

**Polk County**

**Recorder of Deeds**

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Eureka Springs in said County on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1883, who did then and there testify on oath as to his knowledge of the execution of the annexed will of Lewis Venable now deceased and as to the mental condition of said Lewis Venable at the time of executing the same which said testimony was reduced to writing by me and signed by said witness and is now certified to the Probate Court of Polk County in said State.

In Witness Whereof I have hereto signed my name and affixed my official seal. Done in the city of Eureka Springs, <sup>Canall</sup> County and State aforesaid, this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October A.D. 1883,  
Geo. C. Linberger  
Notary Public

State of Arkansas }  
County of Canall }

Be it remembered, that on this first day of October A.D. 1883, before me, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and acting in and for the county and State aforesaid personally appeared W. W. Hendricks who is one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Lewis Venable deceased and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Lewis Venable the testator subscribed the same in his 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 his name to the same in the presence of the Testator and of the other subscribing witnesses and at the request of the said Testator.

W. W. Hendricks.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October A.D. 1883.

Geo. C. Linberger  
Notary Public

My term of office expires May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885.

State of Missouri }  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court  
Be it remembered that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1883, before me, C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally

appeared John Proats who is one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Lewis Venable, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Lewis Venable, the testator, subscribed the same in his 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 his name to the same in the presence of the testator, and of the other subscribing witnesses and at the request of the said testator

John Proats

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Sept A.D. 1883,

C. L. Russell  
Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri } ss.  
County of Polk }

In the Vacation of Probate Court  
C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument to be the last Will of Lewis Venable, deceased, and signed by himself and having heard the testimony of John Proats and the deposition of W. W. Hendricks subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be Last Will and Testament of the said Lewis Venable deceased, late of Polk County Missouri

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at official Bolivar this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October, A.D. 1883,

C. L. Russell  
Clerk of Probate

Filed for record Feby 5<sup>th</sup> 1884  
at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes P. M.

A. J. Lowery  
Recorder



I, James, S. Easley, of the County of Halifax, in the State of Virginia, do hereby make and publish this present writing as and for my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and codicils by me at any time made.

I. I direct that all my just debts, including funeral expenses and expenses of administration, be paid by my executors.

II. I give to my wife absolutely, to do with as she pleases, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be paid as soon after my decease as can conveniently be done, with interest thereon from the date of my death, until paid. I also give to my wife all my household and kitchen goods and furniture, plate and plated ware, china, glass, linen, my private library, pictures, paintings, etc., my carriage and horses, and harness, such of my wagons and gear, horses and cattle, and other personal property as may be used or kept at the time of my death on the lot whereon I reside at Halifax Court House, Va., including all household provisions then on hand, for her own absolute use and benefit. I also give to my wife for the term of her natural life the house and lot at Halifax C. H., Va., on which I live, with the out buildings, gardens and appurtenances, and also fifty acres of wood land, to be selected by her from any of my lands.

The provision herein made for my wife is intended to be in lien, and in bar, and in full satisfaction of her thirds in my personal estate, and of dower in my real estate.

III. I give to my son, Robert Keelt Easley, at the death of my wife, to him and his heirs forever, the house and lot at Halifax C. H., Va., whereon I reside, with the out buildings, gardens, and appurtenances; and the fifty acres of wood land which I have devised to my wife for the term of her natural life. In the division of my estate hereinafter provided for, he shall account for the said property at its value at the time of the death of my wife.

IV. I give and devise to

the tract of land, called Round Hill, situate in Halifax county Va., and on which my daughter Phebe Ann Edmunds and her husband Paul C. Edmunds, now reside, upon trust, that he will pay over the rents, issues and profits thereof, to my daughter, Phebe Ann Edmunds, during her life for her sole and separate use, free from all liability for the debts and engagements of her present husband, or of any future husband with whom she may intermarry, or in his discretion, permit my said daughter to occupy said land and hold



and use the same, and to take and receive the rents, issues, and profits thereof, to her sole and separate use, so that the same shall not be liable to the debts, control or engagements of her present husband, or of any future husband with whom she may intermarry; and upon the further trust, that if my said daughter should survive her present husband, Paul C. Edmunds, that he will, upon her death, cause the said land to be equally divided among all of the children of my said daughter, who shall be living at that time, and the issue of such child or children, as may have then deceased, such issue taking the share to which such deceased child would be entitled, if living; and upon the further trust, that if my said daughter should die leaving her present husband Paul C. Edmunds, surviving her, that the said trustee will pay over the rents, issues and profits of the said land, from and after the decease of my said daughter, during the lifetime of the said Paul C. Edmunds, for the joint use and benefit of the said Paul C. Edmunds and the children of my said daughter, but so that the same shall not be liable to the debts, or engagements, past or future, of the said Paul C. Edmunds, or that the trustee will, in his discretion, permit the said Paul C. Edmunds and the children of my said daughter, during the life time of the said Paul C. Edmunds, to occupy the said land, and the rents, issues and profits thereof, to take and receive to their joint use and benefit, but so as that the same shall not be subject to the debts, or engagements, past or future, of the said Paul C. Edmunds; and upon the further trust, that upon the death of the said Paul C. Edmunds, he will cause the said land to be equally divided among all of the children of the said Phoebe Ann Edmunds, who shall be living at that <sup>time</sup>, and the issue of any child who may have then deceased; such issue taking the share to which such deceased child would be entitled if living, — it being my object and intention to make provision for my son-in-law, Paul C. Edmunds, should he survive my said daughter, but not for any future husband, if my said daughter should survive her present husband and marry again.

I will and direct that my said daughter, Phoebe Ann Edmunds, shall, in the division of my estate, provided for in the next clause of this my will, account for the said tract of land at the price of twelve thousand dollars, which is the sum I paid for it since the war.

V. I will and direct that my executors shall collect all debts and moneys that may be due at my death, and shall sell



all the rest of my property, real and personal, and after first paying all my just debts, and the legacy of twenty thousand dollars to my wife, out of the proceeds thereof, shall divide the residue equally among my four children; in which division my son Robert Holt Easley, shall be charged with the real estate, given him in the third clause of this my will, at its value at the death of my wife; and my said daughter, Phebe Ann Edmunds, shall account for the real estate given her in the fourth clause of this my will, at the price of twelve thousand dollars, as directed in said clause.

I direct that in such division she shall also account for the sum of six thousand dollars, the amount I paid for the building of the house in which she now resides; and account for and be charged with any debt her present husband, Paul C. Edmunds, may owe me, or to any firm of partnership of which I am or may be a member at my death, or of which I may have been a member, and all charges that I may have against him on my private ledger, including such advancements as I made to my said daughter at the time of her marriage to the said Paul C. Edmunds. But I do not intend that my said daughter shall account for the value of any negroes I may have given her, but I think that she ought, and I hereby direct that she shall account for the hires of such negroes, at the rates of hire her husband paid for such negroes, at the time she and he held them, from the time I gave them to her until their emancipation without interest on such hires.

I have made no other advancements to any of my children with which they are to be charged.

I own a number of tracts of land in Virginia, and a large quantity outside of the said State, all of which, except that heretofore devised to my wife, my son Robert Holt Easley, and for my daughter, Phebe Ann Edmunds, and her children, I have directed, and do hereby direct, authorize, and empower my executors hereinafter named, or any two of them, to sell and convey in such pieces or parcels, and for such sums of money by either public or private sale, or by private sale of some parts and by public sale of other parts, and from time to time as may seem to them right and proper and most advantageous to my estate; it being my intention hereby to authorize and empower my said executors, or any two of them, to whom it may be most convenient, from time to time to do so, (the act of any two of



them being as binding and effectual as the act of all of  
 them, to sell and convey by proper deed, and make full and  
 complete right and title to all of the said real estate, as completely  
 and effectually as if the same had been devised directly to  
 them, or as my heirs at law could do, and to collect the proceeds of  
 such sale or sales. And I do hereby direct and declare that the  
 receipt or receipts of my said executors or any two of them, shall  
 from time to time be a good and sufficient discharge, and good  
 and sufficient discharges, to the purchaser or purchasers of said  
 lands respectively for so much money as in said receipt or  
 receipts shall be acknowledged or expressed to be received and that  
 such purchaser or purchasers, his her or their executors, administrators  
 &c, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any  
 loss misapplication or non-application of such purchase money, or  
 be in any way liable to see to the due application of the same, or  
 any part thereof. And I do hereby also authorize and empower my  
 executors to collect and receive all money due me, secured by mort-  
 gage or deeds of trust, and all rents, issues and profits arising from  
 the said real estate, and to give full and complete receipts and dis-  
 charges for the same as my heirs could do. And in order that my  
 said executors may have full power and authority to collect, close,  
 settle and dispose of all mortgages and deeds of trust made to me,  
 or for my benefit, I do hereby authorize and empower my said executors  
 or any two of them, to convey and release to all mortgagors and grantors  
 in deeds of trust, the full and complete title to all lands mortgaged  
 or conveyed in trust to secure money due to me, when the conditions  
 of said mortgages and deeds of trust shall, from time to time, be  
 performed, as fully as my heirs at law could do. And to make my  
 meaning perfectly clear, it is my will that my executors, or any two  
 of them, shall have, and I do hereby invest them with, full authority  
 to sell and convey the said real estate, and to make to purchasers  
 thereof as full and complete title as I myself in my lifetime could  
 do, or my heirs at law after my death; to give full and sufficient  
 receipts, discharges and acquittances for the purchase money to the pur-  
 chasers of the said real estate, to accept such mortgages, deeds of  
 trust, or other securities as they may deem necessary or proper to  
 secure said purchase money; and to release all mortgages and deeds  
 of trust, whether made to me in my lifetime or for my benefit, or to  
 or for my executors, after my death. And my said executors or  
 any two of them, are hereby invested with full power and authority to  
 execute all deeds, conveyances or other instruments of writing



that may be necessary or required by the laws of any state or states, in which said real estate, or any part thereof, is situate, for the full exercise of the powers herein conferred on them, and to accomplish the purposes herein expressed; so that it shall not be necessary for my heirs at law or the devisees and beneficiaries under my will to unite with my executors in any of said deeds, conveyances or other instruments of writing.

In order that my children shall reap the full benefit of my lands, I know that it is important that my executors shall have ample time for the sale thereof; and I hereby direct that they shall not be hurried in making sales of the said lands, or of any part thereof, but shall sell the same in pieces or parcels and from time to time as may seem to them most judicious. And until the sale thereof my said executors shall receive and collect the rents, issues and profits thereof, and apply, or divide the same in the manner I have disposed of the residue of my property in the first part of this clause of this my will.

It may be that my son Robert Kolt Easley may wish to own my mill property on Banister river, and it is my will and desire that he shall be allowed to say whether or not he will take it as a part of his share of my estate. If he should elect to take it, then I except the same from the real estate hereinbefore directed to be sold by my executors, and I give and devise to my said son, to him and his heirs forever, my flour, grist and saw mills, situate on Banister river near Halifax Co., Va., and the original tract of land, containing fifty acres, thereto attached, which I purchased of Sam'l Pannill, trustee of Abram Wimbish; and I direct that my said son shall be charged with the said land and mills, in the division of my property, according to their value at the time they come into his possession.

But if he should elect at my death not to take said mills and land as a part of his share of my estate, then I will and direct that the same shall be sold by my executors as hereinbefore provided for.

VI. I hereby give to Samuel W. Kolt, as trustee for my daughter Phoebe Ann Edmunds, wife of Paul C. Edmunds, that part of my estate to which she shall be entitled under the division directed in the first paragraph of the fifth clause of this my will, upon the trust that he will invest the same in such interest-bearing securities as he may decide to be judicious, and hold the same for her sole and separate use during the term of her natural life, so that the same shall not be liable to the debts, control or engagements of her present husband with whom she may intermarry; and upon the further trust that



he will receive and collect the interest, dividends, income and profits of such securities as the same may become payable from time to time, and pay over the same unto such person or persons, and for such intents and purposes as the said Phebe Ann Edmunds shall from time to time, notwithstanding her coverture, by any writing or writings under her hand, direct or appoint; but not so as to deprive herself of the benefit thereof by sale, assignment, charge or otherwise, by way of anticipation; and for want of such direction or appointment, into her own hands for her own separate use and benefit, so that the same, whether paid by her direction or appointment or into her own hands, be not subject or liable to the debts, control or engagements of any husband present or future. And upon the further trust that if my said daughter should survive her present husband, Paul C. Edmunds, then he, the said trustee, will at her decease pay over and deliver the said interest-bearing securities to all of the children of my said daughter to be equally divided among them - the descendants of such as may have deceased taking the share to which such deceased child would be entitled if living. And upon the further trust that if my said daughter should die, leaving her present husband, Paul C. Edmunds, surviving her, the said trustee shall, <sup>and during the lifetime of the said Paul C. Edmunds</sup> hold said interest-bearing securities from and after the decease of the said Phebe Ann Edmunds, for the joint use and benefit of the said Paul C. Edmunds and the children of the said Phebe Ann Edmunds, and that he will receive and collect the interest, dividends, income and profits thereof, and pay over the same for the joint use and benefit of the said Paul C. Edmunds and the children of the said Phebe Ann Edmunds, but so that the same shall not be liable to the debts or engagements of the said Paul C. Edmunds, past or future. And upon the further trust that from and after the decease of the said Paul C. Edmunds, if he should survive the said Phebe Ann Edmunds, the said trustee will pay over and deliver the said interest-bearing securities to all of the children of the said Phebe Ann Edmunds to be equally divided among them - the descendants of such child or children as may have deceased taking the share to which such deceased child would be entitled if living; it being my object and intention, as hereinbefore stated, to make provision for my son-in-law, Paul C. Edmunds, should he survive my said daughter, but not for any future husband if my said daughter should survive her present husband and marry again.

And I hereby authorize and empower the said Samuel W. Keolt, trustee as aforesaid, to alter, vary, transfer, exchange and transpose any or all of such interest-bearing securities, in whole or in part, and to invest



and reinvest the proceeds thereof in other interest-bearing securities or in real estate, whenever and as often, and in such manner as the said Phebe Ann Edmunds may by any writing signed by her in the presence of and attested by two disinterested and credible witnesses, or acknowledged before a notary public in this State, desire or request, and such substituted investments shall be held by the said trustee, upon the same trusts and be subject to the like conditions and limitations herein imposed and declared in regard to the original trust subjects. And all the trusts reposed in the said trustee shall be exercised and performed by his successor or successors duly appointed by any court of competent jurisdiction held for the county of Halifax or in said county.

VII. I hereby give to Robert Holt Easley, as trustee for my daughter Kate, H. Easley, that part of my estate to which she shall be entitled under the division directed in the first paragraph of the fifth clause of this my will, upon trust that he will invest the same in such interest-bearing securities as he may decide to be judicious, and hold the same for her sole and separate use during the term of her natural life, so that the same shall not be subject to the debts, control, or engagements of any husband with whom she may intermarry. And upon the further trust that he will receive and collect the interest, dividends, income and profits of such securities as the same may from time to time become due and payable and pay over the same unto such person or persons, and for such intents and purposes, as the said Kate H. Easley shall from time to time, by any writing or writings under her hand, direct or appoint, but not so as to deprive herself of the benefit thereof by sale, assignment, charge or otherwise by way of anticipation; and for want of such direction or appointment, into her own hands for her own separate use and benefit, so that the same, whether paid by her direction or appointment or into her own hands, be not subject or liable to the debts, control or engagements of any husband with whom she may intermarry. And upon the further trust that from and after the decease of my said daughter that he will deliver and transfer to all of the children of the said Kate H. Easley, should she die leaving any child or children, or the descendants of such child or children of her as may be dead at her death, to be equally divided among them - such descendants taking the share or shares of his, her or their parent or parents per stirpes and not per capita; and in case she should die leaving no child or children, or descendants of child or children, at her death, then to the next of kin of my said daughter, to be equally divided



among them *per stirpes* and not *per capita*.

VIII. I hereby give to Wood Bouldin, Jr., as trustee for my daughter Florence L. Easley, that part of my estate to which she shall be entitled under the division directed in the first paragraph of the fifth clause of this my will, upon trust that he will invest the same in such interest-bearing securities as he may decide to be judicious, and hold the same for her sole and separate use, during the term of her natural life, so that the same shall not be subject to the debts, control or engagements of any husband with whom she may intermarry. And upon the further trust, that he will receive and collect the interest, dividends, income and profits of such securities as the same may, from time to time, become due and payable, and pay over the same unto such person or persons, and for such intents and purposes, as the said Florence L. Easley, by any writing or writings under-hand, direct or appoint, but not so as to deprive herself of the benefit thereof by sale, assignment, charge or otherwise by way of anticipation; and for want of such direction or appointment, into her own hands for her own separate use and benefit, so that the same, whether paid by her direction or appointment or into her own hands, shall not be subject to the debts, control or engagements of any husband with whom she may intermarry. And upon the further trust that from and after the decease of my said daughter he will deliver and transfer to all of the children of the said Florence L. Easley, should she die leaving at her death any child or children, or the descendants of such child or children of her as may be dead, to be equally divided among them — such descendants taking the share or shares of his, her or their parent or parents *per stirpes* and not *per capita*; and in case she should die leaving no child or children, or the descendants of child or children living at at her death, then to the next of kin of my said daughter, to be equally divided among them *per stirpes* and not *per capita*.

And I hereby authorize and empower the respective trustees of my daughters Kate H. and Florence L. Easley to alter, vary, transfer, exchange or transpose any or all of the interest-bearing securities held by them respectively, in whole or in part, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof in other interest-bearing securities or in real estate whenever and as often, and in such manner as the said Kate H. Easley or Florence L. Easley, respectively may, by any writing or writings signed by her in the presence of and attested by two disinterested and credible witnesses, or acknowledged by her before a notary public in this State, desire or request; and such substituted investments shall be held by the said trustees respectively upon the same trusts, and be subject to the like conditions and limitations imposed and declared in



regard to the original trust subjects. And all the trusts reposed in said trusts respectively shall be exercised and performed by their respective successors duly appointed by any court of competent jurisdiction held for the County of Halifax or in the said County.

IX. I hereby declare that my executors, and the trustees for the time being, of this my will, shall be charged and chargeable only with such money or moneys as they shall respectively actually receive by virtue of the powers and trusts hereby reposed in them respectively notwithstanding their joining in any receipt or any act for the sake of conformity only, and shall not be answerable or accountable for any banker or broker, or other person with whom or in whose hands the said trust moneys, or any part thereof, shall be for safe keeping or otherwise, nor for the insufficiency of any security upon which the same shall be invested, nor for any other loss, misfortune or damage, which may happen in the execution of the aforesaid trusts, or any of them, or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen by or through their or his own wilful default or neglect.

X. I hereby will and direct that the division of the residue of my estate provided for and directed in the first paragraph of the fifth clause of this my will, shall not take place until all of my debts, and the legacy of twenty thousand dollars to my wife, have been paid, but I authorize and empower my executors to make such advancements from time to time to any or all of my children, until such division can take place, as my executors may deem reasonable for their proper maintenance and support, according to their condition in life. Such advancements to be charged to my said children and accounted for by them in such division.

XI. It is my will and desire that my executors cause all partnerships of which I have been or may be a member at my death to be settled as soon after my death as can conveniently be done; and that they themselves wind up and settle the firms of Easley & Hurt, Hurt & Easley, H H Hurt & Co., and Hurt & Co.

XII. I hereby nominate and appoint Robert Colt Easley, Samuel W. Colt and Wood Bouldin, Jr., executors of this my last will and testament, and request my friend Samuel W. Colt to attend especially to the management of my western lands, and debts due me in the west. I know the difficulty of giving security in these times for so large an estate, and I hereby request and direct, that the court in which this will may be offered for



probat, shall not require of my said executors bond and security in a greater penalty than fifty thousand dollars.

In testimony whereof I, the said testator, James S. Easley have herunto set my hand this the 3d day of June 1878.

James S. Easley.

Signed, published, declared and acknowledged by the testator, James S. Easley, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other, have herunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

W. W. Willingham.

Jas Medley. Jr.

At a court held for the county of Halifax, at the Court House thereof, on the 27th day of October 1879;

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James S. Easley dec'd, was presented in court, and proved by the oaths of the two witnesses thereto subscribed, and the said will is ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of James S. Easley dec'd. Thereupon R. Kolt Easley, Sam'l W. Kolt and Wood Bouldin, Jr., the executors therein named, came into court, and made oath according to law, and together with Jas. Medley, Jr., W. W. Willingham, John. Booker, and Mrs Elizabeth S. Easley their securities, entered into and acknowledged as bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars, conditioned according to law. The testator in said will having requested that the penalty of said bond should be only fifty thousand dollars. The securities having verified as to their sufficiency on oath, and who are deemed sufficient by the court, said bond is ordered to be recorded by the clerk of this court. Certificate is granted the said R. Kolt Easley, Sam'l W. Kolt and Wood Bouldin, Jr., for obtaining probat of the said will in due form.

Teste: E. H. Vaughan, Clk

A copy.

Teste: E. H. Vaughan. Clk.

State of Virginia }  
Halifax County to wit }

I, E. H. Vaughan Clerk of the County Court for the said County of Halifax in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the will of James S. Easley dec'd together with the order admitting the same to probat. In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and annex the seal of the said Court this the 22d day of May 1880

E. H. Vaughan. Clk.

Virginia }  
Halifax County to wit }

I, E. W. Armistead only Judge of the County Court for the said County of Halifax in the state of Virginia do certify that E. H. Vaughan who hath given the preceding Certificate is Clerk of of the said Court and that his attestation is in due form.

Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1880.

E. W. Armistead

State of Virginia }  
Halifax County to wit }

I, E. H. Vaughan Clerk of the County Court of said County and State do hereby Certify that E. W. Armistead who hath given the preceding Certificate is Judge of the County Court of said County of Halifax and State of Virginia, and that to all his official acts as such full faith and credit are due and ought to be given.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my said Court this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1880.

E. H. Vaughan Clk

Filed for record March 1<sup>st</sup> 1884  
at 8 o'clock A. M.

A. J. Lower  
Recorder.



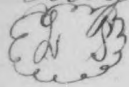
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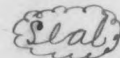
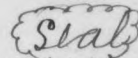
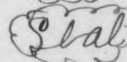
Know all men by these presents - that I George Purselley of Green Township Polk Co Mo. being of sound mind, but weak in body, do hereby make this my last will and testament - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Frons - Purselley all that certain tract of land in Section 17 - Twp 35 - R - 22 - containing one hundred Seventeen & one half acres (117½) and fully described in deed from C. J. Hudson and wife to George Purselley of Feb 13 - 1878 - also that certain strip of land reserved - (and lying south of the west 40, above described) out of land purchased from J. S. Simpson - and later sold by me to Wm List. I bequeath the above to my wife, for the express purpose of her disposing and selling the same, and do further stipulate that out of the proceeds of the sale thereof, she shall pay all the lawful debts against me or my estate of whatsoever nature or kind: and the balance (if any) to remain <sup>in</sup> her possession to use as she wills. The balance of my estate both real and personal I bequeath unto my wife, to be used and controlled by her for the support of herself and family - this support and control to be retained by her during her widowhood only, after the death of my said wife or at the end of her widowhood - all of my property both real and personal shall be divided equally to share and share alike between my children, excepting my daughter Lucinda (wife of John C. Brown) who has already received the Equivalent of the sum of One hundred and Twenty five dollars. (\$125<sup>00</sup>) said amount to be deducted out of her share and considered as paid - Frons Purselley wife of George Purselley having this day and date, the above read and explained unto her has thereby accepted the bequest herein written by her beloved husband

George <sup>his</sup> Purselley  
mark

And in witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures and seals - this day and date.



Witnessed { James H. Hattersley  
Geo. W. Buckner  
Green S. Wilson  
James McLaughry

Filed March 1<sup>st</sup> 1884

C. L. Russell

Clerk

State of Missouri }  
 County of Polk } ss In the Probate Court: Be it Remembered  
 that on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1884 before me C. L. Russell, clerk  
 of the Probate Court held in and for the county and state aforesaid, person-  
 ally appeared George W. Buckner and Green S. Wilson who are the subscrib-  
 ing witnesses to the annexed will of George Curselley deceased, and being by me  
 first duly sworn, depose and say that the said George Curselley the  
 testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published and  
 declared said will or instrument of writing to be his last will and testa-  
 ment, and that at the time of signing the same he, the said testa-  
 tor was of sound and disposing mind, and more than Twenty one  
 years of age, and that said deponent attested said will as witness there-  
 to, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testa-  
 tor, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator  
 Geo. W. Buckner  
 Green S. Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March.  
 A.D. 1884  
 C. L. Russell  
 Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri }  
 County of Polk } ss In the Probate Court.  
 I, C. L. Russell, Clerk  
 of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri having examined  
 the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of George Curselley  
 deceased, and signed by himself with his mark and having heard  
 the testimony of George W. Buckner and Green S. Wilson 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  
 George Curselley deceased late Polk County Missouri. In testimony  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
 of said Court at office in Bolivar Mo. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
 March 1884  
 C. L. Russell, Clerk of Probate Court  
 of Polk County Missouri

Filed for record this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March  
 A.D. 1884 at 11 o'clock A.M.  
 A. J. Lower  
 Recorder



To the Judge of the Probate Court of Clermont Co. O.

The undersigned Rachel Smith hereby makes application to said Court to be appointed Guardian of the person and estate of Alexander Smith aged 12 years. January 1878, minor child of Alexander Smith Sr. deceased. And states that the whole Estate of said minor consists of. Referenced is hereby made to the Will of Alexander Smith Sr. deceased for real and personal property belonging to said ward. The said Rachel Smith having been appointed Testamentary Guardian by the Will of said Alexander Smith Sr. deceased.

The probable value of which is about \$.....  
 And the probable value of Rents will be. \$.....  
 Total \$.....

And offers as security .....  
 (See Will)

State of Ohio, Clermont County ss:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court, within and for said county, Rachel Smith who upon oath deposeth and saith that the foregoing statement is true according to the best of her knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of December AD. 1878

P. J. Nichols

Probate Judge

State of Ohio, Clermont County ss:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court, within and for said county, Rachel Smith, who upon oath deposeth and says will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties devolving upon her as Guardian of the person and Estate of Alexander Smith J. R.

Rachel Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of December, AD. 1878.

P. J. Nichols

Probate Judge

In the name of the Bevolent Father of all; I, Alexander Smith of Smiths Landings, in the County of Clamant and State of Ohio, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: That is to say.

First. It is my Will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as may be found practicable and that my personal estate be first applied to the payment of of the same, but should there not be a sufficiency of my personal Estate to pay the same, then it is my Will, and I hereby authorize and empower my executrix hereinafter named to sell any of my real estate situate in the States of Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florida, and Ohio or either of said States and thus realize sufficient funds to finish the payment of all my debts and liabilities; and my executrix in case of any such sale or sales being made is hereby authorized to fix the terms of sale and execute proper conveyances to the purchaser or purchasers of the same.

Second. After the payment by my executrix, of all that she shall be required to pay by virtue of the provisions of the first Section of this my Will, and the payment of the expenses of Administration of my estate, I Will, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel Smith during her natural life, and in lieu of dower, and such other allowances, as the law would give her in case I should die intestate, all the rest and residue of my real and personal estate of whatever kind and wherever situate, my said beloved wife is to have all the income, rents and profits of the same to use as she may see proper for her own comfortable support or for the support and benefit of any of my children, if she shall desire to use any of it in that way.

Third. I do hereby authorize and empower my said beloved wife Rachel Smith, as my Executrix, at her discretion, whenever she shall think it best for her interests and the interests of my estate, her judgment to be final in the matter to sell any or all of my real estate or personal estate, wherever situate, and upon such terms as she may fix, and to execute conveyances to purchasers in fee simple for the same; and at her discretion, to safely invest the proceeds of any such sales that she may make, and to manage and control the same in such manner as she may deem proper, and to use the proceeds of the same as hereinbefore provided during her natural life; and in case the income from the same shall not be sufficient for her comfortable support and —



Maintenance, she may use as much of the principal as she may desire, to make herself entirely comfortable and to supply all her needs; and if she shall think proper to do so, she may make advancements at any time to any of my beloved children, and I leave it entirely to her discretion to make such advancements at such times and in such sums as she may deem proper, such advancements, if any, shall make to be taken account of in the final distribution of my estate so as to preserve equality at the last as nearly as may be.

Fourth,

I hold notes secured by mortgages on lands that I have sold in different States and when my Executrix shall collect the same, I hereby empower her to cancel the mortgages according to the laws of the States where such lands may be situated.

Fifth

In requiring my personal estate to be applied first to the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I mean and intend by personal estate, monies that may be on hand at my decease and debts that may be owing to me, excluding chattle property that I may own at the time of my decease, leaving <sup>it</sup> wholly discretionary with my said wife either to sell, or <sup>to</sup> retain any or all of my chattle property other than cash on hand and debts owing to me. The property that I dispose of by this Will real and personal, is such and may be the owner of at the time of my decease.

Sixth.

At the death of my said beloved wife, it is my Will that all of my estate, real and personal of every kind, wherever situate, or however invested shall go in equal shares to my dear children, Belle Smith, Rachel A. Wheeler and Alexander Smith Jr. share and share alike, taking into account any advancements that my beloved Wife Rachel Smith may have made to any of them prior to her decease, and I hereby Will devise and bequath said residue of my real and personal estate as aforesaid to my said <sup>three</sup> children, to have and to hold, to them, their heirs, and assigns forever.

Seventh,

It is my purpose, by this my Will to invest my said beloved wife with the largest discretion in the use, management and control of the property herein devised and bequeathed to her, and not to limit her in the expenditure of the same, simply to her necessary wants, but to authorize her to expend the same in any manner or for any purpose that would gratify <sup>her</sup> wishes or feelings or promote her happiness.

Eighth.

I hereby appoint my said beloved wife Rachel Smith



Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and authorize her to compromise, adjust and settle all matters of business pertaining to my estate in such manner as she may deem proper, and for the best interests of herself and of my dear children, and request the Probate Judge to require no bond or security of her as my Executrix, and it is my Will that there be no appraisement of my personal Estate, and that my Executrix be not required to return any inventory of the same to the Probate Court; and that there be no Public sale of my chattle property, my Executrix may sell any of my personal estate at private sale if she may desire to do so, or at public sale.

Ninth. My dear son Alexander Smith Jr. being a minor, I hereby appoint my said beloved wife, Rachel Smith, Guardian of his person and Estate during his minority, and I desire that she be permitted to act as his Guardian without giving any bond or security or returning any inventory to the Probate Court, and it is my Will that she be not required to make any settlement of her guardianship with the Probate Court as he will not be the owner of any property till after his mothers death, by virtue of the provisions of this Will unless she should choose to make advancements to him.

Tenth. I hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my only last Will and Testament.  
Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of July 1879  
Alex. Smith Seal

Signed and Sealed by Alexander Smith in our presence and declared by him to be his last Will and Testament, and signed by us as witnesses, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other the day and year last above written.  
W. M. Lucas.  
J. T. Juangear  
A. J. Markley

The State of Ohio }  
Clemont County, ss: } Clemont Probate Court.

I, P. J. Nichols, Sole Judge and Ex. officio Clerk of the Probate Court Within and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true copy of the Last Will and Testament of Alexander Smith deceased, as the same appears from the Records and Files of said Court.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Batavia on this 26 day of December, A.D. 1879

Filed for record April 25, 1884  
at 8 o'clock 45 am.  
A. J. Lower, Recorder

P. J. Nichols, Judge and Ex. officio Clerk



Peter P. Pyatt of Polk County State of Missouri do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. I direct that after death my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner or responded with my estate and situation in life and as may be desired by my friends. I direct that all my just debts be paid out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors from my portion of my estate. I will and bequest to my son James P. Pyatt five dollars. And also to my daughter Martha Pyatt (or Martha Gregory) five dollars. And also Mary Sarine Pyatt or Mary Sarine Bodes five dollars. And also Margaret Pyatt or Margaret King five dollars and also Nancy Pyatt or Nancy Stout five dollars and also Allen F. Pyatt five dollars. Sarah Ann Pyatt or Sarah Ann Gregory five dollars. And also Miriam L. Pyatt or Miriam L. Mars five dollars. And I will and bequest that the remainder be divided equally between Peter P. Pyatt & Leni Rebecca Pyatt. The Real Estate is as follows. Being in the County of Polk and State of Missouri that is to say. Beginning five chains and fifty links north of the south east corner of the north west quarter of section 8, in Township No 32. Range 23. Thence west 40 chains. Thence north 49 degrees west 26 chains & 150 links. Thence north 5 chains. Thence south 84  $\frac{3}{4}$  degrees west 40 chains & 150 links. Thence south 17 chains to the beginning except  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre as follows. Beginning 5 chains & 150 links north of the north west corner of section 8 Township 32 Range 23. Thence north 49 degrees west 50 links. Thence north 38  $\frac{3}{4}$  degrees east 3 chains. Thence south 39 degrees east 4 chains. Thence west 48  $\frac{1}{2}$  chains to the beginning containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre also except  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre out of the south east corner of the southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the south east of said section 8 conveyed by deed for school purpose to T. W. Cunningham et al Board of Township & dated Sept 4th 1848 containing in all hereby conveyed. I hereby appoint Halbert J. McClure my executor to carry out and enforce the above will. This the 6th day of Oct A.D. 1872

Michael Wiley Witness  
J. A. Brown Witness

Peter P. Pyatt Seal

State of Missouri } ss In the vacation of the probate Court.  
County of Polk } J. C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court of Polk  
County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purpor-  
ting to be the last will of Peter P. Pyatt deceased and signed by himself  
and having heard the testimony of Michael Wiley a subscribing wit-  
ness and D. M. McClure and J. A. Brown attending 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 Peter P. Py-  
att deceased Late of Polk County Missouri. In testimony I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal.

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of said Court at office in City of Bolivar Mo this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
March 1884

C. L. Russell.  
Clerk of Probate Court.

Filed for Record June 20<sup>th</sup> 1884  
at 3 o'clock P.M.

A J. Lower Recorder  
By Ellis L. Johnson. D.R.

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I, James Kennan of the State of Louisiana and County of Polk being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish and Declare this instrument to be my last will and testament, revoking all others.

I then, first, I Will, to my son John W. Kennan, his equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars already by me advanced, also ~~one~~ note given by him to me and dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, February 1861, said Note called for forty dollars principal, and bearing interest at the rate of Ten per cent. per annum. It also being money already advanced to him as a part of his legacy in the estate which note bears a credit of two dollars, said credit dated may the 12<sup>th</sup> the year not mentioned, The several amounts named shall be charged against the said John W. Kennan on a final settlement.

I then Second, I Will, to my son Lee Kennan or his heirs One equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars already by me advanced to him, Also my daughter Sarah Lane of Tennessee or her heirs One Equal share, in my estate, Also to James W. Kennan, his equal share, after deducting One hundred dollars by me already advanced to him. Also Elizabeth Inagot of Tennessee or her heirs her equal share. Also Louise Crow of Arkansas or her heirs her equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars being already advanced by me as part of her legacy. Also to Nancy Goodwin, her equal share after deducting therefrom One hundred dollars already advanced by me as a part of her legacy. Also to my daughter Melinda Hoff, her equal share of my estate Also to my daughter Mahala Kennan, I Will her her equal share in my Estate and further more I also give her One bed & bedstead and all the bed clothing thereunto belonging and one young Red cow and one sow and pigs such as she may choose together with half of the fowls on the premises. the above property I give to make her equal with her brothers and sisters when they left me, again in consideration of her services in my family through past life I hereby sell and Deliver the following property, to wit: One small bead and beading known as the Tunnel bead Also one foam and fixtures also, one cupboard, with all the Delft Ware nifes forks &c. thereunto belonging, Also One cooking stove and fixtures, Also one Looking-glass

Two Tables, four chairs, and one trunk and all the vessels, boxes &c on the premises, and furthermore I understand that I convey the above mentioned property to my Daughter Mahala in compensation for her extra services rendered to her mother and myself in past life. N.B. all of the bead clothing of my said daughter Mahala will for the future be marked with the letter H so as to distinguish it from the other bead clothing of the estate, and I further will that my son James W. Kennon shall execute this Will, and in so doing shall proceed legally to sell and distribute all my estate both personal and real estate

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1878.

James W. Kennon <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ seal

Witness  
John W. Crow  
Josephus Upton

State of Missouri  
County of Polk

In the Probate Court, in and for the County of Polk, State of Missouri, 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 Kennon, deceased and signed by himself and having heard the testimony of John W. Crow, and Josephus Upton, 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 Kennon, 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, Missouri, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1884

C. L. Russell  
Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record June 20<sup>th</sup> 1884  
at 4 o'clock P.M.

A. J. Luer  
Recorder



October 7th 1875.

Will {

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

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

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

There are Sixty acres of land in Sec. 1 and forty acres in Sec. 6. of which the boys except Newell and George may use timber by paying tax on same. And out of the land consisting of about 180 acres lying in Cedar county I want the Ham, Yoast and Wilson debts to be settled, the remainder I want deeded to Mary Walker and her heirs.

And at the death of the mother the property left I want divided between Fannie and Sarah to the amount of \$100. each provided such amount is left. The mother want to be my executor having Austin for her assistant until the business is all wound up.

Thomas Fox

Witnesses {

E. T. McKim

W. M. Mitchell

State of Missouri {

County of Polk {

In the Probate court, Be it remembered, that on this, the tenth day of March A.D. 1876, before me J. S. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared E. T. McKim & W. M. Mitchell who are subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Thomas Fox, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn.

depose and say that the said Thomas Fox, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published 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.

E. T. McKim  
W. M. Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, James S. Simpson,  
Judge of the Probate Court, this 10. day of March A.D. 1876.

*[Signature]*

James S. Simpson  
Judge of the Probate Court

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

Be it remembered, that on the tenth day of March A.D. 1876, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid E. T. McKim and W. M. Mitchell, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Thomas Fox, deceased and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Thomas Fox the testator, 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 the said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in presence of said testator and in the presence of each other. I in Witness Whereof, James S. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereto *[Signature]* subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office, in Bolivar this tenth day of March 1876

James S. Simpson  
Judge of Probate

Filed for record Nov. 26, 1884  
at 8 o'clock + 5 min. A.M.

A. J. Lower, Recorder



To all who it may concern. that I Thompson Irwin of the County of Polk and State of Missouri. viewing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being now in good health and desirous of settling my worldly affairs <sup>this my last will</sup> do hereby make the following disposition of my goods and chattels after my death. first of all. I desire to be decently interred and the Expenses of my last sickness and funeral to be paid and my debts paid out of my personal property or money that I may have on hand at my death. After this is done. I bequeath and devise my estate and property as follows. That is to say. To my wife Sallie Ann Irwin. I bequeath and devise all my property both real and personal unto her during her natural Life or as long as she remains my widow for maintenance and that she may have full control of all the house hold and kitchen furniture during her lifetime or widowhood and have full control of Land and stock and I further appoint her my Executor of my Estate and the Court will not bind her to give bond and security for her performance in conducting my estate after her death when her debts and funeral Expenses is paid. The ballance of the property both real and personal left I desire to bequeath and devise that is to say among my children. James W. Irwin. Clarissa Ann Rivers. Eliza Jane Lyon and Sarah Alice Irwin But should any of them die and have no heirs to inherit their part of the Estate it is to be divided among the surviving heirs should any of the heirs die and leave heirs their portion of my estate to go to their heirs. I desire that they all have equal portions and that they make the division among themselves and if any infant heirs that they appoint some suitable person to act for them and if you cannot agree yourselves in a division that each of you appoint a person to act as a commissioner and bind yourselves to stand to their decision. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed & sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for my last will at my own residence on this 23 day of March A.D. 1874 and Eight hundred and seventy four (1874)

Thompson Irwin (Seal)

Attest

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

Attest

George J. Miller  
J. H. Köpper

Certificate of Probate of Will  
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 Examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of Thompson Brown deceased signed by himself and having heard the testimony of S. H. Hopper and George J. Miller 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 Thompson Brown deceased Late of Polk County, Missouri

LP In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Solwar Mo. this 6<sup>th</sup> day Nov. 1884

James M. Jones  
Judge of Probate Court

Filed for Record January 26<sup>th</sup> 1885  
at 2 o'clock P. M.  
At Solwar.  
By C. E. Johnson Recorder



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

- 1<sup>st</sup> I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet D. that she shall after my decease be taken care of and provided for by my son Benjamin F. Perriman in a decent and respectable manner during her natural life
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Laura A. Perriman the East half of the South East quarter of section Thirty six in Township Thirty two of range Twenty three
  - 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth A. Davis five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah J. Ballenger five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary W. Brooks five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Arlena M. Petts five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Harriet A. Hadlock five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved son William G. Perriman five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved son John A. Perriman five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved son Chester L. Perriman five dollars to be paid in money.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved son Benjamin F. Perriman all the real Estate that I own (except the East half of the south East quarter of section Thirty six in Township Thirty two of range Twenty three also ~~the same~~ the same being willed to Laura A. Perriman) as follows the North half of the North East quarter and the South East quarter and Twenty acres off the North East corner of South west quarter of the North East quarter of section thirty six in Township Thirty two of range Twenty three also 10 acres of the West side of the South west quarter of the North west quarter of section Thirty one in Township Thirty two of range Twenty two containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less.
  - 13<sup>th</sup> It is my will that should there be any money on hand or due me or personal property on hand after paying all my just debts burial Expenses and the foregoing legacies the same shall be distributed equally amongst all my heirs.
- I hereby appoint my son Benjamin F. Perriman my executor to execute and carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament and in con-

firmation of my sincerity in making constitutions and publishing this my last will and testament. I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1877.

James H. Perriman Test

We attest the above and foregoing will in the presence and by the request of James H. Perriman the testator.

this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1877

J. W. Cunningham

P. W. Appleby.

Certificate of Probate of Will  
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 examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the Last of James H. Perriman deceased and signed by himself and having heard the testimony of J. W. Cunningham and P. W. Appleby 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. Perriman, deceased Late of Polk County Missouri.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Polioar this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Nov. 1884

James M. Jones  
Judge of Probate Court

Filed for Record, January 26<sup>th</sup> 1885

at 3<sup>o</sup> clock P. M.

A. J. Loper, Recorder

By Ellis L. Johnson D.R.



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

(1) That all my just debts shall and funeral Expenses shall be paid  
 (2) I will and bequeath all of my real Estate and personal property including moneys notes and Evidence of debts owing to me to my beloved wife Maggie Davison

(3) It is my will that there shall be no sale of my property.  
 (4) I hereby appoint A. J. Reut from my Executor to carry out the intents of this will.

I further declare this to be my last will and Testament Revoking all former wills. Given under my hand the day and year first and signed in the presents of John W. Crow and William P. Brewer as their signatures does witness

John S. Davison Seal

Witness in the presence of the testator and each other

John W. Crow.

Will P. Brewer

Certificate of Probate of will

State of Missouri ss In the Probate Court  
 County of Polk In Vacation

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 John S. Davison deceased and signed by himself and having heard the testimony of John W. Crow and Will. P. Brewer subscribing witnesses then in relation to the Execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the Last will and testament of the said John S. Davison 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 Mo. this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1884

C. L. Russell  
 Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for Record Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1885.

at 11-30 o'clock A. M.

A. J. Reuter Recorder  
 By C. L. Johnson DR

Know all men that I John Howell Rogers of Boston Commonwealth of Massachusetts make this my last will and testament. I give devise and bequeath all the property of every name and nature which I now have or may have at my decease as follows to wit:

To my brother Henry Rogers of Kansas City Missouri twenty five dollars.  
 To my niece Lucy E. Miles of said Boston formerly fifty dollars.  
 All the rest and residue of my property of every name and nature which is left after the abovesaid two legacies and all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid. I give devise and bequeath to my present wife Maggie L. Rogers. In testimony whereof I hereby sign seal publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in presence of three witnesses at said Boston this fifteenth day of January in the year Eighteen hundred & Eighty three

John H. Rogers *Test*  
 Signed, sealed, published and declared by the abovesaid John Howell Rogers as and for 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 subscribed our names as witnesses here to.

L. W. Howes  
 John E. Loper  
 Henry B. Moore.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
 Suffolk, S.S.

At a probate Court holden at Boston in and for said county of Suffolk on the thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and eighty three. On the petition of Maggie L. Rogers of said Boston praying that the instrument therewith presented purporting to be the last will and testament of John Howell Rogers late of said Boston deceased may be proved and allowed and letters of administration with the will annexed be issued to her as the Executrix being 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 said instrument is the last will and testament of said deceased and was legally executed and that said testator 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 proved approved and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased and letters of administration with the will annexed be issued to said petitioner the first giving bond with sufficient sureties for the due performance of said trust.

John W. McKim, Judge of Probate Court.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Suffolk ss.

Probate Office

I Elijah George, Register of the Probate Court for said County of Suffolk, 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 Records in the office of said Court to wit: The will of John H. Rogers deceased the probate thereof and the letter testamentary thereon issued and I further certify that said Letter is still in full force as appears by the Records and files of said Court.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court this third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty five

Elijah George, Register.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Suffolk ss.

Probate Court

I John W. McKim, Esquire Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Suffolk hereby certify that Elijah George Esquire whose signature is affixed to the annexed certificate and attestation is the Register and proper certifying officer of said Court, and has by Law, the custody of the seal and all the Records, books, documents and papers of or appertaining to said Court, and that said Certificate and attestation are in due form, and entitled to full faith and credit.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand This third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty five

John W. McKim  
Judge of Probate Court.

Filed for Record Feby 7<sup>th</sup> 1885

at 10 o'clock A. M.

A. J. Lower, Recorder

By Ellis L. Johnson ex

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

1st. My will and desire is that my funeral Expenses and just debts be first paid out of my Estate.

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

3rd. The other half of my Real Estate & personal property not herein before bequeathed to my wife I will and bequeath it as follows.

To the heirs of Patsy Dawson my sister \$5.00

" " " Elizabeth Luttrell " " \$5.00

" " " John Richards " brother \$5.00

" William Richards " " \$5.00

" Eliza Baldock widow of Richard Baldock \$5.00

To the heirs of Nancy Winfrey my sister \$5.00

" " " Sandy Richards " brother \$5.00

The said sums of five dollars to be paid each of the above named parties in cash by my Executors.

4th In consideration and for the reason that John Overshiner and Eliza Pitts wife of Wm S Pitts have heretofore rendered to myself and my wife Mary Richards valuable services in way of taking care of us and assisted us greatly in helping to make and accumulate such property as we have and believing and desiring that Reuben Richards my brother will hereafter help take care of us in our old age I will and bequeath to the said John Overshiner Eliza Pitts wife of Wm S Pitts and Reuben Richards equally the other half of all my real Estate and personal property.

5th The Requests herein made to my wife Mary Richards I consider it and make it to be in lieu of all her rights as to dower and Homestead in my Estate and direct that she dispose of it as she may choose. by my will and desire is that she dispose of it and give it by deed or otherwise to such person or persons as she may believe have it will be most kind to her and treat her best.

6th I will and desire that all costs and expenses attending my Estate and the payment of the bequests made in the third Clause hereof be paid and deducted



Just before the distribution and division to my wife John Overshiner  
Eliza Pitts & Reuben Richards

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

8<sup>th</sup> In case the parties to whom I have bequeathed any real Estate as afore  
said cannot make a satisfactory division thereof among themselves I will  
and desire that all such real estate as I own at the time of my death as soon  
as it becomes necessary be sold by my executors under the order of the  
Probate Court having Jurisdiction of my Estate on such terms as shall  
appear to such court to be to the best of all interested and the proceeds divi  
ded as aforesaid

9<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint my wife Mary Richards Executrix and John  
Overshiner and William D. Pitts Executors of this my will.

In Testimony whereof I the said Mary Richards have hereunto  
subscribed my name on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our  
Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty four  
Mary Richards

We hereby Certify that the above and foregoing was signed published  
and declared by the said Mary Richards the testator in our presence  
~~in our presence as his last will and testament and in his request in his presence~~  
and in the presence of each other hereto subscribe our names as attest  
ing witnesses. this March 4<sup>th</sup> 1884.

W. L. Snodgrass  
S. R. Stallings  
A. A. Lovelace.

Certificate of Probate of will  
State of Missouri In the Probate Court,  
County of Polk J. L. James M. Jones. Judge of the Probate Court of  
Polk County State of Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument  
purporting to be the last will of Mary Richards deceased and signed  
by himself and having heard the testimony of A. A. Lovelace and W. L. Snod  
grass subscribing witnesses in relation to the Execution of the same do de  
clare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament  
of the said Mary Richards 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y 1885.  
James M. Jones  
Judge of Probate Court

Filed for Record Feb'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1885 at 2-PM  
By E. L. Johnson SR  
A. J. Power Recorder



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J. Francis B. Hayes, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk  
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esquire, make this my will  
in manner following, that is to say: -

First. I direct that my just debts and funeral charges shall be  
paid out of my estate as soon as may be after my decease.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all my house-  
hold furniture, and household stores, silver plate, paintings (except  
the portraits of my father and mother hereafter named), engravings,  
statuary, horses, carriages, equipage, cattle, farming stock and  
implements, and, also the contents of my stables and barns in Lexington,  
Massachusetts.

Third. I give and bequeath to my son, Francis B. Hayes, junior  
my gold watch, jewelry, wearing apparel and the portraits of my  
father and mother ~~in~~ <sup>times</sup>.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to each of my brothers and sisters  
now living, who shall be living at the time of my decease, the sum of  
Five Thousand Dollars, and in the case of the death of either of them  
in my lifetime, leaving issue living at the time of my decease, then  
I direct said sum be paid to such issue.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to my nephews and nieces, the  
children of my deceased sister Hetta L. H. Ward the sum of  
Five thousand dollars, to be equally divided between them,  
and in case the decease of either of them during my life,  
leaving issue living at the time of my decease, then I direct that  
such issue should take the same share its parent would have  
taken if living.

Sixth. I give and bequeath to my step son William Power  
Wilson, the sum of One hundred thousand Dollars, and  
in case of his decease during my lifetime, leaving issue  
living at the time of my decease, I direct that said sum shall  
be paid to such issue.

Seventh. I give and bequeath to my step-daughter, Jane  
M. Welch, the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars, to and for her  
sole and separate use, and in case of her decease during my  
lifetime, leaving issue living at the time of my decease, then  
I direct that said sum shall be paid to such issue.

Eighth. I give and bequeath to my step-daughter Meta  
T. Wilson the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars, to and for her sole  
and separate use, and in case of her decease during my lifetime  
leaving issue living at the time of my decease, I direct that said  
sum shall be paid to such issue.



Ninth. I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret M. Hayes and my stepson William Power Williams, and my friend Charles F. Choate of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, in said Commonwealth, the sum of One hundred Thousand Dollars, but in trust nevertheless, and for the equal benefit of my said step daughters Jane M. Welch and Meta T. Wilson, one half to each upon the following trusts, viz: to carefully invest the same and collect the income thereof, and after paying taxes and other proper charges and expenses, to pay the net income of one half to each of my said step daughters quarterly during the term of her life, upon her sole and separate receipt. And in case of the decease of either of said step daughters, then I direct my said trustees to pay over and distribute the share of the step daughter so dying, in said trust fund, and any accrued interest thereon, in accordance with the directions of the will of the child so dying: And in default of such will to the issue of any such step daughter, if any, living at the time of her decease, in equal shares; And in default of any will and any such issue, then to the heirs at law of the child so dying. In case either of said step daughters shall die during my lifetime, leaving issue living at the time of my decease, then my will is that the share in the trust fund of the child so dying shall not lapse, but such issue shall take the share its parent would have taken if living.

Tenth. I give and bequeath to each grand child, who shall be living at the time of my decease, whether the issue of my son Francis, or of any of my said step children, the sum of Two thousand Dollars.

Eleventh. I give and bequeath to the trustees of Dartmouth College, an institution established at Hanover, in the State of New Hampshire, the sum of Ten Thousand dollars, but in trust to carefully invest the same, and apply the income thereof to the support and maintenance of the school or department of said College, founded by and under the will of the late Abiel Chandler. And I hereby direct that that all the provisions, conditions and restrictions contained and set forth in said Chandler's will relative to his gift to said College shall apply to, govern and control this my legacy to said College.

Twelfth. I give and bequeath to the trustees of Berwick Academy, an institution established at South Berwick



in the State of Maine the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, for the support, maintenance and general purposes of said Academy.

Thirteenth, I give and bequeath to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, an institution established at Cambridge, in said Commonwealth, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, in trust to carefully invest the same, and apply the income to the purchase of books for the library of said College.

Seventeenth, I give, devise and bequeath to my said wife, William Power Wilson and Charles F. Choate, all my real estate situate and being in the State of Maine, New Hampshire, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Missouri and Arkansas, to have and to hold the same in fee simple forever, but in trust, to sell and convey the same as soon as can advantageously be done, converting the same into money, hereby authorizing them to give credit, if they deem it advisable to do so, for a portion of the purchase money to the purchaser, and to pay over and apply the proceeds thereof, under and according to the provisions of this my will. And I hereby expressly release and absolve the purchasers of the lands herein mentioned, after payment of the purchase money from all responsibility to see to the application thereof.

Fifteenth, I give, devise and bequeath all my library and books. And all my estate in Lexington to my said wife during her life, and after her decease, I give and bequeath said Library and books and give, devise and bequeath the said said estate in Lexington to my said son Francis B. Hayes, Junior in fee simple. I direct that my executors herein named shall finish and complete the dwelling house, stable, and other out buildings on said estate which I am now building, according to the plans prepared by my architect J. P. Rimm, the expense of such completion to be paid out of my estate.

Sixteenth, I give, devise and bequeath to my said wife, William Power Wilson and Charles F. Choate, one half part of all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, to have and to hold the same during the lifetime of my said wife, but, in trust, to and for the following purposes, viz: to carefully invest the same, and collect and receive the income thereof, and after payment of taxes and other proper charges and expenses, to pay the balance thereof quarterly to my said wife during her lifetime, and upon her decease to



dispose of said one half as provided in the next clause of this will. The foregoing provisions were made for my said wife in lieu of dower at law.

Seventeenth. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate real, personal and mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I give, devise and bequeath, (including the remainder in the one half devised as above to my wife during her life), to my son Francis B. Hayes, Junior, to have and to hold the same in fee simple forever; and in case of his decease during my lifetime, leaving issue living at the time of my decease, then to such issue in equal shares. And in case of the decease of my said son Francis during my lifetime leaving no issue living at the time of my decease, then I give and bequeath to my said wife the remainder and reversion in the one half devised to her for life as aforesaid, to have and to hold the same in fee simple, and direct the trustees named in the sixteenth clause of my will to pay over and convey the said one half to my said wife absolutely, and free from all trusts; and the other half of said residue, I give, devise and bequeath to my said wife, William Power Wilson, and Charles F. Choate, to have and to hold the same, during the lifetime of my said wife, but in trust, for the following purposes, namely, to carefully invest the same, and collect and receive the income thereof, and after paying taxes and other proper charges and expenses, to pay the balance thereof quarterly to my said wife during her lifetime, and upon her decease I direct my trustees aforesaid, or the survivors or survivor of them, to pay over and distribute the same to and among my said step children in equal shares, the issue of any deceased step child taking the share its parent would have taken if living; or in case either of my said step children shall have then deceased leaving no issue then alive, I direct that the share of the step child so dying shall be paid to its heirs at law according to the statutes of Distribution of Intestate Estates now in force in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

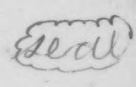
Eighteenth. I appoint my wife, William Power Wilson and Charles F. Choate to be the executors of this will, and request that they may not, in said office or as trustees aforesaid, be required to give surety or sureties upon their



official bonds, I hereby empower them, or any successor to them in the aforesaid trusts, to sell and convey any real estate held as a part of the trust fund, and all personal estate, as they may deem expedient and to change any investment as often as they deem proper. The said executors and trustees shall not be held responsible, the one for the other but each for his own wilful neglect and default,

Nineteenth, I direct that my executors shall not be required to pay over all or any part of the legacies given to or for the benefit of my step-children in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth clauses of my will until three years after my decease, if they find that an earlier payment of said legacies will necessitate a sacrifice of any portion of my estate, or is otherwise unadvisable in their opinion: provided, that my said step-children shall be entitled to receive interest upon the amount of any of said legacies which shall be unpaid from the time of my decease to the time of payment. But in order to facilitate the settlement of my estate, my executors are authorized to transfer and convey any part of my real or personal estate at a fair appraisal to pay the above legacies, or any part of them, given to or for the benefit of my said step-children, provided that my wife and son Francis above of the appraisal and in writing consent thereto, as well as my said step children.

In Witness Whereof, I, the said Francis B. Hayes, have to this my last will, set my hand and seal, this fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made, the words "stable and other outbuildings" in fifteenth clause being interlined.

Francis B. Hayes 

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the before named Francis B. Hayes 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 hereto subscribed our names as witnesses, this fourteenth day of September A.D. 1884.

John J. Brown.  
John A. Arnoldson.  
Elizabeth Baker.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Suffolk SS  
(seal) Probate Court  
To Charles F. Choate of Southborough in the  
County Worcester and William Power Wilson



of Boston in said County of Suffolk Greeting:

Trusting in your care and fidelity, I, John W. McKim Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County of Suffolk, by virtue of the Power and authority vested in me do hereby appoint you to be Trustees of the estate given in trust under the fourteenth clause of the will of Francis B. Hayes, late of said Boston, deceased, Testate which said will was proved and allowed on this day, by said Court, and is now of record in this Court. And you are ordered to make and return to said Probate Court, within three months after the date hereof, a true inventory of all the real and personal estate belonging to you as such Trustees, which at the time of <sup>the</sup> making of such inventory shall have come to your possession or knowledge: To manage and dispose of all such estate, and faithfully to discharge your trust in relation thereto, according to law and the will of said deceased.

To render, upon oath, at least once a year, until your trust is fulfilled, unless excused therefrom in any year by said Court, a true account of the property in your hands, and of the management and disposition thereof, and also to render such account at such other times as said Court may order.

And at the expiration of your trust to settle your account in said Court, and pay over and deliver all the estate remaining in your hands, or due from you as such settlement, to the person or persons entitled thereto.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Court to be affixed, at Boston, this Thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Countersigned

John W. McKim, Judge of Probate Court.

Elijah George, Register.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Suffolk. ss.

At a Probate Court holden at Boston, in and for said County of Suffolk, on the thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

On the petition of Charles F. Choate of Southborough in the County of Worcester, and William Power Wilson of said Boston praying to be appointed Trustees under the will of Francis B. Hayes late of said Boston deceased which said will was duly proved and allowed on this day by said Court, and is now of record in this Court; and that they may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on their bonds. It appearing by said will that said testator give certain estate therein described in trust under the fourteenth clause of his will, and that said petitioners (and Margaret M. Hayes, who has refused the trust, were named therein as Trustees and exempted from giving a surety or sureties on their bonds as such Trustees; It is Decreed that said petitioners be appointed Trustees as aforesaid first giving bond without sureties for the due performance of said trust

John W. McKim, Judge of Probate Court

To the Honorable the Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County of Suffolk:

It being inconvenient for me to discharge the duties of Trustee as appointed in the fourteenth Clause of the last will and testament of Francis B. Hayes late of Boston in said County deceased for the purpose of selling the real estate of said Hayes situated in the State of Maine New-Hampshire, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri and Arkansas, do hereby signify and declare to your Honor my refusal of that trust, without in any manner however, waiving the appointment as trustee under any other clause or for any of the other purposes of said will.

Dated at Boston the 13th day of October A.D. 1887.  
Margaret M. Hayes.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Suffolk. ss. Probate Court

To Margaret M. Hayes, and William Power Wilson both of Boston in said County and Charles F. Choate of Southborough in the County of Worcester  
(Seal) Greeting;



Trusting in your care and fidelity, I, John W. McKim Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County of Suffolk, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me, do hereby appoint to be Executors of the last will and Testament of Francis B. Hayes late of said Boston, deceased, testate, which said will was proved and allowed on this day, by said Court and is now of record in this Court. And you are ordered to make and return to said Probate Court, within three months after the date hereof, a true inventory of all the real and personal estate of said deceased which at the time of the making of such inventory shall have come to your possession or knowledge. To administer according to law and to the will of said deceased all the personal estate of said deceased which may come to your possession, or that of any person for you, and also the proceeds of any of the real estate of said deceased that may be sold or mortgaged by you. To render, upon oath, a true account of your administration, at least once a year until your trust is fulfilled, unless excused therefrom in any year by said Court, and also to render such account at such other times as said Court may order.

And also within three months, to cause notice of your appointment to be published three weeks successively in the Boston Daily Advertiser, a newspaper published at said Boston, and within one year return your affidavit of having given such notice, with a copy thereof to the Registry of Probate of this County.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said Court to be affixed, at Boston this Thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

John W. McKim Judge of Probate Court

Countersigned.

Elijah George Register

Suffolk<sup>ss</sup> Commonwealth Of Massachusetts.

At a Probate Court holden at Boston, in and for said County of Suffolk, on the thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

On the petition of Margaret M. Hayes and William Power Wilson both of said Boston, and Charles F. Choate of Southborough in the County of Worcester, praying that the instrument therewith presented, purporting to be the last will and testament of Francis B. Hayes, late of said Boston deceased, may be proved and allowed, and letters testamentary issued to them, the Executors therein named, without giving a surety or sureties on their official bonds, and <sup>the</sup> 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 instrument is the last will and testament of said deceased, and was legally executed, and that said testator was at the time of making the same, of full age and sound mind, and that said petitioners are competent persons to be appointed to said trust. It is Therefore Decreed that said instrument, be proved, appeared and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased and letters testamentary be issued to said petitioners, they first giving bond without sureties for the due performance of said trust.

John W. McKim, Judge of Probate Court

Suffolk<sup>ss</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Probate Court.

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



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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand, this fourth day of November  
in the year of our Lord one thou-  
sand eight hundred and eighty four.

John H. McSparr  
Judge of Probate Court.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Suffolk. SS. Probate Office

I, Elijah George, Register of the  
Probate Court for said County of Suffolk,  
being 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, to wit:  
The last will and testament of Francis B. Hayes, deceased,  
the probate thereof and the letter testamentary to the  
executors issued; the refusal of Margaret M. Hayes to  
act as trust under the fourteenth article of said will,  
the decree appointing Mr. Power, Wilson and Charles  
F. Choate, trustees thereunder and the letter of trustee-  
ship to them issued.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and the seal of said Court this fourth  
day of November, in the year of our Lord one thou-  
sand eight hundred and eighty four.  
Elijah George Register

Filed for record April 25, 1885  
at 5, o'clock, P. M.

A. J. Lower  
Recorder

Knowing the uncertainty of life + the certainty of death, + being of sound mind + memory, I, Tolman Weedon do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.  
Item, 1<sup>st</sup> I will that all my just debts + funeral expenses be paid out of my personal assets.

Item, second, I hereby give + bequeath all the remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed to my beloved wife Nancy Weedon during her natural life to use or dispose of in any way or manner she may think proper while she lives + whatever remain at her death I give + bequeath to the children of my son William H. Weedon in such proportion as he, my said son William H. Weedon shall direct if he should then be living. I hereby revoke all former Wills made by me.

In Witness Whereof I hereto set my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> day of April 1881.  
Tolman Weedon

We attest the above and foregoing Will, by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of + at the request of the testator, Tolman Weedon + in the presence of each other this 23<sup>d</sup> day of April A.D. 1881.

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

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1883, before me C. L. Russell Clerk of the Probate Court, held in and for the County<sup>2d</sup> State aforesaid, personally appeared J. W. Rofs and P. M. Burns who are two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Tolman Weedon deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Tolman Weedon the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will as instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

Jno. W. Rofs  
P. M. Burns

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October

E. L. Russell

C. L. Russell  
Clerk of Probate

State of Missouri  
County of Polk

In the Vacation of Probate Court.

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 Thomas Weedin deceased and signed by himself, and having heard the testimony of J. W. Ross and P. M. Burns, two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Weedin, deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

C. L.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar Mo. this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1885

C. L. Russell

Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record October 10<sup>th</sup> 1885,  
at 5 o'clock. P. M.

A. J. Louer  
Recorder

I Jason L. Watts of the town of Bolivar, in the County of Polk, and State of Missouri of the age of thirty one years, and being of sound mind and memory, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in the manner following, that is to say,

After my funeral expenses and past debts are paid, I give and bequeath to Sarah E. my wife all of my property real and special estate during her natural life, which shall then revert to my heirs.

Real Estate described as follows, The West Half of the South East quarter and the North east quarter of the South east quarter and North half of Lot One (1) of the south west quarter, and the South Half of the North half of Lot two (2) of the South West quarter of Section Seven (7) in Township thirty two (32) of Range twenty two (22) containing One hundred and seventy seven  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres more or less. (177  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres) Also three acres and one half (3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) out of said Section seven (7) T. 32, R. 22, particularly described in the deed for the same, and lastly, I hereby appoint my wife Sarah E. sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and also request that she be <sup>not</sup> required to give bond,

In Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five

Jason L. Watts

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

D. H. Fackler  
L. A. Francis

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court

Be it Remembered, That on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February A. D. 1885, before me James M. Jones, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared D. H. Fackler and L. A. Francis, who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Jason L. Watts, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Jason L. Watts, 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  
 D. H. Fackler  
 L. A. Francis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
 February A.D. 1885—

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James M. Jones  
 Judge of Probate.

Attest C. L. Russell, Clerk.

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 examined the foregoing  
 instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Jason L. Watts  
 deceased, and signed by himself and having heard the testimony  
 of D. H. Fackler and L. A. Francis, 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 Jason L. Watts 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Feby 1885—

James M. Jones  
 of - - - court

Attest, C. L. Russell - -

Filed for record Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 1886  
 at 3 o'clock P.M.

Lower  
 Recorder

In The name of God Amen.

I A. C. Nichols of the City of Bolivar, County of Polk and State of Missouri, knowing the uncertainty of life and that death is certain and being of sound mind and disposing memory, do by these presents, make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

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

It is my desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate. And I hereby appoint as my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, my beloved wife Amelia Nichols who it is my desire shall be permitted to act as my Executrix without giving any bond.

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

A. C. Nichols

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

W. L. Weaver

A. D. Knox

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In The Probate Court  
Be it remembered, that on this the 4 day of March A.D. 1885, before me C. L. Russell, Clerk of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared A. D. Knox and W. L. Weaver who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of A. C. Nichols deceased, and being by me first duly sworn



depose and say that the said A. C. Nichols, the testator, subscribed to 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 attest 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

A. D. Knox  
W. G. Weaver

I sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March  
A.D. 1886

GLB

C. L. Rykell  
Clerk of Probate Court

Filed for record March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886  
at 3 o'clock P. M.

W. G. Weaver  
Recorder

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

1st I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid. 2d. I give and bequeath to my son J. W. Ragsdale the sum of One dollar and no more. I give and bequeath to the children of my deceased daughter M. E. Watkins the sum of One dollar and no more. To my daughter E. F. Wright, I give the sum of One dollar and no more. To the heirs of my deceased daughter Emily E. Stinette I give the sum of one dollar and no more. To my son George V. Ragsdale, I give the sum of one dollar and no more. To my son Felix N. Ragsdale, I give the sum of one dollar and no more. To my son Thomas S. Ragsdale, and to his heirs, he now being dead, I give nothing. To my daughter Nancy C. Ragsdale, I give the sum of Twenty five dollars and no more. To my daughter Unity B. Terrell, I give the sum of Twenty five dollars and no more.

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

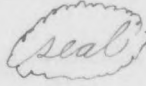
4th I will and desire that all of my property of every kind shall, after the interest of my beloved wife shall be terminated as herein provided and after the other legacies herein provided for are paid, be equally divided between my sons S. W. Ragsdale, Robert W. Ragsdale and William H. Ragsdale, provided however that if either of these three sons should die without children and before the said right of my wife shall terminate then it shall be divided equally between the other two, of the three boys, and in case two of these three boys shall die without either of them having children and before the right of my wife to said property has terminated, then in that event I desire the property devised to these three boys be divided so that my daughter Nancy C. Ragsdale shall receive one third and the survivors of the three boys the other two thirds thereof. On



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

5th I hereby appoint my son L.W. Ragsdale to be my executor.

Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of August  
A.D. 1886

Lewis Ragsdale 

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

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

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court

I, A. J. Lower Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of Lewis Ragsdale and having heard the testimony of W.S. Snodgrass, Wm. H. Viles and J.D. Abbe 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 said Lewis Ragsdale 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 City of Bolivar this 31st day of January 1887.

A. J. Lower

Judge of Probate

Filed for Record this 31st day of January 1887  
at 10 o'clock 15 min A.M.

H. C. McGracker  
Recorder

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

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

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

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

In Testimony Whereof I, B. F. Brown, have here subscribed name and affixed my seal this the twenty fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven

Signed, sealed and declared by the said B. F. Brown to be his last will and testament in presence of us and we have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto in the presence of each other. Attest

Jas. Rule, Clarence M. Swingle

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court  
I, A. J. Sower, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, state of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of Benjamin F. Brown and having heard the testimony of James Rule and Clarence M. Swingle 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 said Benjamin F. Brown deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in City of Bolivar this 1st day of Feby 1887

A. J. Sower  
Judge of Probate.

Filed for record this 11 day of Feby 1887 at 11 o'clock a.m.

A. C. McCracken, Recorder



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

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

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

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 30th day of November 1883.

J.S. D. Lewis

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

W.S. Odom of Bolivar Mo  
B.F. Wilson of Bolivar Mo  
Charles Van Buren of Bolivar Mo

Proof of Will

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court  
Be it Remembered, That on this the 30th day of May A.D. 1887 before me A.J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared W.S. Odom, B.F. Wilson and Charles Van Buren who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of J.S. D. Lewis deceased, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said J.S. D. Lewis, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be her last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same she, the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the testator.

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of May A.D. 1887  
A.J. Lower  
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court  
I, A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk  
County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing in-  
strument, purporting to be the last Will of J. S. D. Lewis, and having heard  
the testimony of W. S. Oden, B. F. Wilson and Charles Van Buren sub-  
scribing Witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do  
declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament  
of said J. S. D. Lewis, deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

[LS]

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of said Court of office in City of Bolivar this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
May 1887.

A. J. Lower  
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

I, A. J. Lower Judge of the Probate Court, in  
and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original  
Will of J. S. D. Lewis deceased & of the Proof & certificate of Probate of the same as  
the same appears Recorded in Book "A" of Wills at page 339 in my office.

[LS]

Witness my hand, and seal of said Court. Done at Office in  
City of Bolivar this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1887.

A. J. Lower  
Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1887.  
at three o'clock - min. P.M.

H. C. McClracken  
Recorder of Deeds



I, W. S. Anderson, being of sound mind and memory do hereby make this my last Will and Testament, revoking any and other Wills heretofore made by me.

1st. I desire <sup>that</sup> my funeral expenses and just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named.

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

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

+ Lots No Three (3) and four (4) in Block No. Four (4) as shown in the Plat of the Town of Morrisville, in the County of Polk in the State of Missouri. Also the North West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Fourteen (14) Township Thirty (30) Range Twenty-four (24) in the County of Greene in the State of Missouri, and any and other Real Estate that I may own at the time of my death.

I hereby appoint Lorenzo K. Anderson my executor and desire that he be permitted to act as such without giving Bond.  
This the Twenty-sixth day of April 1887

W. S. Anderson {Seal}

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

J. L. Lemmon Morrisville Mo.  
Wm H. Kelly Morrisville Mo.

### Proof of Will

State of Missouri } ss.

County of Polk }

In The Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this 2nd day of June A. D. 1887, before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared J. L. Lemmon and Wm H. Kelly, who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of W. S. Anderson deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said W. S. Anderson the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind,

and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as Witnesses 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. Lemmon  
Wm H. Kelly

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of June A.D. 1884.  
A. J. Lowes  
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri ss.  
County of Polk

In the Probate Court.

I, A. J. Lowes Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of W. S. Anderson and having heard the testimony of J. L. Lemmon and Wm H. Kelly 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 said W. S. Anderson 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 2nd day of June 1884.

A. J. Lowes  
Judge of Probate

Filed for Record this 2nd day of June 1884  
at 5 O'clock - min P.M.

H. C. McClracken  
Recorder of Deeds

By W. S. Moore, H. R.



Knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death and being of sound mind and disposing memory I Thomas Dunnaway of Cole County & State of Missouri being seventy three years of age do make and publish this my last will & testament.

- 1st I desire that all of my just debts & burial expenses be paid.  
 2nd I will & bequeath to my beloved wife all of my property both real and personal of whatever kind whether in possession, reversion or remainder. To have and to hold for & during her natural life for her support & for the purpose of support and maintenance of her and her children so long as she shall live.

I further will & direct that should it become necessary for the support my said wife Catharine K. Dunnaway sell & dispose of any or a part of said property for the support of herself & family, that she shall sell so much as may be necessary for that purpose & in selling the land that she shall first sell that part of the farm East of the Bourne-de-tour Creek & she is hereby empowered to make all necessary deeds & conveyances for such parts as she may sell for such purposes.

- 3d If my said wife Catharine K. Dunnaway should die leaving any property I here bequeath to her or the proceeds thereof, such remainder I do will & desire shall be sold for the best available price & that the proceeds be divided among my children and heirs as follows, viz: That my sons John I. H. Dunnaway receive one dollar, Hugh K. Dunnaway receive one dollar, that Elizabeth A. Perryman (my daughter) receive one dollar & my other daughter Maca A. receive one dollar & my son Elijah A. Dunnaway receive one dollar, after which I desire that my children Jess H. Dunnaway, Lucinda O. Dunnaway, Salina R. Dunnaway, Alice J. Dunnaway, Margaret E. Dunnaway and Susannah V. Dunnaway each receive Two Hundred Dollars & that the children & heirs of my daughter Nancy M. Pate (now dead) receive one hundred and seventy dollars to be divided among them as I gave to my said daughter Nancy M. thirty dollars in her lifetime, should there be enough left to make this division, if not that such remainder be given them in this proportion.

Should there be any left after the payment of the foregoing legacies I will & bequeath that it be so divided among my said children & the heirs of Nancy M. Pate (regarded as one) that all shall share equally except my two daughters Maca A. and Elizabeth who shall each receive one Dollar for every five dollars received by one of the others from the last remainder, and having



thus disposed of all my property I do make & publish this my last will & testament. This being closed on the fourth page thereof.

Thomas Dunnaway.

We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of Thomas Dunnaway the testator this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1886

John W. Ross, of Polk Co Mo  
P. C. Roberts

"Proof of Will"

State of Missouri) ss  
County of Polk

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. A.D. 1887, before me W. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John W. Ross & P. C. Roberts who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Thos Dunnaway deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, dispose and say that the said Thomas Dunnaway 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.

John W. Ross  
P. C. Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug A.D. 1887,  
W. J. Lower  
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri) In the Probate Court  
County of Polk ) I, W. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Thomas Dunnaway decd and having heard the testimony of John W. Ross and P. C. Roberts 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 said Thomas Dunnaway deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

[L.S.] In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in Polk Co, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1887

W. J. Lower, Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug. at 2 o'clock 20 min P.M.  
H. C. McBracken, Recorder



In the name of God! amen. I, Emaline Mitchell being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills and codicils whatsoever by me heretofore made.

It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid including my funeral and burial expenses.

I consider that my beloved nephew John W. Phillips take care of me and property provide for me during the remaining years of my life pay all my debts as mentioned in Item 1st of this will and for the love and affection I have for him, I will and bequeath to him said John W. Phillips all my personal property of whatever kind and I also will and devise to him said John W. Phillips all my real estate, if being situated in Polk County Missouri and described as follows to wit:

The South West quarter of the North East quarter and sixteen (16) acres off the East side of the South half of Lot One (1) of the North West quarter of Section Nineteen in Township Thirty four (34) of Range Twenty three (23) being fifty six acres more or less.

I hereby appoint my said Nephew John W. Phillips my executor, to execute and carry out the provisions and conditions of this will and I also desire and request of the Court having power and authority to make such appointment that he be permitted to act as such executor without giving bond in any sum whatever.

In Testimony whereof I hereto sign my name and affix my seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1887

Attest C. L. Russell

Emaline <sup>her</sup> Mitchell <sup>mark</sup>

We the undersigned witnesses at the request of Emaline Mitchell the testator, in her presence and in the presence of each other do hereto sign our names this January 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

Witnesses { C. L. Russell  
H. C. McBrackin  
John W. Ross  
A. A. Underwood

### Proof of Will

State of Missouri } ss In the Probate, in vacation.  
County of Polk. } Be it remembered that on this the first day of October A. D. 1887, before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared C. L. Russell and John W. Ross who are two of

subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Emaline Mitchell deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Emaline Mitchell the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be her last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same that 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.

C. L. Russell  
Jno. H. Ross

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this first day of October  
A. D. 1887

A. J. Lower  
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } 33  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court,  
I, A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County  
State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument,  
purporting to be the last Will of Emaline Mitchell and having  
heard the testimony of C. L. Russell and Jno. H. Ross 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 said Emaline Mitchell deceased, late of Polk County Missouri.  
In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the Seal of said Court at office in City of Bolivar this 1st day of  
October, 1887

L.S.

A. J. Lower  
Judge of Probate

Filed for Record this 3rd day of Oct. 1887  
at 4 o'clock 15 minutes P. M.

A. C. McGracken  
Recorder of Wills



Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1887.

I, H. S. Rousseau of Campbell Township in Polk Co. Missouri, being of sound mind and disposing memory, make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, viz:

I want all my just and lawful debts paid and my funeral expenses including a tombstone to be placed at my grave similar to those at the graves of my father and mother, paid by my much beloved and devoted wife Mary Oliver Rousseau to whom I give and bequeath all my personal property and all the Real Estate I may die seized of in all about sixty acres and a half to my said wife in fee simple for her own use and benefit. I desire to be dressed to be dressed in a suit of black cloth and be placed in a coffin as near as may be like those my parents were placed in, and to be buried by their side in Plum Grove Cemetery.

In presence of these witnesses I hereunto set my hand and seal.

Geo. H. Dawson

W. J. P. Ashlock.

H. S. Rousseau

In addition to the above Will and Testament I further declare this Codicil to be apart of the same. I appoint my wife Oliver M. Rousseau to be and act as my executor and desire her to execute and carry out the all the all the terms of this my last Will and Testament in presence of these witnesses on this the tenth day of December 1887.

Witness

H. S. Rousseau.

Geo. H. Dawson

Jacob B. Crozier.

### Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss.

County of Polk }

In the Probate Court. In Vacation.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 3rd day of January A.D. 1888, before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared George H. Dawson, W. J. P. Ashlock and Jacob B. Crozier who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will and Codicil of H. S. Rousseau deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the

said H. Rousseau the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will & 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 and codicil 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.

George H. Dawson  
W. J. P. Ashlock  
Jacob B. Crozier

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3rd day  
of January. A.D. 1888.

A. J. Lowe  
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss. In the Probate Court.  
County of Polk } I, A. J. Lowe Judge of the Probate Court  
of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of H. G. Rousseau and having heard the testimony of Geo. H. Dawson, Jacob B. Crozier and W. J. P. Ashlock 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 said H. G. 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 in said County this 3rd day of January 1888.

A. J. Lowe,  
Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record this 10th day of Feb'y 1888.  
at 2 o'clock 30 minutes P. M.

H. C. McCracken,  
Recorder of Deeds.



Know all Men by these Presents.

That I David A. Henson, have this day bequeathed to my wife Catharine Henson all of my Real Estate and personal property her natural life or as long as she remains my widow.

First, The said Catharine Henson is to pay all of my just debts, then the balance of my personal property is to be disposed of as best suits her; and I bequeath to her the South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. Nine (9), and the North West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Nine (9), and the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section number Eight (8), and the South East quarter of the South West quarter of Section number Eight (8) all in Township numbered Thirty-four of Range numbered Twenty-three, containing in all One Hundred and Sixty acres more or less.

Second, 3 head of horses and one two-horse wagon, ten head of cattle, twenty-five head of hogs, and all of my house-hold furniture and all other personal property, and at the death of my wife Catharine Henson all of my Real Estate and what is left of my personal property is to be divided equal between my children.

David <sup>his</sup> A. Henson {Seal}

We attest the above and foregoing Will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of David A. Henson the Testator. This the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1887.

Geo. W. Jones {Seal}

J. M. Jones {Seal}

### Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss.  
County of Polk }

### In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1888, before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared George W. Jones & J. M. Jones who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of David A. Henson deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said David A. Henson the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will & 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 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.

I. M. Jones.  
George H. Jones.

{L.S.} Sworn to and subscribed before me, this ninth day of January A. D. 1888.

A. J. Lower,  
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss.  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court.

I, A. J. Lower Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of David A. Henson and having heard the testimony of George H. Jones and I. M. Jones subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of said David A. Henson deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

{L.S.} In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in Bolivar this 9th day of Jan'y 1888.

A. J. Lower,  
Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record this 10th day of Feb'y 1888  
at 2 o'clock 40 minutes P.M.

H. C. McClracken,  
Recorder of Deeds.



Be it Rembred, That Drank Underwood of Polk County in the State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory, but being well aware of the uncertainty of this life do make this my last Will and Testament:

After the payments of my just debt and funeral expenses, I bequeath and devise as follows:

First, I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Nancy Jane B. Underwood all my household furniture and of my personal property One Thousand Dollars, and 100 acres of the home farm her lifetime, said land described as follows: N.W. qr., N.W. qr. and West half of N.E. qr of N.W. qr. Sec. 6 Twp. 33 Range 24 of Polk Co., Mo., and N.E. qr. N.E. qr. Sec. 1, Twp. 33, Range 25, in Cedar Co., Mo., and at her death said land is to revert to and become the property of my son C. D. Underwood.

Second, I give devise and bequeath to my son C. D. Underwood 100 acres of land described as follows S.E. qr. N.E. qr. Sec. 1, Twp. 33, Range 25 of Cedar Co., Mo., and S.W. qr. N.W. qr. and West half S.E. qr of N.W. qr. Sec. 6 Twp. 33 Range 24 of Polk Co., Mo.

Third, I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Lurinda E. Underwood 120 acres of land described as follows: West half S.W. qr., and S.E. qr. of S.W. qr. Sec. 6 Twp. 33 Range 24 Polk Co., Mo.

Fourth, I give devise and bequeath to my son Jerome B. Underwood 140 acres of land described as follows: North half of S.W. qr. except 20 acres off of North side of said tract of Sec. 7, Twp. 33 Range 24 Polk Co., Mo., and N.E. qr of S.E. qr. and S.E. qr N.W. qr Sec. 12 Twp. 33 Range 25 of Cedar Co., Mo.

Fifth, I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Nancy E. Underwood 140 acres of land described as follows: 20 acres off North side of North half of S.W. qr. and S.W. qr. N.W. qr. Sec. 7, Twp. 33, Range 24 of Polk Co., Mo., and South half N.E. qr. Sec. 12 Twp. 33, Range 25 of Cedar Co., Mo.

To Have and to Hold unto my said daughter and her heirs and in the event of her dying without issue, said land to revert to and become the property of my other heirs.

Sixth, It is my Will and Devise that after my wife has been paid the Thousand Dollars already bequeathed, the remainder of my personal property of all

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kindred what was be equally divided among my two sons  
two daughters.

And lastly I nominate and appoint as execu-  
tors of this my Last Will and Testament my sons L. P.  
Underwood and Jerome G. Underwood.

In Witness Whereof, I, Frank Underwood  
to this my last Will and Testament have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1887.

Frank <sup>his</sup> Underwood.

Signed, Sealed and declared by Frank Underwood,  
as, and for his last Will and Testament in the presence  
of us who at his request and in his presence and in  
the presence of each other have subscribed our names  
hereunto as witness thereof.

Wm Underwood, Fair Play, Mo.

James H. Fox, Bear Creek, Mo.

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss.  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day  
of February A.D. 1888, before me A. J. Lowe, Judge of the  
Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid,  
personally appeared William Underwood and James H. Fox  
who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Frank  
Underwood, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn de-  
pose and say that the said Frank Underwood the testator, sub-  
scribed the same in their presence, and published and declared  
said Will or Testament of Writing to be his last Will and Tes-  
tament, 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 at-  
tested said Will as Witness 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.

James H. Fox,

Wm Underwood.

[S.S.] Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
February A.D. 1888.

A. J. Lowe,

Judge of Probate.



State of Missouri } ss.  
 County of Polk }

In the Probate Court.

I, A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Frank Underwood and having heard the testimony of William Underwood and James H. Fox 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 said Frank Underwood deceased, late of Polk County Missouri.

{ L.S. }

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in Bolivar this 20 day of Decy 1888

A. J. Lower,

Judge of Probate.

Filed for Record this 23rd day of Decy A.D. 1888,  
 at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes, A.M.

H. L. McClracken,  
 Recorder of Deeds.

I, Mary Richards of Polk County Missouri being of sound and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

1<sup>st</sup> My desire and will is that my funeral expenses and just debts, and expense of placing a monument at my grave, be first paid out of my estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to Richard Baldock Eight Hundred Dollars of my personal estate.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath to James R. Mart Three Hundred Dollars out of my personal estate.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to the three children of D. F. Littrell (Lemuel, Mary A. and Luther) Fifty Dollars to be divided equally between them out of my personal estate; also to Charles Littrell Fifty Dollars out of my personal estate.

5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to John Overshiner and Eliza Pitts, Wife of Wm. D. Pitts all of my real estate as follows: One house and Lot in City of Bolivar described as 200 x 300 ft. part out Lot No. Nineteen (19) and one Lot described part Lot I Block 15, also one farm in Hickory County, Missouri as follows the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section No. Thirty two (32) and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> S E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. No. Twenty nine (29) all in Township No. Thirty six (36) of Range No. Twenty one (21) or so much thereof as I may be possessed of at my death, also all of my personal estate of whatsoever kind and wherever found except as above enumerated including one carriage, all my moneys, notes and securities of whatever kind, and all my household & kitchen furniture & to their heirs and assigns forever, and I appoint John Overshiner and W. D. Pitts executors of this my Will.

Attest to mark }  
Sarah Payne }  
H. L. Turk }

Mary <sup>her</sup> Richards  
mark

We certify that the above and foregoing was signed and published and declared by the said Mary Richards the testatrix, in our presence as her last Will and Testament, and we at her request & in her presence and in the presence of each other hereto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses this February 17<sup>th</sup> 1888.

H. L. Turk  
Sarah Payne  
M. J. Inglis



new  
State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 16 day of March A.D. 1888, before me A. J. Lower, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared H. C. Turk, Sarah Payne & M. J. Inglis, who are the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will of Mary Richards deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Mary Richards the testator subscribed the same in our presence, and published and declared said Will or instrument of writing to be her last will and testament; and that at the time of signing the same, she, the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as witnesses 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.

H. C. Turk  
Sarah Payne  
M. J. Inglis

\* Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1888

A. J. Lower  
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } ss  
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court.

I, A. J. Lower Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Mary Richards and having heard the testimony of H. C. Turk, Sarah Payne and M. J. Inglis 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 said Mary Richards 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1888.

A. J. Lower  
Judge of Probate

Filed for Record this 16th day of March 1888  
at 11 o'clock 45 minutes A. M.

A. B. McBracken Recorder  
By L. M. Tiller D. R.

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# An Ordinance abolishing Slavery in Missouri.

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Be it ordained, by the People, of the State  
Missouri, in Convention assembled,

That, hereafter, in this  
State, there shall be, neither Slavery,  
nor, involuntary servitude, except, in  
punishment of crime, whereof, the party  
have been duly convicted, and, all  
persons held to service, or labor, as <sup>slaves,</sup>  
are hereby declared free

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A. K. K. &

President of  
Mo. State Convention

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A true Copy of the Original Ordinance  
as passed and on Record }

Amos P. Foster.

Secy of the

Mo. State Convention

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