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In View of the uncertainty of life and the
Certainty of death and being in poor health
but of sound mind I John J. Laughlin in the
presence of Almighty God and three witnesses
do make this my last will and Testament.

My Executor hereinafter to be named is emp-
owered and enjoined to give my body a Chris-
tian burial all necessary expense incident
thereto to be paid from any funds that shall
come into his or her hands as proceeds from
my property.

It is my Will and Command that all just
debts against my Estate shall be paid.

To my beloved wife Catherine Laughlin I give
and bequeath all Lands and Real Estate
that I am possessed of to hold and for her use
during her life time and at her death the
Title of said Lands and Real Estate shall
descend to and be held by my Children named
as follows Charles R. Laughlin Samuel H.
Laughlin John S. Laughlin Joseph J. Laughlin
Margaret S. Laughlin Sarah E. Laughlin for
their use and benefit during their lifetime
after which said Lands and Real Estate shall
be the property of the heirs or legal Representatives
of those of my Children hereinafter mentioned
Those of my Children hereinafter named are
by the terms of this my will and Testament Res-
trained from selling or bargaining away
in any manner their interest herein bequeath-
ed to them as it is my will and wish that
my land property be for their use and
benefit after the death of my beloved wife
during their life time and then to descend to
their heirs and legal Representatives.

To my daughter Matilda R. Long formerly
Matilda R. Laughlin I give and bequeath
the of one Dollar to be paid within six
Months after this will shall go into effect
with this further provision that in the

event of the said Matilda R Long becoming a widow she shall share equally with my other children hereinbefore named and the same provisions herein contained for the benefit of them and their heirs shall apply to her and her heirs.

To my daughter Mary E. Eastel formerly Mary E. Laughlin I give and bequeath the sum of One dollar to be paid within six months after my death. My personal property that I shall be possessed of at the time of my death shall be disposed of as follows.

To my beloved wife I give and make one span of Mules Two Cows all of the sheep ten head of hogs one wagon and set of harness also all of the house hold furniture beds and bedding which she shall share with the children in that way and manner that she shall deem just and right also from the bread stuff and meat that may be on hand at the time of my death it is my will that she retain sufficient for support for herself and family for one year and further I will and bequeath to my beloved wife all of my farming utensils.

All of my other personal property that herein exemplified my Executor will sell at public sale on such terms and conditions as he may deem best.

I further will and bequeath to my Sons John Laughlin Joseph Laughlin and to my daughter Sarah E. Laughlin each a horse saddle and bridle at their maturity to be paid for from my assets.

To my daughter Margaret Laughlin in the event of her leaving her mother and going to herself I give the use of fifteen or sixteen acres of tillable land for one year and meat sufficient for the same length of time or if she shall so elect

the equivalent of both in money. All money that shall remain in the hands of my executor arising from the sale of my personal property or from any other source shall be placed on interest and so remain until my youngest child becomes of age and then equally divided between Charles Laughlin Samuel H. Laughlin John S. Laughlin Joseph J. Laughlin Margaret S. Laughlin Matilda R. Long and Sarah E. Laughlin or in the event of any of them being dead to their heirs or legal Representatives should any of these children hereinbefore named die without issue their portion shall be apportioned to those living Mary E. Eastel formerly Mary E. Laughlin excepted from the number.

I hereby name and appoint my beloved wife Catherine Laughlin executrix of this my last will and testament I hereby ^{expose} upon my executrix herein named that she counsel and advise with my neighbor and friend Elizabeth Whirston in the transaction of the business and carrying out the provisions of this will I hereby revoke and Cancel all former wills and bequests made and leave this as my last will and testament dated this 11th day of January A D 1875 Signed and Sealed in presence of and witnessed by

B. F. Hunter
Thos. Johnston

J. J. Laughlin

Proof of Will
State of Missouri) ss In the County Court
County of Polaski) In Vacation
Be it Remembered that on this Twenty Third day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy five before me E. J. McCall

Clerk of the County Court in Vacation held
 in and for the County of Pulaski and State
 of Missouri personally appeared B. F. Kinter
 and Thomas J. Christison who being duly sworn
 upon their Oaths depose and say that they were
 present and saw John J. Saughlin sign the
 foregoing instrument purporting to be the
 last will and testament of him the said John
 J. Saughlin and heard him publish and declare
 are the same to be his last will and testament
 and that at the time of signing the same the said
 John J. Saughlin was of sound and disposing mind
 and that these deponents attesting witnesses sub-
 scribed their names thereto as witnesses to the
 same in the presence of the testator and of
 each other and at the request of the said John
 J. Saughlin

B. F. Kinter
 Thomas J. Christison

Subscribed and Sworn before me E. Williams
 Clerk of the County Court in Vacation the day
 and year first aforesaid

E. Williams Clerk
 County Court

The foregoing will and Proof was filed
 for Record July 24th 1875

E. Williams Clerk
 By T. B. Spry D. C.

Know all men by these presents that I Daniel
 Bench of the County of Pulaski in the State of
 Missouri being in ill health but of sound and
 disposing mind and memory do make and publish
 this my last will and testament hereby Revoking
 all former wills by me at any time heretofore made
 and as to my worldly Estate and all the property
 Real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized
 and possessed to which I shall be entitled at the
 time of decease I devise bequeath and dispose
 thereof in the manner following to wit: ✓
 First) My Will is that my just debts and Funeral
 Expenses shall by my Executor herein after named
 be paid out of my Estate as soon after my
 decease as shall by him be found convenient
 Second) I will and bequeath to my Son John
 Bench One dollar.
 Third) I give and bequeath to heirs of my Daughter
 Elizabeth Robinson deceased to wit Caroline I give
 more Rachel Daniels James Robinson Each
 One dollar
 Fourth) I give and bequeath to my Son Christopher
 Bench One dollar.
 Fifth) I will and bequeath to my Daughter Jane
 Hall One dollar.
 Sixth) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lotey
 Cook One dollar.
 Seventh) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Silve-
 mia Burman One dollar
 Eighth) I give and bequeath to the heirs of Henry
 Bench deceased Elizabeth Bench one dollar
 Ninth) I will to my Son Andrew J. Bench one dollar
 Tenth) I will to my daughter Luinda Riddle one
 dollar
 Eleventh) I will and bequeath to my Son Pulaski
 Bench One dollar
 Twelfth) I will and bequeath to my Son William
 J. Bench One dollar
 Thirteenth) I will and bequeath to my Son Daniel
 Bench for all my Real and personal property

Subject to the Widow's dower Frances A. Beach
 my present wife the Real Estate is lying and
 being in the County of Polk in the State of Miss-
 ouri to wit: The South West quarter of the North
 East quarter and the South East quarter and the
 North West quarter of North ~~East~~ Quarter of
 Section (14) Township of Township (34) Thirty
 four of Range (12) Twelve West and the North
 West quarter of the North West quarter Section
 (13) thirteen and the North half of the North East
 quarter of Section (14) Township in Township
 (34) Thirty four of Range (12) Twelve West
 I also give and bequeath to my Son Daniel Beach
 that after the death or decease of my wife Fran-
 ces A. Beach all her dower interest in my
 said Estate both Real and personal to have and
 to hold to same in his own right - for ever I
 also give and bequeath to my Son Daniel Beach
 after my decease all my Money Notes and ac-
 counts and evidences of Debts for ever
 Lastly I hereby appoint Alfred H. Nicks Sol-
 executor of this my last will and Testament
 hereby Revoking all former wills by me made
 In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and
 Seal this October 2nd Second 1875 Eighteen hundred
 and Seventy five

Daniel Beach *[Seal]*

Signed and Sealed by Daniel Beach as for his
 last will and Testament in the presence of us who
 in his presence & in the presence of each other
 and at his Request have hereunto Subscribed our
 Names as Witnesses the Name of Daniel Beach
 was Signed by A. H. Nicks by said Beaches
 Request

Witnesses }

Joshua Leaphell
 Willis B. Lemons
 A. H. Nicks

The foregoing Will was filed for Record
 November 5th A.D. 1875

Ed Williams Clerk
 By B. Spray D.

State of Missouri } 38 During the Session of the
 County of Polk } County Court.

Be it Remembered that on
 this 5th day of November A.D. 1875 personally
 appeared before the undersigned Ed Williams
 Clerk of the County Court of the County of
 and State of said A. H. Nicks, W. B. Lemons
 and Joshua Leaphell the Subscribing
 Witnesses to the annexed Will of Daniel Beach
 and being by me first duly sworn the
 said A. H. Nicks deposes and says that he
 signed the name of Daniel Beach the Testator
 to the annexed Will by his direction at his
 request and in his presence and that the said
 A. H. Nicks, W. B. Lemons and Joshua Leaphell
 deposes and says that the said Daniel Beach
 the Testator produced the said will or instru-
 ment of writing and in their presence declar-
 ed the said instrument of writing to be his
 act and published the same as his last will
 that he the said Testator was at the time of
 publishing of said Will of sound mind and
 more than 21 years of age and that the
 said deponents attested the said will as
 witnesses thereto by subscribing their names
 to the same in the presence of the said
 Testator and in the presence of each other
 In Witness whereof we have hereunto
 Signed our Names this 5th day of Novem-
 ber A.D. 1875

Attest

B. J. Bostwick }

A. H. Nicks
 Willis B. Lemons
 Joshua Leaphell

The foregoing Proof of Will was filed for
Record Nov 5 1875

E. Williams Clerk
By B. S. Gray D. C.

State of Missouri }
County of Pulaski }

To all persons to whom
these presents shall come greeting:
Know ye that the last Will of Daniel Bench
deceased hath in due form of Law been exhibit-
ed proved and Recorded a copy of which is
hereto annexed and inasmuch as it appears
that A. H. Micks has been appointed Executor
in and by the said last will to execute the
same and to the end that the property of the
Testator may be preserved for those who shall
appear to have legal right or interest therein
and that the said last will may be executed
according to the request of the Testator we do
hereby authorize him the said A. H. Micks
as such Executor to collect and secure all
and singular the goods and Chattels rights and
Credits which were of the said Daniel Bench
at the time of his death in whosever possession
the same may be found and to perform and
fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined
upon him by said will so far as there shall be
property and the Law charges him and in general
to do and perform all other things which now
are or hereafter may be Required of him by Law
In Testimony Whereof I E. Williams Clerk of the
Court in and for said County of Pulaski have
hereto Signed my name and affixed the
Seal of said Court at office this 4th day of
November A. D. 1875

E. Williams Clerk
By B. S. Gray D. C.

The foregoing Letter Testamentary was filed
for Record Nov 5th A. D. 1875

E. Williams Clerk
By B. S. Gray D. C.

In the Name of God Amen
I Charles Curtis of the County of Pulaski
in the State of Missouri aged Fifty Years
being of Sound Mind do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament as follows:
1st I request that my funeral be conducted
under the direction of my beloved wife and
in a manner suitable to my means and
position in life and that a suitable mon-
ument or Stone be placed by her to mark
the final resting place of my remains the cost
of which shall be considered as funeral exp-
enses, and I direct that my funeral charges
the expenses of Administering on my Estate
and all my just debts be paid out of my
personal Estate and if that be insufficient
I expressly authorize my Executrix herein
after named to sell at public or private
sale all or part of my Real or personal prop-
erty for the purpose above mentioned
2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Marcus P. Curtis the home place or farm
on which I now live described as follows
The South half of the North East and the
East half of the North West quarter of
Section Thirty Three of Township Thirty
five (35) of Range No. Eleven (11) in the
County of Pulaski State of Missouri Cont-
aining one Hundred and Sixty Acres to
hold and enjoy absolutely in fee simple
3rd I also give and bequeath to my

Leaving the Sum of Fifty Dollars,
 And lastly as to all the rest residue and
 Remainder of my personal Estate whatsoever
 after payment as aforesaid I give and bequeath
 the same to my said beloved wife to dispose
 of and do with as to her seems best and
 whom I hereby appoint my Sole Executrix
 of this my last will and Testament hereby
 revoking all former will by me made
 And I further will and devise that my be-
 loved wife Dorcas Pleuntis shall be allowed
 to be the executrix of this my last will
 without being compelled to enter into any
 Bond in any Sum whatever
 In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Subscribed
 and My name this Fourteenth (14th) day of
 March 1876

Charles Leuntis

The foregoing instrument was at the date
 thereof signed and declared by the said Charles
 Leuntis to be his last will and Testament in
 the presence of us who at his request and in
 his presence and in the presence of each other
 have subscribed our names as witnesses
 thereto

G. W. Leolly of Waynesville
 W. A. Bates of Waynesville
 A. Bryan of Waynesville

The foregoing Will was filed for Record
 March 30th A.D. 1876

E. Williams Clerk
 By B. S. Spray D.C.

Proof of Will

State of Missouri } ss In the County Court Pulaski
 County of Pulaski } ss County Missouri

Be it Remembered that on
 this 30th day of March in the year of our
 Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy
 Six before me Clerk of the Court in and for
 the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri
 personally appeared G. W. Leolly W. A. Bates
 & Alex. Bryan who being duly Sworn up
 on their Oaths depose and say that they
 were present and saw Charles Leuntis sign
 the foregoing instrument purporting to be
 the last will and Testament of him the
 said Charles Leuntis and heard him publish
 and declare the same to be his last will
 and Testament and that at the time of sign-
 ing the same the said Charles Leuntis was of
 sound and disposing mind and that the
 deponents and G. W. Leolly W. A. Bates &
 Alex. Bryan the other attesting witnesses
 subscribed their names thereto as witnesses
 to the same in the presence of the Testator
 and of each other and at the request of the
 said Charles Leuntis

G. W. Leolly
 W. A. Bates
 A. Bryan

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
 Clerk of the County Court Pulaski County
 the day and Year first above written
 E. Williams Clerk
 County Court

The foregoing Proof of will was filed
 for Record March 30th A.D. 1876
 E. Williams Clerk
 By B. S. Spray D.C.

State of Missouri } ss
County of Pulaski

To All persons to whom these presents shall come greeting.
Know Ye that the last will of Charles Curtis deceased hath in and form of law been exhibited proved and Recorded a copy of which is hereto annexed and inasmuch as it appears that Boreas P. Curtis has been appointed Executor in and by the said last will to execute the same and to the end that the property of the Testator may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein and that the said last will may be executed according to the request of the Testator we do hereby authorize her the said Boreas P. Curtis as such executrix to collect and secure all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and credits which were of the said Charles Curtis at the time of his death in whosever possession the same may be found and to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon her by said will so far as there shall be property and the law charges her and in general to do and perform all other things which now are or hereafter may be required of her by law.

In Testimony whereof I E. Williams Clerk of the County Court in and for said County of Pulaski have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at office this 30th day of March A.D. 1875

E. Williams clerk
By B. Spray D.C.
The foregoing letters was filed for Record
March 30th 1875

E. Williams clerk

State of Missouri } ss
County of Pulaski

The State of Missouri To all persons to whom these presents shall come greeting. Know Ye that the last will of John J. Laughlin deceased hath in and form of law been exhibited proved and Recorded a copy of which is hereto annexed and inasmuch as it appears that Catherine Laughlin has been appointed executrix in and by the said last will to execute the same and to the end that the property of the Testator may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein and that the said last will may be executed according to the request of the Testator we do hereby authorize her the said Catherine Laughlin as such executrix to collect and secure all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and credits which were of the said John J. Laughlin at the time of his death in whosever possession the same may be found and to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon her by said will so far as there shall be property and the law charges her and in general to do and perform all other things which now are or hereafter may be required of her by law.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in Maysville this 26th Feb. A.D. 1875

E. Williams
County Clerk

The foregoing letters was filed for Record
Feb. 26th 1875

E. Williams clerk
By B. Spray D.C.

In the name of God Amen! I Isaac Goga of Tavern Township, Pulaski Co. Ky. being in poor health of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the estate with which it has pleased God to bless me with shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity to do so. He make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making null and void all other wills and Testaments by me here before made. And first I commend my immortal being to Him who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried with little expense or ostentation by executor hereafter named. And as to my worldly estate and all the property real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit: my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be executed hereinafter named to be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient.

First I give devise and bequeath to my son Lewis Goga the sum of One Dollar to be paid to him by my executor out of my estate soon as convenient after my decease.

Second I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Caroline Phillips the sum of one Dollar to be paid to her by my executor out of my estate as soon as convenient after my decease.

Third I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary Clark the sum of one Dollar to be paid to her by my executor out of

my estate as soon as convenient after my decease.

Fourthly I give devise and bequeath to my son William Goga the sum of one Dollar to be paid to him by my executor out of my estate as soon as convenient after my decease.

Fifth I give devise and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Caroline Hodeler &c the sum of one dollar to be paid to them or their legal representatives by my executor out of my estate as soon as convenient after my decease.

Sixth I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Hodeler the sum of one dollar to be paid to her by my executor out of my estate as soon as convenient after my decease.

Seventh I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Lavanda May the sum of one dollar to be paid to her by my executor out of my estate as soon as convenient after my decease.

Eighth All the rest and residue of my estate real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Elyza Jane Goga.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint Elyza Jane Goga to be the executor of this my last will and Testament.

In Testament whereof I the said Isaac Goga have to this my last will and testament in the foregoing instrument.

I have here subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 16th day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty five

Isaac Goga

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by

Isaac Boga the Testator in the presence
of each of us and was at the same time
declared by him to be his last will and
testament: and we at his request
sign our names hereto as attesting
witnesses

Attest

William Pemberton *JS*
Joseph T. Elder *JS*

The foregoing will was filed for Record
November 22nd 1874 at 11 o'clock am
William's Clerk
By J. Johnson

State of Missouri 1875

County of Pulaski) In open court
Be it remembered

That on this 5th day of November 1875 personally
appeared before the undersigned Wm. Williams
Clerk of the County Court in open court
of the County and State aforesaid William
Pemberton and Joseph T. Elder the subscribing
Witness to the Annexed Will of Isaac Boga
and being by me first duly sworn depose and
say that the said Isaac Boga the Testator
subscribed the same in their presence and
published the said Will as instrument of
writing as his last will: that he the said
Testator was at the time of publishing his
said Will of sound mind and more than
Twenty one years of age and that they the
said Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing
their names to the same in the presence of
said Testator

Wm. Pemberton

J. T. Elder

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto
Subscribed same and affixed the Seal
of said Court - Affixed at office in
Waynesville Mo this 5 day of November 1875
By J. A. Ray Jr. Wm. Williams Clerk

County of Pulaski 3rd
State of Missouri 1875

To all persons to whom these
Presents shall come greeting: I know &c. that
the last will of Isaac Boga deceased hath
in due form of law been exhibited, proved
and recorded, a copy of which is hereto
annexed and inasmuch as it appears that
Eliza Jane Boga has been appointed executrix in
and by the said last will to execute the same
and to stand that the property of the Testator
may be preserved for those who shall appear
to have a legal right or interest therein and
that the said last Will may be executed
according to the request of the Testator we
do hereby authorize her the said Eliza Jane
Boga as such executrix to collect and secure
all and singular the goods and chattels rights
and credits which were of the said Isaac
Boga at the time of his death in whatsoever
possession the same may be found and to
perform and fulfill all such duties as may
be enjoined upon her by said Will so far
as there shall be property, and the law charges
her - and in general to do and to perform
all other things which now are or hereafter
may be requested of her by law -

In Testimony Whereof J. A. Williams
Clerk of the County Court in and for
said County of Pulaski hereunto
set my hand and affixed the Seal of said
Court - at office in Waynesville this 5th
day of November 1875

Wm. Williams

Clerk

By J. A. Ray Jr.

cc

Know all Men by these presents that I,
 O. L. Stapps of the County of Pulaski and
 State of Missouri being in full health and
 of sound and disposing mind and memory
 do make and publish my last will and Testament
 hereby revoking all former wills made by me at
 any time heretofore.

First I hereby constitute and appoint H. A.
 Murphy Jr. to be my sole executor of this my last
 will directing my said executor to pay all my
 just debts and funeral expenses. And the legacies
 hereinafter given out of my estate.

Second After the payment of my said debts
 and funeral expenses I give to Charles, Miriam
 and Claude Murphy the children of my
 Brother in Law, S. A. Murphy and of my
 Sister Ellen Murphy one thousand dollars
 said sum to be equally divided among said
 children at the expiration of one year after
 my decease the remainder of my estate to be
 equally divided among my Father Mother
 Brothers and Sisters who may be living at
 the time of my decease.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal this January 15-1877
 O. L. Stapps

We attest the above and foregoing will
 by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses
 in the presence of O. L. Stapps the Testator
 this the 15th day of January AD 1877
 J. M. Lillie
 J. S. Pruitt

The foregoing will was filed for Record this
 19th day of February AD 1877. E. L. Williams
 Probate Clerk
 By J. A. Rayl Jr.
 Secy

State of Missouri } In the Probate Court-
 County of Pulaski } In Vacation
 Being Remembered that on this 19th day of
 February one thousand eight hundred and seventy
 seven before me, E. L. Williams Clerk of the
 Probate Court held in and for the County
 of Pulaski and State of Missouri personally
 appeared R. M. Lillie and J. S. Pruitt who
 being duly sworn upon their depose and say
 that they ever present and saw O. L. Stapps
 sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the
 last will and Testament of him the said O. L.
 Stapps and heard him publish and declare the
 same to be his last will and Testament and that
 at the time of signing the same the said O. L.
 Stapps was of sound and disposing mind and
 that the deponent and R. M. Lillie and J. S. Pruitt
 the other attesting witnesses subscribed their
 names thereto as witnesses to the same in the
 presence of the Testator and of each other and of
 the report of the said O. L. Stapps.
 Sworn to and subscribed R. M. Lillie
 before me, E. L. Williams, J. S. Pruitt
 Clerk of the Probate
 Court Pulaski Co the
 day and year first aforesaid
 E. L. Williams
 Clerk

By J. A. Rayl Jr. Secy

The foregoing proof of will was filed
 for Record this 19th day Feb 20 1877
 E. L. Williams
 Clerk
 By J. A. Rayl Jr. Secy

State of Missouri
County of Pulaski

To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting

Know ye that the last will and Testament of N. C. Stapp deceased late of Pulaski County, Missouri hath in due form of law been exhibited, proved, and recorded in the office of the clerks of the Probate Court of Pulaski County Missouri, a copy of which is herewith annexed. And inasmuch as it appears that Thomas A. Murphy has been appointed Executor in and by said last will and Testament to execute the same and to the end that the property of the said testator may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein and that the said last will and Testament may be executed according to the request and instructions of the said testator we do hereby authorize him the said Thomas A. Murphy as such executor to collect and secure all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of the said N. C. Stapp at the time of his death in whatsoever hands or possession the same may be found and to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon him by said last will and Testament so far as there shall be property and the same shall be found and in general to do and perform all other acts which are now or may be hereafter required of him by law.

In Testimony Whereof I
Els Williams Clerk of the Probate Court
do and for said County of Pulaski have
herewith signed my name and affixed the Seal of
the said Court at office in Wagnersville this 19-
day of February A.D. 1877

Els Williams
Clerk of said Court
By J. A. Ray Jr. Secy

The foregoing Letters Testamentary was filed
and duly Recorded on this the 19 day of Feb-
ruary 1877

Els Williams
Clerk
By J. A. Ray Jr. Secy

Will of
J. N. Mitchell

In the name of God Amen
I John N. Mitchell being of sound mind
do this 21st day of January 1876 make this my last will
and testament by it revoking all other wills purpor-
ting to be mine

First I give the land I live upon viz 120 acres
with the house and all the personal property per-
taining thereto to my Grand Daughter Margarette
Wrenchell to have and to hold as her property absolutely
at my death

Second, I give to my son Charleya cross cut
saw and Mattock and roeuch and a log chain to
take possession of at my death

Third, I am expecting to receive a pension
from the United States. If it should come I will
that it be divided equally among my children in-
cluding my Grand Daughter Margarette Wrenchell

In witness whereof I hereto sign my name
this 21st day of January 1876

J. N. Mitchell
We attest the above and foregoing by subscribing
our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of
John N. Mitchell the testator this 21st day of January
1876

Lewis Goza

R. B. Gache

I certify that the foregoing will was made
by and signed in presence of me this 21st day of
January 1876

Alfred Pickering
J. P.

The foregoing will was filed for record Feb 26th 1877
J. J. Clark Clerk

State of Missouri
County of Pulaski

To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting

Know ye that the last will and Testament of N. C. Dragg deceased late of Pulaski County, Missouri hath in due form of law been exhibited, proved, and recorded in the office of the Clerks of the Probate Court of Pulaski County, Missouri, a copy of which is herunto annexed. And inasmuch as it appears that Thomas A. Murphy has been appointed Executor in and by said last will and Testament to execute the same and to the end that the property of the said testator may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein and that the said last will and Testament may be executed according to the request and instructions of the said testator we do hereby authorize him the said Thomas A. Murphy as such executor to collect and secure all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said N. C. Dragg at the time of his death in whatsoever hands or possessions the same may be found and to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon him by said last will and Testament so far as there shall be property and the same charge and in funeral costs and perform all other acts which are now or may be hereafter required of him by law.

In Testimony Whereof I
Els Williams Clerk of the Probate Court
do and for said County of Pulaski have
herunto signed my name and affixed the Seal of
the said Court at office in Wagnersville this 19-
day of February A.D. 1877

Els Williams
Clerk of said Court
By J. Ray Jr. Secy

The foregoing Letters Testamentary was filed
and duly Recorded on this the 19 day of Feb-
A.D. 1877

Els Williams
Clerk
By J. Ray Jr. Secy

Will of
J. W. Mitchell

In the name of God Amen
I John W. Mitchell being of sound mind
do this 21st day of January 1876 make this my last will
and testament by it revoking all other wills purpor-
ting to be mine

First I give the land I live upon viz 120 acres
with the house and all the personal property per-
taining thereto to my Granddaughter Margarette
Wencell to have and to hold as her property absolutely
at my death

Second, I give to my son Charleya cross cut
saw and Mattock and roach and a log chain to
take possession of at my death

Third, I am expecting to receive a pension
from the United States. If it should come I will
that it be divided equally among my children in-
cluding my Granddaughter Margarette Wencell

In witness whereof I hereto sign my name
this 21st day of January 1876

J. W. Mitchell
We attest the above and foregoing by subscribing
our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of
John W. Mitchell the testator this 21st day of January
1876

Lewis Goza
R. B. Gache

I certify that the foregoing will was made
by and signed in presence of me this 21st day of
January 1876

Alfred Dickering
J. P.

The foregoing will was filed for record Feb 26th 1877
J. J. Black Clerk

Will of
G M Cole

I Giles M Cole County of Pulaski and State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and void all other wills by me heretofore made.

1st It is my will that all of my legal indebtedness be paid out of the asset of my estate

2nd I give will and bequeath unto Jane Cole my wife all of my property personal Real and Chosen in action to have and to hold during her life time and to control and manage the same according to her own will for the benefit of herself and my heirs

3rd I will and bequeath unto Rutha A Cole when she becomes of age One Horse bridle and Saddle Cow and Calf and one hundred Dollars in Money

4th I will and bequeath unto Martha J Cole when she becomes of age One horse bridle and Saddle Cow and Calf and One Hundred Dollars in Money

5th I will and bequeath unto Labetha B Cole when she becomes of age One Horse bridle and Saddle Cow and Calf and One hundred Dollars in Money

6th I will and bequeath unto Giles E Cole when he becomes of age One horse bridle and Saddle Cow and Calf and One hundred Dollars in Money

7th It is my will that at the death of my wife Jane Cole that my property after the heirs above mentioned has received what I have willed unto them, then all other property personal Real Chosen in action be divided and equally distributed among my heirs to wit Malinda L Cole Warren L Cole Rutha A Cole Martha J Cole and Giles E Cole or their legal representatives and it is my will that James Hamilton administrator on my estate after the death of my wife

8th It is my will that my wife act as executrix of this will, I hereby appoint her

In testimony of which I hereunto subscribe and affix my seal this 14th day of March A.D. 1879

Giles M Cole

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of W A

Bates, M M Lane and J. B. Harrison, having been requested by the said Giles M Cole to subscribe our names as witnesses hereby

W. A. Bates

M M Lane

J. B. Harrison

The foregoing will was filed for record in the office on the 14th day of March A.D. 1879

J. J. Clark

clerk of Probate Court

Will of
M. D.
Smithers

In the Name of God Amen
I Martin D. Smithers of the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory Calling to mind the frailty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the Estate with which it has pleased God to bless me, shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making null and void all other wills by me heretofore made, and first I commend my immortal being to him who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried. And as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:

My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be paid out of my estate as soon as shall be found convenient after my decease

I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Malinda Smithers all of my personal property of whatsoever kind to have and to hold the same to her and to her 24 executors administrators and assigns forever. I also give to her the use of improvement and income of all my real estate situate in the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri to have and to hold the same to her for and during her natural life without any administration upon my said estate after the decease of my beloved wife Malinda Smithers

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my will is that my real estate be equally divided between my lawful heirs. as my children become of age or marry I will that they have a portion of my real estate set apart to them separately for their use and benefit if my wife or widow and them cannot manage it satisfactory to themselves they shall choose three disinterested men as commissioners who shall make the division between them as near equal as possible.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this 23rd day of July 1877

Witnesses
James Ditterington
John Yates
H. M. Cowan

Filed for Record this 21st day of September 1877

E. G. Williams Probate
Clerk. per J. H. Rayl Jr
State of Missouri }
County of Pulaski }

Proof of
Will of
M. D. Smithers

In the Probate Court - In Vacation
Be it remembered, that on this 21st day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven before me E. G. Williams Clerk of the Probate Court held in and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri personally appeared John Yates and James Ditterington who being duly sworn upon their oath depose and say that they was present and saw M. D. Smithers sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of his testator the said M. D. Smithers and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of signing the same the said M. D. Smithers was of sound and disposing mind and that the deponents John Yates and James Ditterington the other attesting witnesses subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the testimony of each other and at the request of the said M. D. Smithers subscribed and sworn to before me
E. G. Williams Clerk of the Probate Court
in vacation the day & year first
above said E. G. Williams Probate Clerk
per J. H. Rayl Jr

In the name of God Amen.

I make my last will and testament. I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Purcell the following described personal property to wit one pair of Bay Horses four years old & all the farming utensils and all the Household and Kitchen furniture. I will and bequeath to my son William Rosecrans Purcell one Chestnut Sorrell Horse with a blaze in forehead eight years old. I will and bequeath to my son Amos Grant Purcell one Black Mare three years old. I will and bequeath to my wife all of my Hogs also one Cow and two yearling heifers and one calf. I will and bequeath to my Daughter Catherine Hogan one Dollar. I will and bequeath to my Daughter Lydia J. A. Southerland one Dollar. This March the 13th A.D. 1880

Witnesses
H. M. York
Wm H. Anderson

William Purcell
made

Filed for Record March 10th 1880
J. J. Clark Clerk

Proof of Will
State of Missouri }
County of Pulaski }

In the Probate Court in Vacation
Be it remembered, that on this 10th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty before me a Clerk of the Probate Court held in and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri personally appeared H. M. York and W. H. Anderson who being duly sworn upon their oath depose and say that they were present and saw William Purcell sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of him the said William Purcell and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of signing the same the said William Purcell was of sound and disposing mind and that these deponents and the other attesting witnesses subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each

other and at the request of the said William Purcell
 Wm York
 W. H. Anderson

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Clerk of the
 Probate Court in vacation the day and year first
 aforesaid.
 J. J. Clark Clerk
 Probate Court

Filed April 10th 1880
 J. J. Clark
 clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Pulaski

I Lewis Pharris being of sound mind and body do hereby make and ordain this my will and testament.

First all of my real estate in the aforesaid County, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Jane Pharris as long as she remains my widow. At her death or marriage to go to my three children, Ida, Bertie Lewis & Lulu and all interest arising from said land what ever.

Second. All the personal property I want sold & the proceeds used as needed to maintain and educate my three children aforesaid after paying my debts the balance put on interest with good security. If I succeed in getting a pension I want it invested in some safe Bank or Mortgage for my three children aforesaid after my wife Mary shall have selected such things as she may want from the personal property.

And I hereby make constitute and appoint George Colby as the Executor of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand this 20th day of February One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty One.

Lewis C Pharris

signed & sealed in the
presence of
Albert V. Cell }
James P. Bright }

Filed February 28th 1881
and truly Recorded this
28th day of February 1881

J. J. Clark
Clerk

Proof of Will

State of Missouri (as
County of Pulaski's In the Probate Court
in Vacation

Be it remembered, That on this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty One before Clerk of the Probate Court held in and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri personally appeared Albert V Scott & James T Bright so being duly sworn upon their oaths depose and say that they were present and saw Lewis C Pharris sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be his last will and testament of him the said Lewis C Pharris and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of signing the same the said Lewis C Pharris was of sound mind and disposing mind and that the deponents Albert V Scott and James T Bright attesting witnesses subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other and at the request of the said Lewis C Pharris

3 Albert V Scott

3 James T Bright

Subscribed & sworn to before me Clerk of the Probate Court the day and year first aforesaid

J. G. Clark
Clerk

In the Name of God; Amen

I John G Burnett of the County of Pulaski in the State of Missouri being of lawful age, of sound and disposing mind and knowing the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament. First I Will and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret L Burnett One Thousand Dollars in cash two choice head of Horses and two choice Mules if on hand. Four milk Cows twenty choice hogs and twenty choice Sheep, all my household and kitchen furniture together with the Mansion House and the use of all my Real estate which she may need for herself and our children living with her and under her control. One choice Wagon and harness and all the farming implements and all my property

I Will to my Daughters Mary Jane Scott and Maud Elizabeth Miller five Dollars each. I Will to my sons James A Burnett and Joseph M Burnett five Dollars each as they are all married off. I have given each of them by way of advancement all I intend for them to have. I Will and bequeath to my four remaining children John G Burnett Jr Francis M Burnett Joseph W Burnett and Newton M Burnett all my remaining real estate and personal property of whatever kind and description to be equally divided among them, but no property herein bequeathed to my beloved wife shall be divided among them till after her death, then whatever property herein bequeathed to her that shall be remaining shall be equally divided among my children herein last named. and in the event of the death of any one or more of my children herein last named the survivors of the four last named ones shall have their shares or in other words they shall have the shares of those that die before reaching their majority or without issue. I Will that if after the bequests herein made are fully satisfied that there should remain any perishable property not necessary for the support and maintenance of my beloved wife and our children remaining with her and under her control that she may at any time sell the same and put the money at interest secured by unincumbered real estate. I appoint my