1883, before me C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court, held in and for the county and State aforesaid, personally appeared Alongo Howard and Isaac W. Bridges, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of William J. Wollard, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn

depose and say that the said William J. Wollard, the testator
 subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared
 said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament
 and that at the time of signing the same he, the said testator, was of
 sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty and years of
 age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses, by sub-
 scribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of each
 other, and at the request of the said testator.

Along Howard
 Isaac W. Bridges

I Swam to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of April, A.D. 1883.
 C. L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri,
 County of Polk.

In the Probate Court.

I, C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County, State
 of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting
 to be the last Will of William J. Wollard, deceased and signed by
 himself, W. J. Wollard, and having heard the testimony of Along Howard
 and Isaac W. Bridges subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the
 execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument
 to be the last Will and Testament of the said William J. Wollard
 deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
 affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar, this 13th day of
 May, 1883

C. L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record May 2nd 1883
 at 8 o'clock A.M.

A. J. Lower, Recorder

Will of James A. Rousseau
 Know all men by these presents, that I, James A. Rousseau of Johnson Township in the county of Polk, State of Missouri, farmer, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Eliza Rousseau all the Real and personal estate that is to say all lands and other property, viz all horses, cows, or other stock farming tools grain and all moneys notes, accounts or other evidence of debt which I may own and have possession of at the time of my death, to have, hold, own, sell or dispose of for ^{her} own use and benefit.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below, this the twelfth day of March A.D. 1883.

J. A. Rousseau *EB*

Signed, sealed, published by the said James A. Rousseau as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us who in his presence and in presence of each other and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Alanzo Howard
 S. W. Galland,

State of Missouri J.S.
 County of Polk

In the Probate Court.

Be it remembered, that on this the 31st day of March A.D. before me C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court, held and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Alanzo Howard and Sylvia W. Galland, who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of James A. Rousseau, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said James A. Rousseau, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same he, the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty one years of age and that said deponent attested said Will as Witness thereto, by subscribing their name to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

Alanzo Howard
 S. W. Galland

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 31st day of March AD 1883
 C. L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri,
 County of Polk

In the Probate Court.

I, C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of James H. Rousseau, deceased, and signed by himself J. H. Rousseau, and having heard the testimony of A. Howard and Sylvia W. Galland subscribing Witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said James H. Rousseau deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar, this 31st day of March 1883

C. L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record May 2nd 1883,
 at 8 o'clock, Am.

A. J. Lower, Recorder

Know all men by these presents, that I, Willis Bridges, of Johnson Township, Polk County and State of Missouri, farmer, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Allie A. Bridges all my estate both real and personal property with all estate all rights or interest in lands now owned or which I may acquire after this date.

To have and to hold the same for her own special and individual interest.

In Testimony - I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below, this first day of February A.D. 1883.

Willis Bridges (L.B.)

Signed Sealed and Published and declared by the said Willis Bridges as his last Will and Testament in presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Sylvia W. Hall and
Alonzo Howard

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

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

Alonzo Howard
S. W. Hall and

I Sworn and subscribed before me, this 31st day of March A.D. 1883
C. L. Russell, Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri,
County of Polk In The Probate Court.

I, C. L. Russell, a Clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of Willis Bridges, deceased, and signed by himself Willis Bridges, and having heard the testimony of Olanzo Howard and Sylvia W. Balland, subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Willis Bridges deceased, late of Polk County Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar this 13th day of March, 1883.

C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate Court.

Filed for record May 2, 1883
at 8 o'clock A.M.
A. J. Lower,
Recorder.

I. Braxton W. Card Roberts, of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made.

1. I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my Estate.

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

To my Daughter Ann Eliza Hicks, I give and bequeath the sum of One Dollar.

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

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

4th It is my Will that all my personal property which is not needed for the immediate use and support of my wife and children as herein provided shall be converted into money, and all money shall be loaned on the best terms, and at the best rate possible, and that the interest thereon be used for the support of my wife and the support and education of my children as herein provided, and that no part of the principal be used for those purposes except and only so far as the interest shall prove insufficient and in no case shall any one of my heirs or legatees be permitted to borrow any of the moneys of my estate.

5th I hereby constitute and appoint James P. Slagle of Polk County Missouri my executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal on this the 23rd day of September A.D. 1880

Braxton Mc Card Roberts (Seal)

The above and foregoing instrument of writing was on this 23rd day of September A.D. 1880, in our presence and sight signed and sealed and executed by Braxton Mc Card Roberts, who declared to us that he executed the same as his last will and testament, and at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, we signed the same as attesting witnesses thereto at Bolivar Polk County Mo.

W. M. Delaplaine, Bolivar Mo.
A. J. Hunter, Bolivar Mo.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court

Be it Remembered, that on this 25th day of April A.D. 1883, before me, C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared A. J. Hunter and William M. Delaplaine, who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Braxton Mc Card Roberts, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Braxton Mc Card Roberts, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same by the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as Witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator

W. M. Delaplaine
A. J. Hunter

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of April A.D. 1883.

C. L. Russell Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri,
County of Polk

In the Probate Court.

I, C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Brastow McCord Roberts deceased, and signed by himself and having heard the testimony of A. J. Hunter and Wm. M. Delaplaine, subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Brastow McCord Roberts deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Polivar, this 25th day of April
1883,

C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record May 3^d 1883
at 8 o'clock Am.

A. J. Lower
Recorder

I Nathaniel W. Mack, of the town of Humansville in the County of Polk in the State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament.

- 1st - I desire, and it is my will that all my just debts be fully paid off and discharged.
- 2nd - I give and devise, to my wife Susan S. Mack absolutely and in fee, all my real estate situate in Polk County Missouri, to have and to hold the same to her, the said Susan S. Mack, her heirs and assigns forever.
- 3rd - I give and bequeath to my wife, Susan S. Mack all my household and Kitchen furniture of every kind and description, all of my interest in the goods, stock and business, in my store house in said town of Humansville now being conducted in partnership with my son William W. Mack, and the income and profits thereof, all money on hand and all debts due me or to become due, and all my personal property of every kind and description, not heretofore specifically mentioned.
- 4th - I make my said wife, Susan S. Mack, sole legatee of this my last Will and Testament, for the reason, that she will have the care, labor and expense of supporting, raising and educating my minor children Mary Alice, Henry Clinton and Nathaniel W. Mack Jr. to whom I leave nothing directly, and by thus keeping my property together, enable her to do this more successfully and satisfactorily than if my property should be divided among my said minor children, and trusting to a mother's love and kindness, to deal justly with them.
- 5th - As my son William W. Mack, is now of full age and established in business for himself, and has received from me, already, all the assistance I am able to give him, in justice to my wife and minor children, it is my will that he shall not receive anything further from my estate.
- 6th - I hereby appoint my wife Susan S. Mack Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and I desire and request that my said wife may not be required to give any bond as executrix of my estate.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name

at Booneville Cooper County Missouri, on this 13th day of April
A. D. 1883,

N. W. Mack

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

C. F. Achle
H. M. Clark

State of Missouri }
County of Cooper } In the Probate Court
In Vacation

Be it remembered that on this the 12th day of May A. D. 1883
before me B. C. Clark, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County
and State of aforesaid personally appeared C. F. Achle and H. M. Clark,
who are subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of N. W. Mack deceased,
and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said
N. W. Mack, the testator, subscribed the same in the same in their
presence, and published and declared said Will or instrument
of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time
of signing the same, he the said testator was of sound and disposing
mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that said
deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing
their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of
each other at the request of the said testator.

H. M. Clark
C. F. Achle

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of May A. D. 1883.
Witness my hand and seal of said Court & office in
the City of Booneville in the county of aforesaid.

B. C. Clark Judge

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } In the Probate Court
I, C. L. Russell Clerk of the Probate Court of
Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing
instrument, purporting to be the last Will of N. W. Mack deceased
and signed by himself and having had properly certified to
me by Probate Judge of Cooper County Mo. who was duly commis-
sioned by the court therefore the testimony of H. M. Clark and
C. F. Achle subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the
execution of the same and having examined said testimony

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do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last
Will and Testament of the said Nathaniel W. Mack, deceased
late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar
this 16th day of May 1883.

C. L. Russell
Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record May, 30th 1883
at 12 o'clock, M.

A. J. Lowe
Recorder.

I Moses L. Carter, of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being of lawful Age and of Sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me made.

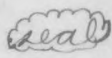
1. I desire and will that first of all, my just debts of every kind, and funeral expenses be fully paid.

2. I desire that my farm be used under the control of my executor so that my beloved wife Cynthia Carter be well and Amply supported and provided for out of the proceeds, that is, proceeds of the farm during her natural life or as long as she shall remain my widow, and unmarried; and that no partition or division of said farm shall be made during the lifetime of my said wife if she remain unmarried, or until after she shall be married again in case she shall remarry.

3. I also desire that my said wife shall, during her natural life, or in case she marry again, till her said marriage, have the house hold and kitchen furniture for her use and benefit.

4. I desire that my executor see all my other personal property and divide it as herein provided.

5. All property Real and personal is to be divided as follows, leaving to the widow as aforesaid. To my son J. W. Carter the sum of fifty dollars ^{only}. The remainder to be divided in twenty one equal shares to go as follows, my son J. J. Carter ^{Two} shares, my son J. M. Carter ^{Two} shares, my daughter Mary Driscoll ^{Two} shares. To my daughter Elvira Lower Two shares. To my daughter Margaret M. Wykle Two shares. To my daughter Wandy Clark Two shares. To my daughter E. Adaline Kersey Two shares. To my daughter Delilah L. Ler. Three shares. The other Four shares I desire shall be divided among my grand children so that the children of my deceased daughter Sarah Jane Williams and Julia Gunn shall taking them all together share exactly alike, giving said four shares to them to be fully divided among them as herein specified.

Witness my hand and seal this second day of April A.D. 1883
Moses L. Carter 

We, the undersigned, at the request and in the presence of Moses L. Carter, the testator, and in the presence of each other sign the above as attesting witnesses; and we certify that we saw the said testator sign the same and he declared the same to be his last Will and Testament; that said Executor was at the time he

the same of sound mind and memory, and we further certify that the word "Only" was inserted at the end of the third line in the fifth provision, and the word "One" erased and the word "Two" written in the sixth and seventh lines of said fifth provision all done before the same was signed by the testator.

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

John D. Abbe - Bolivar Polk Co. Mo.
A. J. Lower, Bolivar Polk Co. Mo.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In The Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on This the 7th day of August A.D. 1883, before me James M. Jones, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally came John D. Abbe and A. J. Lower, who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Moses L. Carter deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Moses L. Carter, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of signing the same he, the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponent attested said Will as Witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

John D. Abbe.
Andrew J. Lower.

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



James M. Jones
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

In The Probate Court.

I, James M. Jones, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having executed the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Moses L. Carter

deceased, and signed by himself, and having heard the testimony of J. D. Abbe and A. J. Lower, subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Moses L. Carter deceased late of Polk County, Missouri

J. D. Abbe In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar this 7th day of August 1883.

James M. Jones
Judge of Probate Court

Filed for record August 15th 1883
at 2 o'clock & 35 minutes P. M.

A. J. Lower, Recorder

I Lewis Venable of the county of Polk and State of Missouri, being in feeble health, and well advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory being desirous of disposing of my property: do make and published this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made.

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

2ndly: I desire that my funeral expenses and my debts be first paid out of my Estate, and the remainder I desire to be distributed and disposed of as hereinafter mentioned as follows.

Third: I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Harris wife of Lewis Harris all my real estate situated in Polk County Mo. described as follows, to wit: North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of North East $\frac{1}{4}$ Section twenty (20) + South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of South East $\frac{1}{4}$ Section seventeen (17) + ten acres more or less in South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of South West $\frac{1}{4}$ Section sixteen (16) described as follows: beginning at the South West corner of the last mentioned tract running east with the line to the creek. thence north meandering with the creek to the North West corner of said last mentioned tract all in Township Thirty three (33) Range twenty two (22) containing in all 80 acres more or less. They the said Nancy + Lewis Harris, having taken care, and providing for myself + my beloved wife Susanah Venable in our old age for a number of years past and on the further condition that they care for and provide for us during the remainder of our lives.

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda Jane Eyer, the sum of Five Dollars.

Fifth: I give and bequeath to John, James + Cornelia Doran, Children of Mary E. Doran decd, my daughter, the sum of Five Dollars each and also request that a certain note which I hold on Wm E. Doran their father for about \$100 be given up and canceled by my executor having also heretofore given him money with which to pay a note in addition to this.

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

Seventh: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel

Amount the sum of Five Dollars, to be paid by my Executor having heretofore aided and assisted her & her husband in buying a home

Eighth: I give and bequeath to W^m P. Burchett & James Burchett to of my grand children the sum of twenty five Dollars each to be paid them by my Executor

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

Tenth: Lewis Farris & myself being equal owners of all the cattle, horses & mules now on the farm & on hand I desire that all be appraised and valued at its cash value as in ^{other} cases of Administration and that the said Lewis Farris select therefrom such as he may choose until he shall have selected a number equal to one half the cash value of the whole, then remaining other half due me I desire it to be sold by my Executor at public sale on such terms as he shall deem best together with one 2 horse wagon, 1 Rifle gun & all my Books (except Bibles & Hymn Books which I bequeath to my beloved wife) and that the proceeds of said sale, after paying my debts if any remaining unpaid and, the bequests heretofore mentioned remaining unpaid & the legal costs of Administration sale &c I desire to be equally divided between the said Nancy Farris, Rebecca E. Worley, Patrick Venable & Matthias Venable and that the same be paid by my Executor.

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

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

Thirteenth: The farming implements & other personal property now on the farm & not heretofore mentioned, I have no interest, such having been bought & purchased by said Lewis Farris & is his separate property. I hereby appoint Lewis Farris my Executor of this my last will and

Testament.

In Testimony Whereof, I ^{have} hereto set my hand this the 3rd day of September A.D. 1883,

Lewis Venable

We attest the above and foregoing Will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses at the request of the testator in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other this the 3rd day of September A.D. 1883.

W. W. Hendricks
John Inoats

Commission To Prove Will

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

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

Witness J. C. L. Russell Clerk of our, said Probate Court of our said Probate Court, within and for and for Polk County, Missouri, with the Seal of our said Court hereto affixed, at the city of Bolivar, in said County of Polk this 27th day of Sept A.D. 1883,
C. L. Russell Clerk

State of Arkansas }
County of Carroll } Geo. O. Linbarger, a Notary Public
in and for said county of Carroll, do hereby certify that in obedience to and by authority of the within Commission I caused W. W. Hendricks to appear before me in the city of