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Warren County, Kentucky

Will Book 4

1862-1889

Transcribed by Gail Jackson Miller
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The typescript of Warren County Will Book E(4) , also known as Will Book 4, is currently located in the Kentucky Library on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It is probably part of work done by the WPA in the 1930s but is not labeled as such. The typescript does not have an index. The wills included in the book are in the general index in the Warren County Clerk's Office but there is no index which includes all the names in the book. In the Warren County Clerk's Office where the official probate records are kept for Warren County, Will Book E is labeled as Will Book 4.

The present work was typed originally from the typescript labeled Warren County Will Book E(4) located at the Kentucky Library. There are numerous errors in the typescript when compared with the original record. There seem to have been several people working on the project. Some of those doing the original transcription were more skilled than others. This is reflected in the variation throughout the typescript in interpretation of the handwriting in the original book. In addition to the many transcription errors, there were also several wills omitted from the typescript and many lines omitted or changed in wills that were included. Page breaks were marked in the typescript, but were frequently incorrectly inserted.

The present work does not make an effort to correct the WPA typescript of Warren County Will Book 4, also called Will Book E, to the point that the transcript is identical to the original. However, the present transcript has been compared with the original Will Book 4. Part of the comparison was done from Warren County Will Book 4 available in the Warren County Clerk's Office in Bowling Green and part from Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives microcopy 7008459. The following types of errors were checked consistently and corrected: names, dates, metes and bounds, page breaks, punctuation between lists of names, and omitted material. No attempt was made to make general spelling, abbreviations, or general punctuation consistent with the original book even though some of these changes were made as the comparisons were done. Those wills which were added were transcribed as they were written. John Danielson of Bowling Green helped with approximately twenty pages of comparisons and corrections. All typing and other comparisons and corrections were done by Gail Jackson Miller.

The index includes every name mentioned in a will or as a witness. The county clerk and district clerk were not indexed unless they appeared as a witness to an actual will. Their names have been included and can be studied by interested researchers but were omitted in the index to save space. Names which are in the index are marked in bold throughout the text.

I, **John Ford** of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills heretofore made by me to wit. Item 1st. I will to my beloved wife **Elizabeth Ford** the tract of land conveyed to me by **Henry Smith** adjoining the tract of land which I now live containing about one hundred acres more or less and my Buggy and my Mule which works on it. I have heretofore given to my said wife a Negro woman and 2 children now three children which gift I confirm my said wife to have and to hold said land, negroes etc, in fee simple and to dispose of as she may choose. Item 2. I will to my son **William** three hundred acres of land to be laid off. Of my Homestead Farm so as to include the improvements to be laid off in a Northardly and Southardly direction so as to place said three hundred acres and the residue of the tract in the most convenient shape which I charge to my said son the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars I also will to my said son a negro woman I lately got from Virginia and her two children woman by the name of **Violet** which I gave to my said son without charge. Item 3rd. I will to my daughter **Rebecca Allen** two hundred and fifty acres of land to be laid off adjoining the land I have willed to my son **William** and parallel to the lines of his tract for which I charge her seven thousand five hundred dollars. I also will to my daughter **Rebecca** a tract of land I own on the Knob of one hundred fifty acres which I don't charge her anything for. I have heretofore given to said daughter a negro girl by the name of **Amanda** and money the two I charge her the sum of thirteen hundred dollars. Item 4. I will to my daughter **Elizabeth Allen** wife of **Thomas Allen** the residue of my home tract of land and adjoining the lot willed to my daughter **Rebecca** being one hundred acres more or less. Fifty acres of land I bought of **Tuckers** heirs which together with one hundred acre given to and deeded to her husband **Thomas Allen** I charge at the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars I heretofore gave to said daughter and her husband **Thomas Allen** a negro boy which I charge at five hundred dollars. Item 5. I have heretofore given my daughter **Sarah Allen** wife of **David Allen** a negro man and a negro girl and six hundred dollars in cash all of which I charge to her at the sum of twenty five hundred dollars. Item 6. It is my will that all of my children be made equal to **Rebecca** she being charged more than any of the rest of them and the residue of my estate to be equally divided amongst the whole of my children and in dividing the negroes it is my wish that they be divided as much in families as the nature of the case will admit. Item 7. It is my will that the residue of my estate, personal affects etc be sold and divided as the children may agree and final distributions made amongst them paying due respect to the charges herein made. I appoint my son-in-law **Thomas Allen** Executor to this my last will and testament-in witness whom of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of October 1858.

Witness:

Samuel Murrell
Richard Patterson
James Tucker

John Ford

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct August term 1862

This last will and testament of **John Ford** deceased was produced in Court and proved by **Samuel Murrell**, **Richard Patterson** and **James M. Tucker** the subscribing witnesses hereto and could be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test C. E. Blewett

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I, **Mary Parsley** wife of **William A. Parsley** of Warren County Kentucky being of weak body but sound in mind do make the following last will and testament: First I desire all my just debts to be fully paid. Second After payment of all my debts I devise all my Estate which I may own at my death to my Brother **Bluford J. Miller** in trust for my son **William Parsley** until he attains the age of twenty one years and then said estate to be given up to him and if my said son shall die without issue living at his death I devise said Estate to my then living brothers and sisters or their issue. Third I appoint my Brother **Bluford J. Miller** Executor of this will and do not require him to give security either as executor or trustee In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

Witness:

James Young
George W. Campbell

Mary Parsley

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct August term 1862

This last will and testament of **Mary A. Parsley** deceased was provided for and proved by the oaths of **James Young** and **George W. Campbell** the subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test C. E. Blewett CWC

In the name of God amen, I **Elijah Upton** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky make and establish this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made Item 1st Upon my death or as Soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable and Convenient, I will and direct that all the property and Estate of which I may be seized and possessed be sold by executors, hereinafter named to the highest bidder upon such reasonable terms for cash or on credit as my said executors may determine taking care that payments on credit sales be properly secured that my said executors proceed with all convenient dispatch to collect all money arising from said sales or otherwise belonging to me. That after paying all my just debts they divide all the money remaining into seven shares one of which I devise to give to my daughter **Rachael Hudnell** now the wife of **Wesley Hudnell**, one share to **Joseph Upton** one share to **James Upton** one share to **Abraham Upton**, one share to the children of my deceased daughter **Fanny Miller** be equally divided between them and one share to **Alfred Cherry** son of my deceased wife. The remaining share I direct and devise to my daughter **Heritage Kilpatrick** if living and to her children if she be dead but in as much as I have not heard from her or her husband **James** for a [blank space] of years and do not know whether she be living or dead or left children or not I direct my said executor to invest her share in Safe Security leaving interest and to reserve and continue such investments for the period of five years from and after my death and if by the end of that period no application is made for it by my said daughter **Heritage** or her children or it does not satisfactorily appear that she

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or they are living then I direct and devise that this share be equally divided among my surviving children and the children of any child of mine that may be dead ? ? should said **Heritage** or her children make application for their share before the expiration of the five years I direct it be paid over on application for it. Item 2nd. I nominate and appoint my son **James Upton** and **Alfred Cherry** the executors of this my last will and testament giving to the survivors the power herein before conferred on both whilst living in testimony of all which I hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th of May 1857.

Elijah Upton

The foregoing testament was signed sealed and acknowledged by **Elijah Upton** in our presence to be his later will and testament and was signed and attested by us in his presence this date by herein above written.

W. L. Underwood

B. C. Grider

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct August called term 1862

This last will and testament of **Elijah Upton** deceased was presented in court and proved by the oath of **W. L. Underwood** one of the subscribing witnesses who is now absent from the state, attested said writing in his presence and in the presence of the testator thereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test. James H. Rose

Warren County State of Kentucky Sept 10th 1862. This is to certify that I **Jeremiah Hudnall** being in my right mind at this time in the presence of these witnesses do leave this my last will and testament, on earth. First I desire my friend **Hezekiah White** to take charge of all my papers and property whatever moveable or unmoveable immediately after my death that said **H. White** after due time and consideration and legally sell all property that may be found belonging to said estate to the highest bidder on a credit of six months or for cash in had as the parties think best interested. All just and legal debts that may be proven against the said estate to be paid first the remainder should there be any more half of it be given to my dear beloved wife now **Julyitt C. Hudnall** and the remaining half Evenly divided between my Brothers and Sisters or their heirs.

P.S. Said **White** shall have the power to collect all notes and accounts due said **Jeremiah Hudnall**.

Test: **G. C. Rone**

B. J. Stewart

Jeremiah Hudnall

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September term 1862

This last will and testament of **Jeremiah Hudnall** deceased was produced in court and proved by the oath of **B. J. Stewart** the subscribing witnesses there unto who also proved by proved by the oath that **G. C. Rone** the other subscribing witness who is now absent from the state attested. Said writing in his presence and in the presence of the others thereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose

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This is my last will and testament made this the 14th day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two. 1st I wish my wife **Milly Edwards** to retain full and sole possession of my estate both real and personal, during her natural life. To manage and control the same as much like I would if living, As she can. 2nd Those of my children who have not had any thing given them are to made equal with those who have. 3rd After my beloved wifes death each of my children to receive an equal portion of my said estate. Signed sealed and witnessed the day and date above written.

Witness: **T. B. Larue**

Elizabeth Lowry

Emily Bickman

Brice Edwards [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December 1862

This last will and testament of **Brice Edwards** decd was produced in court and proved by the oaths of **T. B. Larue** and **Elizabeth Lowry** two of the subscribing witness therefore and ordered to be recorded which recorded accordingly.

Test J. H. Rose CWCC

By George Mitchell DC

John P. Clark of Bowling Green Ky being of Sound mind and in usual health do the hereby make and declare this to be his last Will and testament as follows viz 1st I desire all my just debts to be paid as Soon as possible after my decease 2nd I will and bequeath to each and all of my Slaves owned by me at my death their freedom together with the following Sums of money to each to wit To **George Clark** the Sum of four hundred Dollars To **George Royalty** the Sum of three hundred Dollars To **Easter** the Sum of three hundred Dollars To **Ellen** the Sum Of three Hundred Dollars and to each of her four children Viz **Margaret, William or Billy Seely & Sally** the Sum of three hundred Dollars. If any more children are born of any of my Negro woman before I Die or within ten months after my death I devise to each Negro Slave So born the Sum of two hundred Dollars each. If any Of these Slaves Should Died before myself the bequest to them Shall be void and Shall lapse excepted as to **Ellen** and her children in whose cases if **Ellen** Should die I do, the bequest to her Shall be paid to her children living at my death and if any of her children die before I do the bequest to Such a One So dying Shall be paid my Executors to Ellen if living at my death but if not to her children living at my death, in equal proportions. These Several Sums to be paid to the adults as Soon after my decease as practicable and likewise to the Guardians of the Infants but my debts must first before any bequests. I wish it to be distinctly understood and I declare it now as my last will that I do not intend for any of my Negroes enslaved after my death but they One and all Shall be free thereafter & any Even my Estate Shall become embarrassed Or in danger of

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insolvency I desire that all my Estate of every other Kind and description Shall be submitted to pay any debts before a Single One of my Negroes Shall be Sold or retained in Slavery. Said Slaves to be removed as Soon as practicable after my death from this State to any place State or Country designated by them or by those who are adults the children going with their mothers and the Said Slaves Shall have the Liberty of Selecting each a Separate location if they desire it. The cost of removing to the places of Country designated by my Said Slave Shall be defrayed by my executors out of my estate before my other bequest or legacies are paid and if necessary to sell my portion of my property to satisfy the bequests already named and the cost of their removal my executors Shall do. So always making sale first of that property least valuable and most liable to injury and after my debts are paid and the negroes removed or provision made for their removal to another state or county. I will and bequeath to **Eliza Pyles** the infant daughter of Mrs. **Sarah Pyles** who is a niece of my wife lately deceased the sum of one hundred dollars with legal interest to be computed from the 2nd day of March 1862. My reason for this bequest is that my late wife on her death bed had that sum in gold and she desired me to give her that sum as the said **Eliza Pyles** was named for her. This bequest shall be preferred in payment to all others except those above to my Negroes but if the said **Eliza Pyles** shall die before I do leaving no issue then this bequest shall lapse and fall into the residue of my estate, and become a part thereof. 4th. After my executors shall have satisfied and discharged the bequests above mentioned out of my estate I will and desire that the residue of my estate real and personal and mixed shall be divided if practicable into two equal shares one of which shall be delivered over to my Bro. **Reubin Clark** now of Indianapolis. 2nd or to any children he may have surviving in case he be dead at my decease and the other part to **Mrs. Sarah Pyles** but the title to the part

or share going to **Mrs. Pyles** is and shall be reserved in my execution as trustee to hold the same for her during her life free from the control of any husband she has or may have hereafter and for her exclusive use and benefit during her life and after her death the title to said property shall pass in fee simple absolute to such children as she may leave surviving her if my acting executor or executors concur with **Mrs. Pyles** the part which she receives may be sold, but the proceeds shall be reinvested faithfully in some real estate elsewhere. The title to which shall be taken by my executors in the manner explained above namely for the use of **Mrs. Pyles** during her life exclusive of her husband with remainder in fee simple to her surviving children. 5th. It may so happen that my estate cannot be equally or satisfactorily divided in kind between my Bro **Reubin** and **Mrs. Pyles** as aforesaid and if it cannot be done then if it can be approximated leaving a balance to be paid by the one party to the other on such terms as my be agreed upon, my will is that this be done but this arrangement shall not change or affect the title to the part allotted or received by **Mrs. Pyles**. If no such arrangement can be effected all parties concerning together

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with my executors then it is my will that my property be sold or so much as my executors my name as may be necessary to equal the two shares of my Bro and **Mrs. Pyles**. If **Mrs. Pyles** shall receive any funds in this way exceeding five hundred dollars it shall be reinvested by my Executors in real property the title to which shall be taken and held in the same manner and on same terms as described above in section 4 of this will. 6th. I have had a monument erected on the remains of my late wife with an inscription thereon. I wish one erected over my own remains by the side of my wife of same style description and material by my executors. 7th. I hereby appoint my Bro-in-law **John H. Grider** and my friend **John E. Robinson** executors of this my last will and testament and if either one decline or fail to act or qualify as such the acts of the other shall be valid to all intents and purposes as the both concurred in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of July 1862.

J. B. Clark

Signed and acknowledged as his last will and testament in our presence by **John B. Clark** this 11th July 1862.

W. S. Ragland

H. V. Loving

R. Rodes

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct January term 1863

This last will and testament of **John B. Clark** deceased was produced in court and proved by the oaths of **R. Rodes** and **H. V. Loving** two of the subscribing witnesses who also proved the attestation of **W. S. Ragland** the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test. J. H. Rose CWCC

By George Mitchell DC

I **Elizabeth G. Hill** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky being sound in mind and memory knowing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament. (viz) 1st. After my debts and general expenses shall have been paid it is my will and I direct that my beloved daughter **Julia H. Potter** shall have all my horses, cattle and household furniture of which I may die possessed in consideration of the kind treatment which she extended to me while I lived with her. 2nd. It is my will and I direct that after my death all the means besides those mentioned above shall be equally divided between my beloved children **Mary A. Hill Thomas R. Hill** of the State of Arkansas The children of my deceased daughter **Ellen O. Smith, Drucilla C. Davidson** of the State of Arkansas and **Julia F. Potter** the above named children of my daughter **Ellen O. Smith** deceased to have fifth the part which their mother would have if living. It is my will and I so direct that my beloved daughter **Drucilla C. Davidson** retain, her part out of a note which she executed to me for

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the sum of twenty two hundred and fifty dollars dated the 17th day of August 1853. 4th. I state as a reason why I have not given my son **John R. Hill** anything in this my last will and testament that during my widowhood I have made advancements to him equal to if not more in amount than my other children receive by this my last will and testament. 5th. It is my will and I hereby appoint my good friend & son-in-law **P. J. Potter** Executor of this my last will and testament. In testament of which I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 15th day of February 1858.

The testatrix acknowledged and signed the above in our presences.

Witness: **Lewis Potter**

Ira H. Wren

William Skiles

Elizabeth G. Hill

[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March term 1863.

This last will and testament of **Elizabeth G. Hill** deceased was produced in court and provided by the oaths of **Ira H. Wren** and **William Skiles** two of the subscribing witnesses there unto and ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test. J. H. Rose CWCC

By George Mitchell DC

I **George W. Claypool** of the County of Warren and State of Ky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. 1st. I give to my wife **M. J. Claypool** a tract or parcel of land on North Side of Barren River near Glasgow road I also give her a Negro boy **James** during her life and after her decease to be divided Equally between my children I further desire that my executor have a comfortable house built on said land and other buildings necessary not to cost over thirty five hundred dollars. I desire the remainder of my property sold and after my just debts are paid to be invested in some safe stocks or loaned at interest until my first child is 21 years old and then his or her part given to him and then his or her part given to him and so on to the last. I also desire that my children have a good education and to be paid out of dividend or interest. I desire that they have an equal portion as they become 21 years old. I wish my funds in Texas kept until my youngest child is 21 years old and then divided equally between them and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother **Stephen Claypool** executor of this my last will and testament given under my hand this 7th day of February 1859.

G. W. Claypool

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March term 1863

This last will and testament of **Geo W. Claypool** deceased was produced in Court and there being no Subscribing witnesses thereto **Thomas B. Gossom** and **Austin J. Claypool** being sworn testified that said writing and the signature thereto is wholly in the handwriting of said **Claypool** and there

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upon said will was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. H. Rose CWCC

By George Mitchell DC

In the name of God amen I **Frances M. Cole** of the County of Warren and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory. Considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life I do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say after all my lawful debts is paid and discharge the residue of my estate to as follows to wit. I give to my beloved wife **Harriet** the control of all my estate to manage it as tho I had done myself hold it for the benefit of my children. I give her the right to sell any of my personal estate for the benefit of raising and schooling my children. As follows **Sarah Elizabeth, William Atwood, Nancy** and **James Lewis** which is my four children. After the death of my beloved wife all of my estate both personal and real to be equally divided of my above named children. I further appoint **Burwell J. Stewart** and **Philip Cole** as my executors with no further power than to sell of my estate at present sale so much of my personal estate as will discharge all my lawful debts and to prevent any defraud being practiced on my family the property to be sold is to be given to my wife also the said executors collect all claims due my estate and pay it to my lawful debts. I further give power to my executors to list my taxable property and my wife to pay the taxes. I therefore acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in the presence of these witnesses.

Wm A. White

J. T. Stewart

Test. **F. M. Cole**

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June call term 1863

This last will and testament of **Frances M. Cole** deed was produced in Court and proven by the oaths of **J. T. Stewart** an of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Wm A. White** the other subscribing witness thereto and extend to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I, **Harrison Cooksey** being of sound mind but growing old and being aware of the uncertainty of life, do make, ordain and establish the following as my true last will and testament: to wit. Item 1st. I desire my executors hereafter names to pay all just debts. 2nd. I have heretofore given to my children the following property and at the valuation here fix it, that is to say, I have given to my son **Alfred B. Cooksey** a negro woman named **Viney** Valued at five hundred dollars and at the same time a few little articles valued at ten dollars. Also in 1860 a negro woman named **Fanny** and her two boy children named **Charles** and **Victor** and her youngest child a girl an infant the four valued at twenty one hundred dollars making in all the sum of twenty six hundred and ten dollars. To my son **Woodford Cooksey** I have heretofore given one negro boy name **George**. Valued at Three hundred dollars also cash at different times amounting to three hundred and seventy dollars and furniture to the amount of fifty dollars and also one negro boy in 1860

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named **Lewis** valued at seven hundred dollars amounting in all to Fourteen hundred and twenty two dollars to my son **John W. Cooksey** I have heretofore given cash three hundred and forty one dollars also cash paid **W. P. Payne** for him. Twenty dollars and also one negro woman named **Charity** and her two youngest children named **Henry & Gloster**. Upon condition here after named valued at twelve hundred dollars the-three-making in all Fifteen hundred and sixty one dollars. To my daughter **Mary E. Drake** I have heretofore in 1849 given one negro woman named **Polly** valued at five hundred dollars also cash twenty two dollars and cash paid **Garrett** for her two hundred dollars. also three years negro hire valued at seventy three dollars, making in all seven hundred and ninety five dollars Now it is my will and wish and I so direct that in the distribution of my estate as herein after directed that each of my four children before named shall be charged with the property so advanced to them and at the valuation fixed and out of the money, cash notes, accounts and personal property which I shall leave I desire and so direct that my sons, **Woodford & John W. Cooksey** shall be advanced an amount each to make them equal with my son **Alfred B. Cooksey** to whom I have heretofore given most. Item 3rd. After having, out of my cash, cash notes, accounts and personal property made my two sons **Woodford** and **John W.** equal in amount, received with my son **Alfred B.** I wish and so direct that the balance from such Sources remaining in the hands of executors shall be divided equally between my three sons before named. 4th In order to make my daughter **Mary E. Drake** equal with my other children I hereby give and devise her for and during her natural life the house and lot in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where I now live and have lived for many years, with the desire that she and her family shall live there during her life and that she do not sell her interest therein. I also give to my said daughter for and during her natural life my negro girl named **Betty** and at the death of my said daughter it is my will and wish and I so direct that my executors shall sell said house and lot and said Negro girl **Betty** and her increase if any either publicly or privately as they may deem best and upon such terms as they deem best having a view to obtaining a good master for said slave and her increase and divide the proceeds of such sales of said property equally between the children of my said daughter **Mary E. Drake** and my son **Woodford Cooksey** (each child to take an equal share.) Item 5th I have five negroes to wit **Jacob, Granville Julius Jimmy** and **Sarah** which I have not yet disposed of by this will-- In regard to them it is my will and wish and I so direct that my executors shall take charge and possession of them and I here invest them with full power and discretion to hire them out from year to year to good and humane masters at reason prices, for any length of time they see proper and to divide the proceeds of their hire among my three sons before named or if they so proper and deem it best they are hereby invested with full power and discretion at any terms to sell any or all of them privately to good masters not wishing they shall be sold to traders to be taken from the state, and divide the proceeds of such sale among my three sons **Woodford, John W.** and **Alfred B. Cooksey**. Item 6th the slaves which I have hereto for given my son **John W. Cooksey** were given with the understanding that and upon the condition that should he die leaving no child or grandchild then said negroes and their increase were to go and descend at his death to my other children

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and such is my will and wish with this proviso, that should his wife survive him it is my desire that she may be permitted to retain if she chooses said negroes in her possession for four years and appropriate their services and hire to her own use upon the condition that she execute to my executors bond with good security to deliver them the possession of said slaves at the end of said four years---Item 7th I hereby appoint my friend **Geo. C. Rogers** and my son **Alfred B. Cooksey** executors of this my last will and testament--with the desire they execute the same as herein written. In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand and seal this April 23rd 1861.

Witness: **John E. Younglove**
G. W. Claypool

Harrison Cooksey

State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct April Term 1863

This last will and testament of **Harrison Cooksey** decd was produced in Court and proven by the oath of **John E. Younglove** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and who also proved the signature and attestation of **G. W. Claypool** the other subscribing witness thereto and who is now dead and ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.
Test James H. Rose CWCC

I **Hudson Tate** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills heretofore made by me to with. Item 1st. I will to my Grand Nephew **Leander Wyant** a boy now living with me a tract of land lying on the Turnpike Road in Warren County conveyed to me by **Messuss Hobbs** containing thirty-three acres more or less and seventy-five acres lying over the knob in Edmondson County conveyed to me by **William Moore** and **Marten Shobe** and 2 Negroes by the names of **Joe** and **Fountain** and are to be given to him by my wife to be worth one hundred dollars when he shall arrive at the age of eighteen years to have and to hold the same in fee simple. Item 2 I give to my beloved wife **Fanny** all the residue of my property real, personally and mixed of every description after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses to have and to hold this same in fee simple and to dispose of as she may please. My said wife to pay to my nephew **Leander** a horse to be worth one hundred dollars when he shall arrive at the age of Eighteen years. I appoint wife **Fanny Tate** Executrix to this my last will and testament and guardian to my Nephew until he shall arrive at the age to choose a guardian for himself and that she qualify and act in both capacities without giving security. In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this 12th day of October 1858.

Witness:

Saml Murrell
Asa Davis
James M. Tucker
William Ford

Hudson Tate [His mark]

In making the afore going will I have omitted to say that it is my will that and her heirs and assignees have a right of way of twenty five feet on the line between my land and Mrs. **Middletons** which will pass on the land I have willed to my

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Nephew which right of way I will to my wife, her heirs and given under my hand this 12th October 1838.

Witness

Samuel Murrell
James M. Tucker
Asa Davis
William Ford

Hudson Tate [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct June Term 1863

This last will and testament of **Hudson Tate** deceased and the codicil attached thereto was produced in court and proved by the oath of **James M. Tucker** and **Asa Davis** two of the subscribing witness thereto. The aforesaid codicil was also proven by the oaths of **James M. Tucker** and **Asa Davis**, two of the subscribing witnesses hereto. Whereupon said will and codicil was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I **Legrand Doyle** of the County of Warren state of Kentucky being weak and feeble in health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament. After the payments of my just debts which are but few and my funeral expenses I will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Margaret F. Doyle** for and during the term of her natural life all my property and personal and mixed for the purpose of raising and educating our children that are now living as al any child that may be born after my death it being my intention and desire that all my children are share alike and equal and after the death of my said wife then all of my property and effects, real personal and mixed to be equally divided between all my children then living and should any of my children die before their mother and leave a child or children living at the time of the final division

of my estate then said child or children are to have and receive the share or portion of my estate that their parent would have been entitled to had they been living. I own a servant by name **Wallace** now should said boy at any time become ungovernable and will not be controlled by my wife, I hereby invest her with full power and authority to sell and convey said boy upon terms and conditions as she may think proper and to invest the proceeds of the sale of said boy in the purchase of another slave or such other property as she may think proper said property so purchased to be held and controlled by her as the boy **Wallace** and the balance of my estate. Should any of my children marry, I hereby authorized my wife to make to them such advancements as she may think proper so as not to injure herself or the rest of the children, charging said child with anything so advanced I hereby constitute and appoint my wife **Margaret F. Doyle** executrix of this my last will and Testament and request the Warren County Court to permit her to qualify as such without be required to give security. Given under my hand this 19th day of May 1863.

Legrand Doyle

[His mark]

Signed, subscribed and acknowledged by **Legrand Doyle** in the presence of the undesigned who attested in the presence of and at the instance of

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the said **Doyle** this the 19th day of May 1863.

J. H. Ewing

Henry E. Jenkins

State of Kentucky Warren County Court set July Term 1863

This last will and Testament of **Legrand Doyle** deceased was produced in and proved by the oaths of **John H. Ewing** and **Henry E. Jenkins** the subscribing witness thereto and the same is ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I **Fredrick Heeter** of Warren County KY do make and publish this for my last will and testament. 1st. It is my wish that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid after death. 2nd. I will and bequeath unto my wife **Polly Heeter** my other estate of every kind during her natural life. 3rd. Having heretofore given to my daughter, **Elizabeth Lodge**, wife of **Thomas J. Lodge** as much of my estate as I intend her to have. I therefore leave her no part or interest in my estate. 4th. I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter **Mary Frances Cushenberry**, wife of **Thomas V. Cushenberry** the following slaves and future increase to wit **Daniel Weldon** and **Arranetta**. 5th. I give and bequeath unto my grandson **Robt. F. Sears** the tract of land upon which I now reside and in the County of Warren, State of Kentucky counting 150 acres-and the following slaves and their future increase to wit **Griff Uriah Pricilla Jenny** and **Malissa** together with the crop that may be on hand at my death as well as my farming utensils of every description including wagon and cart and etc. Also my entire household and kitchen furniture, stock of all description cattle sheep, hogs, mules and horses also 1 silver watch and 1 rifle gun and buggy. It is my wish that my grandson **Robert F. Sears** would take charge of all the property left in the 5th clause of this will and decently and comfortably support my wife **Polly** during her natural life. If they can agree and get along but in the event, they cannot get along right then I want her to have the continued use and benefit of the same as named in the 2nd clause of this will. 6th. I give and bequeath in trust to my grandson **R. F. Sears** for the use and benefit of my great grandson **Wm L. Isbell** son of **John Isbell** one horse, saddle and bridle and one hundred dollars in cash to be paid to my said grandson **Wm L. Isbell** by my grandson **R. F. Sears** upon my said grandson **Wm L. Isbell** attaining his majority of age but should he die before he attains his majority then I want the same to pass to my grandson **Robert F. Sears**. 7th. I also give to my grandson **R. F. Sears** all the cash and cash notes that I may have at my death the same being omitted in the 5th section of this will. Lastly I hereby appoint my grandson **R. F. Sears** executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this 8th day of October 1860.

Witnesses

Thompson Mannen

James W. Foster

J. N. Fitzpatrick

Fredrick Heeter

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct July Term 1863

This last will and testament of **Fredrick Heeter** deceased was produced in open court and previously the oath of **Thomspon Mannen** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **James W. Foster** and **J.N. Fitzpatrick**, the other subscribing witnesses thereto to both of when an absent from Warren County and the same is ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I, **Ruth Wheeler** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and desirous not to die intestate do make and publish this my last will and testament. 1st. I will and devise to my son **John W Butt** my tract of land on the turnpike in Warren County Ky and should he die before attaining 21 years then and in that event I will said land to his sisters or the survivors of them I desire and direct that my guardianship for my son **John W** be honestly and fairly settled up and if I should not leave choses in action sufficient to do so I direct that he be paid out of any portion of my slaves, property which is and will be amply sufficient to do so. I hereby will and devise to my said son **John W** one equal fourth portion or share of the slaves I may own and have till to at my death subject as about to be diminished by the debt I may owe him I hereby will and devise to my said son **John W** as trustee for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of his three half sisters **Martha P. Mary E. & Margaret Wheeler** and the survivors of them all the remainder of my estate of every character and kind that I may own at my death, this last devise to my daughters and the survivors of them to be held used and expended by their aforesaid trustee for their separate and exclusive use and benefit until they finally attain 21 years of age or marry when he is authorized at his own election to pay over to the one so attaining 21 years of age or marrying the share or portion of my estate descend or pass into the hands control or ownership of the father of my daughters. I hereby appoint my son **John W Butt** executor of this my last will and hereby release him from giving any security on his bond as executor of this will or as trustee for my aforesaid daughters and as I have full confidence in his honesty and integrity and do not intend he shall be annoyed and harassed by law suits by unprincipled persons I hereby will and direct that anything herein entrusted to the executor and trustee shall be settled and made binding and all persons just as the said **John W** may settle and say is fair and right meaning and intending that he shall not be held and made responsible to any earthly court or tribunal for his actions and doings under this my last will -certified under my hand this 1st day of May 1860. Signed and acknowledged in presence of

Test

J. L. Philips
John Dishman

Ruth Wheeler

State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct August Term 1863

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This last will and testament of **Ruth Wheeler** deceased was produced was proved this last open court and proven by the oaths **J. L. Philips** and **John Dishman** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the same is ordered to be recorded and is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I, **William Allen** of Warren County & State of Kentucky do make & publish this as my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills heretofore made by me. Item 1st I will to my beloved wife **Polly Allen** for and during her natural life the farm & tract of land on which I now live all my negroes all my stock of horses cattle sheep and hogs Household & kitchen furniture, farming utensils and etc with the request that she give off to the other devisees here & after named. To wit **John Allen Nancy Jackson Catharine Barnes & Martha J. Allen** such portions of my estate as she may find it convenient to spare and as they may want at a fair valuation. Which they are to be charged with and as they on a final distribution of my estate and at her death I will said farm and tract of land thus willed to my said wife containing about two hundred twenty acres and a tract of land I own lying on the Knob in Edmonson County containing about one hundred acres, to my two sons **Charles & Carter Allen** and it is my will and desire that if my said sons shall desire to continue on and cultivate the farm as they now do, they shall after supporting and clothing the family paying all taxes on the estate have all the profits they can make on said farm and in order that they may have a fair chance to reap the profits of their labor and industry it is my will that the stock, farming implements etc after my death be valued and they take the use of it and they have the increased value on said stocks etc but at a final settlement of my estate they are to account for the value they received it at. But nothing in this latter clause is intended to prevent my wife from distributing as herein before provided. Item 2nd I have heretofore given

to my sons **Robert Allen Thomas Allen David Allen & Elijah Allen** their full proportion of my estate. Item 3 I will to daughter **Martha J. Allen** one hundred dollars for her tender attention on me in my afflictions. Item 4 The residue of my estate I will to the rest of my children after the death of their mother. To wit **John Allen, Nancy Jackson, Catharine Barnes** and **Martha J. Allen** in equal portions of my estate. I heretofore give to my daughter **Catharine Barnes** a Negro Girl who died in a few days after I gave her I therefore nothing for her. I constitute and appoint my two sons, **Thomas & Carter Allen** executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand this 23rd May 1863.

Witness

Samuel Murrell
H. Smith

Wm Allen

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September term 1863

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This last will and testament of **William Allen** deceased was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **Henry Smith** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the signature and attention of the **Samuel Murrell** the other subscribing witness there to who was absent from the County and the same is ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

Test. James H. Rose CWCC

I, **Jonathan Hobson** of Warren County State of Kentucky make and order this as my last will and testament revoking all others. First I will that each and every negro slave owned by me at my death be renumerated and set free and for that object I give to the Kentucky Colonization Society two hundred dollars for their transportation to Liberia now shortly expected to be accomplished. Furthermore I give to **Thomas** three hundred and fifty dollars and to **Agnes & Hiliary T.** Four hundred and fifty dollars they being the only slaves I possess at this time and also such further sums of money as may be necessary for obtaining clothing and suitable articles to be taken with them for house keeping. I further will that upon distribution of the remainder of my estate that a note I now hold on my late brother **William** decd be canceled and that his representatives on distribution be charged only with the principal of said note (to wit) \$311.50 it being for money long since advanced. I will that all household furniture etc be distributed by my executor. Lastly I appoint **Joseph R. Underwood** and **Asher W. Graham** executors of this my will and request that they may be permitted to execute the same without giving security witness my hand and seal this 10th of September 1854.

Jonathan Hobson

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December 1863.

This last will and testament of **Jonathan Hobson** deceased was produced in court and their being no subscribing witnesses thereto **Ludlow L. Cooke** and **Jeremiah C. Wilkins** being sworn testified that said writing together with the signature thereto annexed was wholly in the handwriting of the testator. It is ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test. J. H. Rose CWCC

By Geo Mitchell DC

I **Frances A. Wilkerson** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and body do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form as follows, After paying my just debts and funeral expenses I will and bequeath in equal portions to each of my two Sisters **Martha Jane Wilkerson** and **Sarah Turner Wilkerson** all of my property both real and personal, and it is my further will and desire that

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the money and property above bequeathed be expended giving my above named two sisters an education and furnishing them such reasonable articles of dress as necessary. It is not my will and desire that the land I have an interest in be sold as long as my father **S. S. Wilkerson** lives. I hereby appoint my brother **J. M. Wilkerson** as my executor and as trustee for my sisters to carry out my wishes as above expressed and wish the court to require no Security of him for the discharge of his duties given under my hand this day September 3rd, 1863.

Attest

J. M. Briggs Jr
M. L. Matlock

F. A. Wilkerson

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct January Term 1864

This last will and testament of **Frances A. Wilkerson** decd produced in Open court and proved by the Oaths of **J. M. Briggs** and **M. I. Matlock** the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and the Same is Ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test. J. H. Rose CWCC
By Geo Mitchell DC

In the name of God Amen, I **John Chapman**, of Warren County and State of Kentucky being of Sound mind though week in body and calling to mind, that it is appointed for man, Once to die therefore I make this my last will and testament revoking all Other Wills made by me heretofore my Will is first that after death, my body Shall be buried decently and I give my Soul to God who gave it after which, first of all I desire that all my Just debts Shall be paid together with my funeral expenses. Secondly I give my beloved wife **Emily** my buggy and One horse to be chosen by her One cow and calf, One Negro woman, **Sarah**, and her child named **Elia** together with all the house hold and kitchen furniture that she may choose to Keep thirdly my will is that my Son, **Charles H. Chapman**, Shall live with his mother during her life time and take care of her and after my death, my will is that all the balance of my estate both real and personal (except what I have given to wife) Shall be Sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds of the same to be equally divided between all my children (to wit) **George Chapman, Mariah Lively, James E. Chapman, Nancy E. Clark, Sally A. Dye, John A. Chapman, David S. Chapman** and **Charles H. Chapman** also all the property at the death of my wife that I have given her shall be sold at the highest bidder and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my above named children. I appoint my Son **John A. Chapman**, and **William Lively** Executors to this my last will and

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testament. In witness I have here unto Set my hand and Seal February 11th, 1862.

Witnesses

Noel Johnson
James Byrum

John Chapman [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct February term, 1864

This last will and testament of **John Chapman** decd was produced in Court and proved by the Oaths of **Noel Johnson**, and **James Byrum**, the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and the Same is ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. H. Rose CWCC
By Geo Mitchell, DC

In the name of God Amen, Know all me, by these presents. I **Thomas Lorton** of the County of Warren, and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and constitute this my last will and Testament revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me. Item 1st I desire that all my just debts be paid including my Burial expenses Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter **Virginia Lorton** one dollar to be paid to her Out any money I may have Item 3rd I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Son **Thomas Lorton** One Dollar to be paid to him Out of any money I may have Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son **Joseph Ewing Lorton** One Dollar to be paid to him out of any money I may have Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **Caroline Lorton** One Dollar to be paid to her out of any money I may have Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **America Lorton** One Dollar to be paid to her out of any money I may have. Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter **Indiana Lorton** One Dollar to be paid to her Out of any money I may have. Item 8th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **Louisiana Lorton** One Dollar to be paid to her Out of any money I may have. Item 9th I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter **Rody Lorton** One dollar to be paid to her out of any money I may have. Item 10th I give and bequeath unto **Thomas McDaniel Legrand**, Thirty Acres of Land, including the Houses and Spring on my land the land Lays and adjoining the Lands of **John D. Mannen H. Lorr George Garriss** and others and I further more give and bequeath unto **Thomas McDaniel Legrand** One Gray Horse the Horse heretofore called his Horse. Item 11th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Niece **Rebecca A. Hays** all the balance of my lands not heretofore given, also all of my Cash and Cash Notes, my Stock of every Kind, plantation tool, and etc in fact the balance of my entire estate of every description this I give my beloved niece

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for taking care of me in my last days. Item 12th I hereby make, constitute and appoint my friend **Joseph Roberson** my Executor to carry Out my will and request the County Court to require no Security of him to perform the herein named bequests in testimony whereof I have here unto Set my hand Seal this the 29th day of January in the year of Our Lord 1864.

Witnesses

Thos. W. Ewing

Thomas Lorten

John H. H. Hays

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set March term 1864

This last Will and testament of **Thomas Lorten** decd was produced in court and proved by the Oath of **John H. H. Hays** One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who also proved the Signature and attesting of **T.W. Ewing** the other Subscribing Witness thereto, which was ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

Test J. H. Rose CWCC

By Geo Mitchell DC

I **Gideon B. Garrison** of Warren County, Kentucky do ordain and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. First I desire that all my just debts be paid. Secondly I give and bequeath all my property real, personal and mixed, to my two brothers of the full blood. Namely **Robt A. Garrison** and **John C. Garrison**, in equal shares. If either of my said brothers just named shall died childless without issue surviving then the share bequeathed to him shall descend to my other surviving brother aforesaid or to any children he may have. Witness my hand this 29 March 1862.

Signed in presence of

R. Rodes

G. B. Garrison

A. G. Hobson

State of Kentucky Warren County Court April Term 1864

This last Will and testament of **Gideon B. Garrison** died was produced in Court April and proven by the oath of **Robert Rodes** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the signature and attestation of **A. G. Hobson** the other subscribing witness then to and said will was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test. James H. Rose

By the Grace of God I **James Hines** of the Town of Bowling Green, Warren County Kentucky being advanced in years and in ordinary health and possessing sufficient intellect to dispose of such worldly property as God has been pleased to bless me with do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all

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previous wills by me made. I desire and will that my executors herein after specified-out of the first means of my estate that shall come to their hands, do pay my burial expenses and all my just debts. Therein the exercise of prudent discretion as to time and the commerce and financial condition of the County. They dispose of all my estate, real and perishable, at public auction, an such time as they may deem being permitted to purchase as other purchases after having sufficiently advertise the time, terms and place of sale. And the proceeds of such sale, in bonds, or currency to be equally divided between my three grand children **James F. Hines**, **Walter G. Hines** and **Julia C. Hines** if living if not living their lawful heir to share their respective portions. My two grandsons **John H. Hines**, **Edward L. Hines** having attached themselves to the army of the confederate states of America have placed themselves beyond my recognition of them as devisees in account of its forfeitures under the statutes of Kentucky-but I commend them if not living their lawful heir to this affectionate and liberal regard, of my devisees herein specified-I hereby appoint my two grandsons **James F. Hines** and **Walter G. Hines** Executors of this my last will and testament-but they being unexperienced I recommend that they employ my friend **L. L. Cooke** or some other friend of experience to direct them in the performance of their executive duties that Advisor friend to be paid for his services. I order **Walter G. Hines** and **Julia C. Hines**, to be paid them, when they respectively attain the age of twenty-one years the sum of an hundred and fifty five 40/100 dollars each being their respective portions of the estate of their father **F. H. Hines** deceased in my hands as his admr **James F. Hines** owes me by note at this time upwards of twenty two hundred dollars-which if not paid before the general division of my estate, he is to account for in said division. Written and

signed with my own hand and sealed this 16th day of July in the year of our Lord 1862. The Testator **James Hines** before us acknowledged the foregoing to be his will and the name and seal at the end to be his.

Mary C. Cook

Jas Hines [Seal]

L. L. Cook

Codicil- I approve of foregoing as my last will and testament except that as my two Grandsons who I have appointed as my executors are quite young and inexperienced in business it is my will that they consult and advise with my friend **Ludlow L. Cooke** in reference to any and all things pertaining to the carrying out the provisions my foregoing will or the settlement of my estate and that they take no action in the premises until concurred in by him and in case my said friend should die it is then my wish and desire that my friend **Geo. C. Rogers** be substituted in his place. In witnesses where of I have here unto set my hand seal this 22nd day of March 1864.

Jas Hines [Seal]

Acknowledged by **James Hines** the testator in the presence of us to be his will.

Mary C. Cook

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Eliza G. Valentine

S. M. Sumpter

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May Term 1864

This last will and Testament of **James Hines** deceased was produced in open court and was proved by the oaths of **Ludlow L. Cooke** and **Mary C. Cook** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the codicil attached to said will was proved by the oaths of **Mary C. Cooke** and **Eliza G. Valentine** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto-whereupon said will and codicil was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test. James H. Rose CWCC

I **Sally Grider** of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and being advanced in years and desirous not to die intestate, do make and publish this as and for my last will and Testament. Item 1st I hereby liberate and set free at my death my woman **Judy** and her female child **Anne** and her future increase of them or either of them and it is my will and desire that the said **Judy** and **Anne** be hired out until sufficient fund shall be raised from their hire to remove said emancipated slaves to some free state in which they can reside meaning and intending as far as I can to comply with the Statutes of this state on the subject of emancipated slaves and it is further my will that my son **Tobias S. Grider** do manage the hiring herein directed and procure the fund arising apply the same to and for the purpose herein indicated. Item 2nd I hereby give and bequeath to my grandson **James Martin Grider** son of my son **John W. Grider** all my household furniture to wit two large and one small beds and all the clothing and appendages to same, steeds and all and everything pertaining to them and each of them. One Bureau looking glass and small table. Item 3rd I own some houses and lots in the town of Bowling Green Kentucky and adjacent to said town It is my will and desire and hereby give the whole of said lots or proceeds thereof if sold as herein after directed to my son **Tobias S. Grider**, my grandson the aforesaid **James Martin Grider** each representing one share and to my two grand daughters **Mary Josephine Proctor** and **Sarah M. Pyle** the two latter representing one share. It being possible and in fact probably that said houses and lots can not be fairly and equably divided so as to give one share to my son **Tobias** and one share to my aforesaid Grandson **James Martin** and one share to my two aforesaid Grand daughters as herein already directed and indicated in which event and if preferred by my devisees herein aforesaid of full age it is my will and I hereby direct that the whole of said lots and ground my be sold in such time and times as those aforesaid of full age my agree upon and determined and it is my will and desire that the proceeds arising from the sales herein authorized of the ground aforesaid after paying the costs and charges of administration upon my estate be divided into three equal shares and that my son **Tobias S.** Have and take one equal share and my aforesaid Grand daughters **Josephine Proctor** and **Mary Pyle** have and take one share between them, but it's expressly my will and desire and I hereby direct that my aforesaid son **Tobias S.** Have, hold and keep safely invested the among of means and the fund or estate devised to my aforesaid Grandson to be used and applied in his education and the whole fund may be used and applied that way and for that purpose if deemed necessary and proper it is my will and desire that he be will educated

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and I give the means aforesaid for that purpose and in the event he dies before he attains 21 years of age and there is any part or portion of the means herein devised to him remaining unused and unapplied as aforesaid directed then and in that event it is my will that the remainder if any of said fund be applied and used in the education of the children of my aforesaid son **Tobias S. Grider**. It is also my will and I hereby direct that the fund and means herein devised to my two aforesaid Grand daughters to be laid out and invested by them and each of them in something that they each of them can have hold and enjoy separately from their husbands and for them and each of their exclusive use and benefit during their respective lives and to be disposed of by them and each of them by last will. Item 4th after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses and cost of administration upon my estate it is my will and desire and I hereby give and bequeath to my aforesaid son **Tobias S.** and my Grandson **James Martin** and my two grand daughters **Josephine** and **Sarah** all the rest and residue of my estate of every character and kind to the same, real, personal or mixed to be divided between them in same manner and the same proportions as required and indicated in a preceding Item in this will and the share to each devisees is to hold use and applied as directed and pointed out in Item 3rd in this will respecting the proceeds of the sales of my lots of ground. Item 5th I hereby appoint my son **Tobias S. Grider** executor of this will with full power and authority hereby visited in him to sell and convey to the purchasers the real estate herein directed and (?) to be sold by deeds of fee simple and it is my request and desire that the County Court of Warren county require no security of my aforesaid son **Tobias S.** Upon his qualifying as executor of this will as I hereby release him from it Oct 17th 1863. Signed and acknowledged in presence and subscribed by us in her presence.

Alex Price

Wm V. Loving

Sally Grider

State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct June term 1864

This last will and testament of **Sally Grider** was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **Alex Price** and **Wm V Loving** the subscribing witnesses thereto where upon said will and testament was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I, **Hiram D. Willoyby** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath please God to bless me with I give and bequeath to my wife **Catharine M. Willoyby** all my estate of every kind except so much thereof as will pay all my just debts and she is to have full privilege to dispose of all said estate in any way she may think fit for the purpose of raising her children during her natural life a widow ever when she marry or at her decease I desire that the remainder of my estate be sold and divided equally between all my Heirs if my wife wishes to sell the land which I leave-give her-her title made to the same shall be good

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good against all my other heirs this 19th day of January 1854.

Attest:

Abner Riley

John Freeman

A. Reynolds

H. B. Willoyby

State of Kentucky Warren County Court June Term 1864

This last will and Testament of **H. B. Willoyby** was produced in court and proven by the oath of **Abner Riley** one of the other subscribing witnesses and proven by the oath of **Abner Riley** one of the other subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **A. Reynolds** another one of the subscribing witnesses and who also proved the attestation of **John Freeman** the other subscribing witnesses thereto who is absent from the state and said will is ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Attest James H. Rose CWCC

In the name of Almighty God Amen. I **John Romans** of the County of Warren being sick and feeble in body but of a sound and disposing mind and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament to wit. First I desire that all of my just debt be paid (which is not much) and my funeral expenses

Second I bequeath to my beloved wife **Susanah Romans** all of my land and property until her death, and desire that everything remain on the place just as it is. Third I desire that after my wife's death that my land and other property be equally divided between my children namely **William G. Jacob James Phillip C. Isaac M. Cornelius T Leander S. John C. Louisa A and Susan A Romans** by a division of the land and property or by sale and division of the proceeds as may seem most practicably each one to settle the claim that my estate may have against him or her. Forth and Lastly I desire that **C T Romans** my son be executor of this my last will and testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 2nd day of July A D eighteen hundred and sixty two.

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above **John Romans** in the presence of us all.

John Romans [Seal]

B. J. Ellis
John S. Jones

State of Kentucky Warren County Court December term 1864

This last will and testament of **John Romans** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **B. J. Ellis** and **John S. Jones**, the subscribing witnesses thereto and said will is ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

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I **Mary Murry** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make and publish this as my last will. I give all my estate of every description which I may have at my death, to my son **William H. Murry** or to his children if he should die before me leaving children. But if he should die without children either before me or after my death then it is my will that said estate be equally divided between my brothers and Sisters then living and the children of any that may be dead leaving said children to take the part of my said estate which their parent if living would be entitled to. I appoint my son **Wm H. Murry** executor of this will. Signed sealed and published this 30th day of June 1857 in presence of **Thos W Hindman** **George Wright**

Mary Murry

State of Kentucky Warren County Court set March Term 1865

This last will and testament of **Mary Murry** deceased was produced in open court and proven by **Thos W Hindman** and **George Wright** the subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon said will is ordered to record and which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

In the name of God Amen. I **Alexander Skinner** of the city of Richmond and Commonwealth of Virginia being at present sick but of perfect sound mind and memory think proper to make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking viz. It is my perfect will and desire that **Henry Lee** of Stratford be put in possession of all my Bonds Debts due me many of which are his property and all other of my personal property for the purpose of settling debts due in consequence of our purchase in lands in Kentucky. I give and bequeath unto the said **Henry Lee** all my lands either military or otherwise in the district of Kentucky or elsewhere to him and his heirs forever and I hereby appoint the said **Henry Lee** my sole executor in witnesses whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this twelfth day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Signed, sealed delivered and acknowledged in the presence of

Mark Vandewall
Andrew Leiper

Alexander Skinner [Seal]

At a monthly court held for Henrico County at the court house the sixth day of April 1789. This will was proven by the oaths of **Mark Vandewall** and **Andrew Leiper** the witnesses recorded. And on the motion of **Henry Lee** the executor therein named who made oath thereto and together with **Thomas Macon** his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two thousand pounds conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test Adam Craid CC

Virginia Henrico County Court to wit, I **Izard Bacon Whitlocke** Clerk of the Court of the said county do hereby certify that foregoing copy is a true transcript from the

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records of the said county court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said county at Richmond this 25th day of November 1812. In the 37th year of the Commonwealth.

Izard B. Whitlocke CHC [Seal]

State of Virginia Henrico County to wit

I **William Mays** Presidiary magistrate of the Court of Henrico County in the state aforesaid do hereby certify that the attestation hereto annexed made by **Izard Bacon Whitlocke** Clerk of the said Court of Henrico is in due form and that full forth and credit is due thereto in any court within the United States. Given under my hand this 25th day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve and of the independence of the United States the thirty-seventh.

Wm Mays

State of Kentucky sct

I **Achilles Sneed** Clerk of the Court of appeals for the state aforesaid being duly authorized by law to recover and admit to record deeds and other writings in my office do hereby certify that the foregoing will with the testimonial there in endorsed was produced to me in my office in Frankfort and on the ninth day of Mary 1813 and that the same is truly recorded. In testimony where of I have hereunto set my name the day and year aforesaid.

Achillis Sneed

State of Kentucky

I **Achillis Sneed** Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the state aforesaid being duly authorized by law to receive and admit to record deeds and other writings in my office do hereby certify that the annexed transcript of the will of **Alexander Skinner** with the several testimonials, thereon endorsed was produced to me again in my office in Frankfort on the 23rd day of June 1823 and that the same is being recorded in my said office in deed Book C folio 114. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my name the day and year aforesaid.

Achillis Sneed

State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct May term 1865

This writing purporting to be an authentic copy of the last will and testament of **Alexander Skinner** deceased of the state of Virginia was produced to us in court for record and it being regularly certified as proven and admitted to record in Henrico County Court in the state of Virginia and also admitted to record in the Clerks Office of the Court of Appeals of the State of Kentucky. The same is thereupon ordered to be recorded in this court which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose Clk WCC

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Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Warren

Know all men by these presents that regarding the uncertainty of life I do hereby make this my last will and Testament. Item 1st. My body I resign to the earth wherein it came and my soul to God who gave it. Item 2nd. I bequeath to **Naomi** my wife all that tract or parcel of land included in the following limits beginning at the gate on the lane or Scottsville road which goes into the field where the old School House stands & running with the string of fence in northwardly direction far enough to reach a point whence turning in an easterly direction will include the orchard between the barn lot and Tobacco barn and from that point in said easterly direction to the woodland gate thence in a northerly direction to the gate on the road leading to **Rows** Mill thence with the string of fence as it now stands in and eastardly direction to the line between me and **John Row** now----**Rice** thence with the line to the **Clem Skiles** Survey in a southardly direction to the Scottsville Rad and across the road with the line between me and **Thomas J. Smith** as set forth in my fathers will in the portion of land willed to **Jack Smith** and to the line between me and **Farmer Berry**; thence in a westerly direction with said line to a point directly south of the starting point, thence north to the beginning and I also give and bequeath to my said wife all my cattle, sheep and hogs free from and all debts together with my buggy and her choice horse or mare also all the household and kitchen furniture she may desire or choose, also the two horse wagon two work mules and harness for the same. I also bequeath to her all my money now on hand and further my, one hundred acres of timber land and the **Penn** survey for the purpose of keeping up the ferries and 6 of the tract herein before bequeathed. Item 3rd. All the rest of my estate real and personal I bequeath to my four children **Alfred Eugene Joseph Dockry Fannie Florence** and baby yet unnamed. To be divided equally according to the laws of Kentucky after paying all my debts burial expenses etc. Item 4th. I hereby appoint as my executrix **Naomi**, my wife and **Robert Rhodes** her legal advisor. In witness whereof I

hereunto set my signature and acknowledge the same before the subscribing witnesses this sixth day of September one Thousand eight hundred and sixty five.

L.C. Porter
Joseph Porter
H. Grider
Wm A. Procter

Sid P. Smith [Seal]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September term 1865

This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **Sid P. Smith** deceased was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **L. C. Porter** and **Joseph Potter** two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and said will is ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

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Know all men by these presents that I **Arm McDonald** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky conscious of my mortality but of Sound mind and wishing not to die intestate do make and ordain this my last will and testament. I will and bequeath to **M. C. Feland** (intrust or as trustee) for **Golar McDonald** and his wife **Amy** and their heirs persons of color all my estate of every description personal and mixed of which I may be in possession at my death consisting of sundry small tracts of land lying in Warren County West of Woodburn same stock all that I may own farming implements household and kitchen furniture etc in short every thing which I may own at my death. **M. C. Feland** to hold in trust for the only proper use and behoof of the said **Golar** and his wife and family as above named. I further will that the said **M. C. Feland** be not requested to give security in the above trust March 6th 1865.

Test **Saml H. Haden**
Thomas H. W. Blewett

Arm McDonald [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September Term 1865

This writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of **Arm McDonald** deceased was produced in court and proven by the oaths of **Samuel H. Haden** and **Thomas H. W. Blewett** the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I make and ordain this the following to be my last will and testament, revoking all others by me made. I will and bequeath after paying all my just debts, funeral expenses all my estate both personal and real in the following manner. To my wife **Elmina Kemble** one third of both my personal and real estate and the remainder to be equally divided between my son **John S. Kemble** and **Martha Frances Kemble** and that my son **John S. Kemble** and my daughter **Martha Frances Kemble** to be liberally educated as the effects herein bequeathed them will properly admit of and that they be kept out of band dissipated company and that both of them remain with their mother until twenty one provided that in the event she should marry a man who would be inclined to mistreat them or set bad examples before them Then for my executors remove them and to provide as suitable homes for them as can conveniently be obtained. I further will and direct that should my son **John S. Kemble** and my daughter **Martha Frances Kemble** die before they arrive at twenty one years of age their shares of my estate to go to my wife **Elmina Kemble** and I further direct that should it become necessary for the education of my son and daughter sell my interest in my fathers estate and the proceeds thereof to be theirs expeditive by my execution. I hereby ordain and appoint **Edly Neagle** and **R. W. Thomas** Executors of this my last will and testament and legal guardian of my children subject and intend the carrying out and executor of all the provisions contained in this will. Witness my and seal this 21st day of June 1852.

Attest **James H. Rose**
Russell M. Barrick

Hezekiah Kemble

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September Term 1865

This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **Hezekiah Kemble** deceased was produced in court and proven by the oaths of **James H. Rose** and **Russell M. Barrick** the subscribing witness thereto and said writing was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Hezakiah Kemble** decd which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I **Jonathan T. Carpenter** of Warren County and state of Kentucky do hereby make last will and testament in manner and form as follows. 1st. I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the money and proceeds of cash notes I may leave and should that prove insufficient that as much of my personal property be sold privately as may be required for that purpose. 2nd. I desire that there be no public sale of my personal property but if there be more than enough for the place-necessary for the use of the farm and house which my wife and infant children shall occupy, it be divided amongst those of my children who may need it each one accounting to the other for what he or she may receive or that it the surplus be sold privately and the proceeds be equally divided between my children. 3rd. I have heretofore given to my daughter **Mary J. Claypool** two slaves **Francis** and **Ermin** and she having had the benefit of their labor to the present time I value them at Twelve hundred dollars. I have also given to my daughter **Mildred Claypool** two slaves-**Martha** and **Mary** which gift being of recent state and she having lost them both I value them (the slaves) at Five hundred dollars. I have also given to my son **Luther Carpenter** two slaves **Sam** and **Ledonia** and to my son **Spencer Carpenter** two slaves **Louis** and **Ann** and both them having lost all, but having had their the (slaves) labor longer than **Mildred** but not so long as **Mary**, I value each gift at seven hundred dollars and will that it be so. 4th. I give to my two sons **Luther Carpenter** and **Spencer Carpenter** our hundred acres of land each which is described in deeds of conveyance made by me to each of them and which I value at Twenty-five hundred dollars, each part and will that they receive no more of my estate till each of my other children be made fully equal with them. 5th. My daughter **Ella Carpenter** being to raise and educate and my other children having been raised and educated without any charge I will that she be raised and educated out of my estate and that enough for that purpose be used and without any charge to her. 6th. I will that my children **Mary J. Claypool** and **Mildred Claypool** including what they have already received and **Elizabeth Carpenter Sally Carpenter** and **Ella Carpenter** who have to this time received nothing be made fully equal with my two sons **Luther** and **Spencer Carpenter** in property or other means the value of which to be fixed by three disinterested men judges of property before any general distribution and after they shall all have been placed on an equality then the remainder of any to be equally divided betwixt them all. As to provisions for my wife

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Elizabeth Carpenter the laws do that better than I can and I therefore desire that in her case the laws be fully carried out. 8th. I appoint my son **Luther Carpenter** executor of this my last will and testament and guardian for my daughter **Ella Carpenter**. Witness my hand this August the 3 1865 .

J. T. Carpenter

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Feby called Term 1866

This last will and Testament of **Jonathan T. Carpenter** deceased was this day produced into court and there being no subscribing witness thereto **Ludlow Cooke** and **James H. Row** being summons proved that said will and the signature thereto was in the handwriting of the said **Carpenter** whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I **Elizabeth Young** of the County of Warren & State of Kentucky being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this as my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills heretofore made by me To wit it is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I will and bequeath to my nephew **Samuel Murrell** son of **Schuyler H. Murrell** decd and to his sister **Susan Preston** all the residue of my estate both real & personal fee simple and I do hereby vest my Executor herein after appointed with full power to sell and convey any and all my estate that may be necessary to carry out the provisions and devises of my will and do by these presents constitute and appoint **George M. Murrell** Executor to this my last will & Testament In witness where of have hereunto set my hand this 20 day of March 1866.

Witness **Saml Murrell**

Elizabeth Young

Wm E. Kell

State of Kentucky Warren Court April Term 1866

This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **Elizabeth Young** deceased was produced in court and proven by the oaths of **Saml Murrell** & **Wm E. Kell** the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and Testament of **Elizabeth Young** decd and ordered by the court to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Test James H. Rose WC

I **Benjamin S. Russell** of Warren County Kentucky being weak in body but sound in mind and memory do make and publish this to be my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made first it is my will and desire that at my death all my just debts be paid. After my debts are paid I will all of my property both personal and real, all of my money notes accounts and debts of any description to **Delila Russell** who is now living with me, provided

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said **Delila Russell** takes good care of me during my life. Lastly I appointed my friend **James Heard Sr** to Executor this my last will given under my hand the 31 day of December 1858.

Witness

Benj S. Russell

L. B. Morgan

Simon P. Morgan

J. B. Martin

B. C. Grider

State of Kentucky Warren County Court set April Term 1866

This writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of **Benj S. Russell** deceased was produced in court and proven of his oath of **L. B. Morgan** and **Simon P. Morgan** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the will of **Benjamin S. Russell** deceased whereupon said writing was obtained by the court to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

I **Frances A. M. Cooksey** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being advanced in years but sound in mind and of disposing memory and desirous not to die intestate do make and publish this as and for my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other and former wills heretofore made by me. I hereby give and bequeath to my niece **Eliza F. Harris** (widow), and her daughter **Jane Ellis** (wife of **Thomas Ellis**) and the survivor of them my carriages or buggy and my old bald horse as a token of affectionate regard. I hereby give and bequeath to my relation **Adaline M. Cooksey** my bed, bed stead and furniture that is she is take her choice of beds and also give to her **Adaline M.** one hundred dollars in cash. I hereby give and bequeath to my relation **George Clinton Cooksey** two hundred dollars in Cash. I hereby give and bequeath to my nieces **Eliza F. Harris** and **Martha Ann Breedlove** wife of **John M. Breedlove** all the remainder not herein disposed of already of, of my household and kitchen furniture except my cherry press and one of my clocks these two latter articles I hereby give to **Richard U. Cooksey** & he is to have and take choice of clocks, the furniture given to **Eliza F** and **Martha Ann** aforesaid is to be equally between them. I have heretofore said and designated what pictures and little memorials I desired certain of my friends to have and take. After my death I desire what I have said in that subject strictly carried out and observed by and between them after my death. I hereby give and bequeath to my friend and relation **Richard U. Cooksey** who resides with me and who has manifested special regard for me and my comfort in my declining years all and every species of property that I may own or have title and claim to on earth either in law or equity at my death and not heretofore disposed of in this will, meaning and intending

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to make said **Richard U. Cooksey** my residuary devisee and I hereby charge him or the devisees to him with the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses and having all confidence that he will see me decently attended to and interred. I hereby constitute and appoint my friends and relations **Richard U. Cooksey** and **George Clinton Cooksey** or either of them executors of this will this 14th May 1857.

Test **Wm V Loving**

J. H. Graham

S. W. Coombs

Frances A. M. Cooksey [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set April call term 1866

This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **Frances A. M. Cooksey** deceased was produced in court and proved by the oaths of **Wm V. Loving** and **S. W. Coombs** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the will of said **Frances A. M. Cooksey** whereupon said testament was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will of said **Frances A. M. Cooksey** which is accordingly recorded.

Test James H. Rose CWCC

In the name of God Amen I **Samuel Cherry** of Warren County and State of Kentucky now being weak in body but of good sound mind and having a disposing mind. I this day make my will I shall appoint my father to be my executor. I desire that the court take him without any security I further desire that after my executor shall pay all my just debts and further desire that he shall have the exclusive veto to manage my estate as he thinks best for my daughter **Mary B. Cherry** until she shall become legally authorized to manage it herself. I desire that my executor to give my daughter a good education and to pay it out of my estate. I further desire that he shall have the veto to use any money that may be necessary for her benefit while raising of her. I hereunto assign my name this the 5 of June 1866.

Test

Samuel A. Cherry

Joseph J. Taylor

S. G. Davenport

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct August Term 1866

This last will and testament of **Samuel A. Cherry** deceased was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Joseph J. Taylor** and **S. G. Davenport** the subscribing witnesses thereto as the last will and testament of said **Cherry** and the court being satisfied. I therefore ordained that said writing be recorded as and for this last will and testament of this said testator which is accordingly recorded

Test James H. Rose CWCC

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As I am about to leave home upon rather a long travel I felt that it is prudent to make, declare and publish this paper to be my last will & testament to wit after payment of my debts and liabilities I wish my wife to keep & use whatever property she needs and will take now on the farm where we live and such as is not consumed in the using if any to go my three daughters and be divided among them equally. I give my interest in the land and Negroes at my old farm also to my three daughters to be equally divided between them and to be held in trust to their separate use I know no difference between my children and have given **Mrs. Rhodes** and the girls the advantage in this little division of a mere remnant of my estate because **Mrs. Rhodes** my daughter has occasionally the charge of a portion of my family & to the other girls because they are less competent to provide for themselves than their brothers whom I know to be generous kind and affectionate brothers and will approve this will and because further the reciprocal feelings of generous love and harmony that mutually exist will ever prompt all of them when necessary if ever to act justly and generously and help each other whenever it may be necessary Witness my hand and Seal this 18th of June 1859.

H. Grider

I appoint **Robt Rhodes** and **B. C. Grider** my executors to carry out the above will.

H. Grider

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct October call term 1866

This last will and Testament of **H. Grider** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **L. L. Cooke** and **W. V. Loving** to be entirely in the handwriting of Said **Grider** deceased and the court being satisfied. It is therefore ordered that Said writing be recorded as and for the last will and Testament of the said Testator which is according recorded.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. M. Durham WC

I **A. W. Skiles** of Warren County Kentucky being in feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory make and publish this my last will and Testament. Item 1st. It is my will and I so direct that after my death my body be decently buried in a Metalic coffin in the family burying ground on my Farm. Item 2nd. It is my will and I so direct that my beloved wife **Louisa E. Skiles** have all my lands of which I am seized during her natural life or during her widowhood. If my beloved wife should marry then it is my will that all my lands should be sold and the proceeds arising from said sale be divided among my brothers and sisters giving

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to my Brother **Thomas A. Skiles** first one thousand dollars and then the remainder of the proceeds of said land to be equally divided between all my brothers and sisters and if my said wife should not marry then at her death the same disposition of the proceeds arising from the sale of my lands shall go as directed in case of her marriage and it is

further my will and desire that at the death of my sister **Sarah Halsell** her son **Henry Harris** shall have her portion and if she should die before she comes in possession of the part herein given to her there is my desire that her said son **Henry** shall have the portion given to her. So far as my personal estate is concerned choses in action and I make no disposition of it regarding that the law makes a sufficient disposition of it. Item 3rd. It is my will and desire and I hereby appoint my friend **Joseph J. Smith** the executor this my last will and Testament October 20th 1866.

Witness **J. E. Halsell**

J. J. Smith

A. W. Skiles

State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct November call term 1866

This last will and Testament of **A. W. Skiles** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the Oaths of **J. E. Halsell** and **J. J. Smith** the subscribing witnesses thereto as the last will and testament of said **Skiles** and the court being satisfied it is therefore ordered that said writing be recorded as and for the last will and testament of the said Testator which is accordingly recorded.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. M. Durham WC

I **Leonard C. Kirby** being of sound and disposing memory but growing old and remindful of the uncertainty of life do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament as follows. 1st I direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall first pay all my just debts and funeral expenses. 2nd My wife **Lucinda Kirby** and myself having made a marriage contract by which I was not by reason of our marriage to acquire any right to any portion of the property owned by her at the date of our marriage and she was not to acquire any right to any portion of my property now in order to carry out in good faith said contract I desire and direct that my wife shall have forever all the property of every description which she owned at our marriage and its increase

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free from the claim of my heirs and devisees. 3rd. In further consummation of said marriage contract in the proceeding items named. I give devise and bequeath all my property of every description and kind as well as money cash notes and choses in action owned by me at my death to be equally divided between my eight children to wit **Nancy H. Smith** wife of **Thos. J. Smith** **John J. Kirby** **Julia P. Kirby** wife of **F. J. Kirby** **Elizabeth C. Kila** wife of **Jas Kila Eliza A. Harpool** wife of **John Harpool** **Thos J. W. Kirby** **Gerline Howell** wife of **John Howell** and **Leonard C. Kirby Jr** to have share and share alike. 4th. I hereby nominate and appoint my sons **John J. Kirby**, **Thos J. W. Kirby** and **Leonard C. Kirby** Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 19th day of August 1866. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

D. E. Smith

Louis Potter

David Potter

Leonard C. Kirby [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September Call term 1866

This last will and Testament of **Leonard C. Kirby** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **D. E. Smith** **Louis Potter** and **David Potter** the subscribing witnesses thereto as the last will and Testament of Said **Kirby** and the court being satisfied it is therefore ordered that said writing be recorded as and for the last will and Testament of the Said Testator which is accordingly recorded.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. M. Durham WC

I **Cathrine Jenkins** wife of **Henry E. Jenkins** of Warren County Kentucky being in good health but conscious of the uncertainty of life and certainty of death and desirous not to die intestate do make and publish this as and for my last will and Testament. 1st I hereby give and devise to my aforesaid husband **Henry E. Jenkins** all the estate real, personal and mixed which I may own at my death or have claim to in law or equity with power here given and granted to the said **Henry E.** to dispose of the same as he may think proper if any of the estate herein given to my said husband shall be left at his death I hereby request that he give the same to **Ivanora Jones** a little girl I am raising I hereby appoint my aforesaid husband **Henry E. Jenkins** executor of this my last will requesting this county court of Warren or wherever this will may be offered for record to require no security of him in his executorship of this will certified under my hand this 3rd day of December 1864.

Cathrine Jenkins [Seal]

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Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence and we signed the same as witnesses in her presence.

Thos P. Barclay

Jas F. Hines

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct October call Term 1866

This last will and Testament of **Cathrine Jenkins** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Thos. P. Barclay** and **Jas. F. Hines** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Thos. P Barclay** the subscribing witnesses thereto wherefore the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly recorded

Test J. R. Clark CWCC

I **Asher W. Graham** of Bowling Green Kentucky hereby make and declare the following to be my last will and Testament as soon as the money which at my death will be due in the policy or policies insuring my life shall be collected I desire my debts to be paid. I am guardian for my grandson **Asher Lucien Wood** and am chargeable to him with the sum of two thousand dollars I have treated him as my own child and perhaps indulging him a little more in unnecessary purchases for him. It is my intention if I live to continue to clothe and board and educate him without making specific charges against him and in view of all the circumstances deem it but strict justice that my estate should only be bound to pay him or his future guardian the aforesaid principle. I therefore direct that the said sum of two thousand dollars be paid to him if of age or to his guardian and then the residue which may be left of my small estate to be as near as may be divided between my son **Lawrence** and my daughter **Sarah Jane** or as she is usually called **Sallie** and my grandson **Asher** except that **Sallie** shall have the watch and Piano without accounting for their value and she or Lawrence as they may agree to have my portrait should my grandson **Asher** or his guardian exact more than said two thousand dollars from my estate on account of my guardianship aforesaid then so much as exceeds two thousand dollars to be directed from his third of my estate that is he shall receive one third less by the sum thus exacted above the aforesaid sum of two thousand dollars. I appoint my brother **John H. Graham**, my son **Lawrence A. Graham** or either of them executors of this

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my last will and testament and request of the county court have no surety or security shall be required of either of them unless it be necessary in the opinion of my executors to sell my house and lots they may be occupied by **Lawrence** and **Sallie** or either of them free from rent until **Asher** arrives to the age of twenty one years. Should my son or daughter die before division of my estate his or her share to go and pass to the survivor that is if he or she dies without issue. Should my grandson die without issue his share to go to my son and daughter or if either of them dies without issue then to the survivor of them witness hand and seal this 22nd Dec 1856.

Asher W. Graham [Seal]

A codicil or addition to the foregoing. It is my will that there shall be no sale of my property, real or personal except so far as may be deemed necessary to pay debts or as my executors may deem best. I have an abiding confidence in the unwavering affection of my children for each other but should distrust jealousy or discord from my course be about to spring up God grant that the remembrance of their dear Sainted Mother, sisters and brother may be interposed and then I am satisfied that all unkindness or bitterness will cease. Dec. 22nd 1856.

Asher W. Graham

I hereby make this codicil to the foregoing will and hereby constitute and appoint my son-in-law Revd **R. R. Smoot** co-executor with my executor appointed in my aforesaid will and request the Judge of Warren County Court not to require security of either of my aforesaid executors as I hereby release them from giving security in the trust executorship confided to them and the more especially as I have full confidence in them and each of them July 31st 1866.

Test

R. Rodes

Wm V. Loving

Asher W. Graham

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September call term 1866

This last will and testament of **Asher W. Graham** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of

R. Rodes and **Wm V. Loving** the subscribing witnesses to the last codicil of said will there being subscribing witnesses to the body and first codicil of said writing and the body and first codicil of said writing was proven by the oaths of said **Rodes** and **Loving** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Graham** deceased and the last codicil was proven by the oaths of said **Rodes** and **Loving** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the court being satisfied it is therefore ordered that said writing be recorded as and for the last will and testament of the said Testator which is accordingly recorded.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. M. Durham DC

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I **Victoria White** being sound in mind and of disposing memory but feeble in health do make and constitute this my last will and testament as follows 1st I direct my Executor hereinafter named to pay first all of my funeral expenses and then all of my just debts 2nd I given and bequeath to my youngest sister **Belle White** all of my household and Kitchen furniture and all my clothing 3rd I am indebted to **George Lehman** for his services in selling my property and attending to my business generally for some time past and I direct that he be paid and receive out of my estate a liberal compensation therefore 4th the balance of my estate consists in money cash notes and accounts the whole of which after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses aforesaid I give and bequeath to Doctor **S. W. Coombs** which is to be received by him in full discharge of my indebtedness to him for medical services and attention 5th I hereby appoint **George Lehman** as Executor of this will and direct that no security be required of him on his bond as executor. In witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand this the 1st day of September, 1866. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of undersigned witnesses.

Geo C. Rogers

Charles D. Hart

Victoria White [Her Mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court December Term 1866

This last will and Testament of **Victoria White** was produced in open Court and was proven by the oath of **Geo C. Rogers** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the signature and attestation of **Charles D. Hart** the other subscribing witness thereto which was ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. M. Durham DC

In the name of God amen I **John W. Holman** of the county of Warren and state of Kentucky being of sound mind knowing that death is certain and may come at any time and that life is uncertain do make this my last will and testament for the benefit of my wife **Eliza Holman** and my four youngest children namely **Susan Holman Alice Holman Malinda Francis Holman** and **James Alfred Holman** I lend unto my wife **Eliza Holman** the farm on which I now live including what is called the **James Doughty** tract of land containing about two hundred and ninety acres together with all of my

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plantation lots household and kitchen furniture and provided she be the longest liver the proceeds of which to be for her support and for the support of my four children and their education while they are under age or live with their mother. I also give unto my wife all of my stock of horses mules hogs and cattle any of which she may sell at any time she pleases either public or privately by the consent of my executor provided she does not need them for the use of the family the money to be loaned out by my Executor to such persons who will give good security to pay interest there on yearly the interest to be for the support of my wife I also give wish that all the money for which I may have notes may be collected and loaned to such persons as will give good security and pay the interest yearly the interest of which together with the proceeds of my farm to be for the support of my wife, four youngest children and for to pay for their education while they are single or live with their mother or so much thereof as may be necessary I also desire that my daughters **Alice** and **Malinda Francis** may each have a good saddle also my son **James A. Holman** have a good saddle when they need them. I have given to my seven oldest children namely **William Holman Sarah Beckham Mary M. Pedigo Charles Holman Joseph Holman Nancy Lotty** and **Simon Holman** all of the money and property that I intend to give them during my wife's life time Save that **Charles** and **Simon** is each to have a good bed and furniture and a good cow and calf or the value thereof off my money and property when they marry or need them to be at the discretion of wife I also wish my daughters **Susan Alice Malinda Frances** and my son **James Alfred Holman** each to have two hundred and fifty dollars when they marry or become of age I also give unto my wife **Eliza Holman** all of the ready money I may have at my death to hers to do as she pleases with forever I

leave my son-in-law **Jas C. Beckham** my executor to attend to my business after I am dead requesting that all the lands and other property may be sold and the money divided between my then living children or their children none of which children to have any right to make any contract so as to dispose of any of my property until they get it into their possession nor is it to be subject to the payment of my debt contracted before they get it into possession. Signed and Acknowledged in presence of

William Vance
Jas. Dillingham

John W. Holman

State of Kentucky Warren County Court January Term 1867

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This last will and Testament of **John W. Holman** was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **William Vance** and **Jas. Dillingham** the two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC
By B. M. Durham DC

In the name of God Amen. I **Sally Taylor** of Warren County and state of Kentucky now being meek in body but of good sound mind and having a disposing mind I this day make my last will. I desire that **Alfred Cherry** to be my executor and after my death I desire that my executor to sell all of my property except certain peaces that I gave to **Newton B. Taylor** and **Mary Jane Rone**. I Gave to my son **Newton** one Grey two year old filly, two race yearlings and one white heifer and one sow. I gave to **Mary Jane Rone** one sawtooth quilt and one sheat and to make up enough to get her a pair of shoes. I give to my son **Newton** two quilts and two single blanketts and one canuterpin and one bed sted and one sheet and one white blanket and one chect counterpin and two trunks and one bed and filling and two table cloths and two sheets. I want my executor to sell all of my property and to pay all of my just debts so soon as commissioned after my death. This the 14th of Feby 1867

S. G. Davenport
Joseph J. Taylor Tested

Sally Taylor Testant

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Feby term 1867

This last will and testament of **Sally Taylor** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **S. G. Davenport** and **Joseph J. Taylor** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded and which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Nancy M. Simpson** of Bowling Green Kentucky do make this my last will and testament. After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give and devise all my estate real, personal and mixed money and clothes in addition to my daughter **Mary B.** and my son **Elias T.** to be equally divided between them. The property which I obtained under the will of my deceased husband was

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to go after my death to our children and according to the provisions of said will my son **Wm C. Simpson** now dead would have he survived me have been entitled to a share in said property. The said **Wm C.** owes me considerable sums of money and I know of no means out of which I can secure the payment of the sums due me by him unless I can subject his interest in the property devised to me by his father to the payment thereof. Now therefore unless I succeed in my lifetime in collecting the debts which said **W. C.** owes me, it is my will that my executrix after my death shall make all proper exertions to collect the same amt of the fund which my estate may be responsible for to the representatives of the said **Wm C.** in consequence of the bequeaths and devises made to me by my said husband and whatever sum my Executrix may so collect or may save to my estate shall belong to and be equally divided between said children, **Mary B.** and **Elias T.** I appoint my daughter **Mary B. Simpson** Executrix of this my will and request the court to allow to qualify as such without giving security. The expenses of the administration must be deducted before the division of my estate is made between said **Mary B.** and **Elias T.** In testimony of all which I have hereto set my hand the 30st day of March 1865. Subscribed and published in our presence by **Nancy M. Simpson** and we attest the same.

J. R. Underwood
Jas M. Donaldson

N. M. Simpson

Since the foregoing will was written published the children of my son **William C. Simpson** deceased have been brought to my house and it is expected after my death that my daughter **Mary B.** will continue to take care of them now therefore to make her sum compensation for the trouble and expense she will necessarily incur in taking care of the children I make this codicil to the foregoing will and hereby declare it to be my will and hereby give and bequeath to my said daughter **Mary** all my household and kitchen furniture and books except a bed stead bed and furniture which I require her to set apart and give to my son **Elias T.** to be of equal value with the rest I have and said **Mary** is to have and hold all the residue of my household furniture as well as the kitchen furniture and my books over and above an equal share with her Brother **Elias** in my property witness my hand the first June 1866. Upon further reflection and having the utmost confidence in my daughter I also hereby give her over & above what I give to my son **Elias** one thousand dollars & one half of which she is to intrust for the use of my

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grandchildren **William Gross** and **George** and other half for her own use. The five hundred dollars left her in trust is to be paid by her to my said grandchildren as they arrive at age. That is one hundred sixty six dollars and two thirds to be paid to each one his arriving at age and if anyone of my said grandchildren or any two of them die before arriving at age the survivor or survivors are to have the portion which would be going to the deceased grandson or grandsons had they arrived at full age and if all of my said grandchildren die before arriving at age then my daughter **Mary** is to retain the five hundred dollars for her own use. Signed and Published in our Presence who attested the same in the presence of the testatrix

J. R. Underwood
Jas M. Donaldson

N. M. Simpson

State of Kentucky Warren County Court set March Term 1867

This last will and testament of **Nancy M. Simpson** decd was exhibited in open court and was proven by the oath of **J. R. Underwood** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the signature and attestation of **Jas M. Donaldson** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded and for the last will and testament of said **Nancy M. Simpson** decd which is recorded accordingly.

J. B. Clark CWCC

I **David E. Billingsley** of Warren County State of Kentucky in view of the uncertainty of life and feeling a brothers care being of sound mind and with fore thought acknowledge the goodness of my heavenly Parent do make this my last will and testament as follows First I wish all my just debts to be paid and necessary expenses. After which I give and bequeath the residue of my property together with all my personal and real estate unto my four sisters **Sarah Charlotte Billingsley Eveline Amanda Billingsley Francis Matilda Billingsley** and **Mary Ellen Billingsley** to be equally divided between them at the death of my parents **Jesse D. Billingsley** and **Nancy Billingsley** or such of them or the heirs of their body that may be then living I wish **W. W. McNeal** to wind up my unsettled business and with **Bradford Sears** to be and act as trustees to the property bequeathed to my sisters leaving it with my father **Jesse D. Billingsley** to manage by the advice and

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with the consent of the above named trustees **W. W. McNeal** and **Bradford Sears** and entrusting to their judgement I will them the power and give it as my wish -- of investing and reinvesting so that the greater part and good and most benefit may be derived from it by my sisters and comfort of my parents that thereby the property and etc may remain with the family as now so far as may be practicable. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of April 1867.

In the presence of

Wm H. H. Burton
A. P. Durham

D. E. Billingsley

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set April Term 1867

This last will and testament of **D. E. Billingsley** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **W. W. H. Burton** and **A. P. Durham** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the courts herein satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Katherine H. Edmundson** of Warren County and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of human life do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows Viz It is my will and wish that my daughter **Katherine E. Sublett** have my entire estate consisting of all my household and kitchen furniture beds and bed clothing all my stock of horses cattle hogs and sheep all my farming tools wagon and all its fixtures and all of my crop that may be in hand at my decease to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever Lastly and I appoint **William Sublett** my executor to this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this 24th day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred sixty five.

Wilheim Sublett

A C Cox

Kitty H. Edmundson

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June term 1867

This last will and testament of **Katherine H. Edmundson** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Wm Sublett** and **A. C. Cox** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

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I **Elizabeth Robinson** of Warren County State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament. I will and bequeath to my daughter and only child Mrs. **Jane Atkinson** wife of **John Atkinson** all my estate of whatever kind real personal and mixed including my house and lot in Portland Kentucky and every species of property I may own at my death to have and to hold forever hereby giving my daughter full power and authority to dispose of the same as she may choose either by sale or last will and testament. I hereby appoint her sole executrix of this will and requesting the courts before whom the same is admitted to record to permit her to qualify as such without giving surety. In the event she cannot qualify as executrix then, and in that event I appoint **Jno Akinson** executor of this will requesting the courts to permit him to qualify as such without giving surety. In witnesses whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of February 1864. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of the undersigned who attested the same in the presence of and at the instance and request of the testatrix. February 2nd 1864.

W. H. Blewett

Robert Atkinson

Elizabeth Robinson [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June term 1867

This last will and testament of **Elizabeth Robinson** decd was produced in open court and was proven by the oath of **W. H. Blewett** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the signature and attestation of the other subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark

The Will of **Jonathan Potts**

I **Jonathan Potts** feeling deeply impressed with the solemn thought that it is appointed unto all men once to die and being sound in mind and in good health for which I thank God though feeble in body and feeling the rapid approach of old age which admonishes me that my existence here on earth cannot be long at furthest. Therefore I do most solemnly make and declare the following to be my last will and testament revoking all others in substance as follows. In the name of God who gave it and

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after death I desire that my body shall be decently entered in a common grave yard in the usual form and manner of burying. My desire and will is that all my just debts be paid together with my funeral expenses. 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **Rebecca Smith** the following portion of the tract of land in which I now live (viz) Beginning at a Post Oak in the lane between **Joel W. Morehead** **William L. Christian** and myself thence running down the lane on my line in a direction towards the dwelling house of said **William L. Christian** to my corner near said **Christian's** Tobacco house as called for in sd line. Thence with the old road called the Shaker road to the line of **Stephen Hodge** thence with his line to the line of **Joel W. Morehead**. Thence with his line of said **Morehead** to the beginning including the dwelling house orchard and all the out houses included in said boundary where I now live that is to say I intended if my dead son **Reuben** had have lived to have given him the same

described boundary of land but in as much as he is dead and desired in his will that his sister my daughter **Rebecca** should have the same. I give and bequeath it unto my beloved daughter **Rebecca Smith** my side board now in my dwelling house and the above described Boundary of land as her full and entire share of and portion of my estate to have and to hold the same at my death to her and her heirs forever. 3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **Thomas J. Potts** all the residue of my said tract of land on which I now live except that portion which I have given as above described in the second clause. I gave the same to him for the parental love I have for him as his entire portion of my estate to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs forever. 4th I have heretofore given personally to sons **Isaah L. Potts** and **Ninian E. Potts** a certain portion or parcel of land surveyed off from my said tract containing sixty acres by survey that is to say I gave them thirty acres each. The said **Isaah** by contract and agreement with the said **Ninian** bargained and sold into the said **Ninian** his aforesaid thirty acres the whole of said sixty acres is attached to the tract or parcel of land lately conveyed from **Ninian E. Potts** to **Stephen Hodge** being the same on which said **Ninian E. Potts** now lives. The aforesaid sixty acres of land I gave and deeded to my two sons **Isaah L.** and **Ninian E. Potts** I intended and do intend as their full and entire share of my estate therefore said sixty acres of land being of the best quality however in as much as I have personally let my son **Ninian** have thirty dollars in cash for which I have no note but do no wish

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him to account for the same but in order to make my son **Isaah L. Potts** equal to him my son **Ninian** in advancement I hereby give and bequeath unto my son **Isaah L. Potts** thirty dollars in addition to the land deeded to him in the above manner said thirty dollars to be realized from the sale of other property that is herein after expressed. 5th I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren the children of my deceased son **John C. Potts** viz **Woodford L. Potts**, **Eliza Jane Potts**, **Nancy Ann Potts**, **Bethsheba Potts** and **Ann Elizabeth Potts** five dollars each as their respective and full and entire shares of my estate. 6th I furthermore give and bequeath unto my grandson **William Slaughter Smith** my rifle gun shot punch and bullet molds for the natural love I have for him. 7th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **Elizabeth Still** two cherry bureaus now in my dwelling house to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever. 8th I further more give and bequeath unto my two daughters **Rebecca Smith** and **Elizabeth Still** all the residue of my estate consisting of horses hogs cattle sheep wagon gear ploughs axes hoes and all the tools in my shop together with all my household and kitchen furniture and all and singular every species of property in my possession corn wheat oats and fodder that is to say all the property named in this 8th clause of this will is to be sold by my executor and proceeds equally divided between my two daughter **Elizabeth Still** and **Rebecca Smith** and I hereby nominate and appoint my son **Isaah L. Potts** my executor of this my last will and testament and upon his death or refusal to qualify as such I nominate and appoint my friend **Joel W. Morehead** and in case of his death or refusal to qualify I nominate and appoint my friend **John C. Gerard** either of which that my qualify I desire shall be required to give hand and security for the faithful performance of the duties empowered on them as executors aforesaid. In witness whereof I do most solemnly declare the foregoing to be my last will and testament revoking all others as witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of October 1848. Acknowledged and signed in the presence of the subscribing witnesses whose names are hereunto signed.

W. V. Loving

J. A. Robinson

Jonathan Potts

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June Term 1867

This last will and testament of **Jonathan Potts** decd was

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produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Wm V. Loving** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of the other witnesses where upon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

I **George Musser** of the County of Warren and state of Kentucky do hereby make this my last will and testament revoking all former wills I may have made heretofore in manner and form follow that is to say first my will and desire is that my daughter **Eliza** shall have one bed bedstead and furniture one chest, one table on looking glass one chair one side saddle and bridle and after the above articles are given to my daughter **Eliza** my will is that all my property both real and personal shall be sold immediately after my death to the highest bidder by my executor hereinafter named an such a credit as he may think best and the money collected arising from said sale together with

all the cash, cash notes and that money the due at my death after my debts and funeral expenses are paid shall be equally divided between my children herein after named to wit my daughter **Eliza Musser Peter Musser Henry Musser Ewin Musser Thomas Musser Ervine Musser Rumsey Musser** and **Bradford Musser** and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son **Peter Musser** Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of this 24th day of March, 1864.

Noel Johnson

John A. Chapman

George Musser

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September 1867

This last will and testament of **George Musser** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Noel Johnson** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **John A. Chapman** the other subscribing witness thereto whereof and the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

I, **Frederick Potter** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following viz I want my daughter **Caroline** to have the choice horse or mare on place and that my son **Lewis** have the next choice one also my son **Lewis** to have my bed and bedstead

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and a proportionable part of the bed clothes. And I desire that my land remain in **Caroline's** hands so long as **Eliza** and her two children and **Martha's** two children remain with her and they make a support and all the rent of my property to remain with my daughter **Caroline** after paying my just debts when they fail to make a support or broke up house keeping I then desire the remainder of my property to be equally divided among my then living children. Also my land to be sold and the proceeds divided in like manner I also appoint my daughter **Caroline** as my executor of this my last will and testament. And affixed my seal this 22nd day of July 1867.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

J. C. Beckham

S. H. Gee

Frederick Potter [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September Term 1867

This last will of **Frederick Potter** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **James C. Beckham** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto thereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark WCCC

I, **James L. White** of Warren County Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous of disposing of what worldly effects it has please kind providence to bless me with do make and declare following to be my last will and testament. First after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Mary R. White** all my estate both real and personal to have and to hold and dispose of the same in any manner she may prefer. Second I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved father **John H. White** executor of this my last will and testament and hereby request the Warren County Court to permit him to qualify as such without being required to give security in his official bond. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 7th day of September 1867. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of the undersigned who attest the same in the presence and at the instance and request of the testator.

C. E. Blewett

J. H. White

J. L. White

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct October Term 1867

This last will and testament of **James L. White** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **John H. White** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **C. E. Blewett** the other

subscribing witness thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly. Test J. B. Clark CWCC

In the name of God Amen, I **Joseph Lark** of Warren County Kentucky being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say 1st I desire that all of my just debts be paid. Secondly I give to my wife **Harriett Lark** my farm on which I now live also twenty acres and a half known by the name of the Hawknest Grove during her widowhood and should she marry again she is to have one third part of same during her natural life and after death I desire that it be divided equally amongst the heirs of my body. 3rd I desire that she have all of my household and kitchen furniture that she may think necessary for her use also I want her keep my two horse wagon also 4 head of horses to be selected by herself and set of gear also two 2 horse ploughs and four one horse ploughs to be selected by herself and milck cows and I also desire that my executor that I shall hereafter name see that she have money enough and of my estate to sustain her in one year. Fourthly I give to my son **Stephen P. Lark** one yellow yearling colt. Fifth I desire that all the balance of estate be sold and after paying all just demands the residue to be equally divided among the several heirs of my body, and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend **H. Y. Gardner** executor to this my last will and testament I also desire that my said executor assist my wife **Harriett** in the management of what estate I have left her of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others whatsoever. In witness whereof I have unto set my name affixed my seal this 20th day August 1867. Signed sealed and declared as for the last will and testament of the above named **Joseph Lark** in the presence of us.

S. H. Gee

H. Y. Gardner

Joseph Lark

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This last will of **Joseph Lark** was produced in open court and proved by the oath of **S. H. Gee** one of the subscribing witnesses who proved the attestation of **H. Y. Gardner** the other subscribing witnesses whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly. Test J. B. Clark CWCC

Bowling Green, Feby 5th, 1868. **John Reaney's** Last Will and Testament. In the Name of God! Amen. I **John Reaney** of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky and once of East Irish Parrish of Ballaurastig County Cork Ireland being very weak in body but perfect in mind and memory. Thanks be given unto God for all His Mercies Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. And first of all I commend my Spirit into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it. And my Body to the Earth, to be Buried in decent, Christian Burial, in the Old Burial Ground at Bowling Green, contiguous to the remains of **Dan. Leary**. The expenses to be paid out of the sums hereafter named. And also all and everything or debt I may owe, or have contracted by security or otherwise as shall be herein set forth, inasmuch as I can remember. And touching what worldly goods I possess, and may justly call my own, and due to me of the following persons. To wit of **Barthoemew O'Regan**, cash \$180.00 minus ten equal 170.00 of **Danl O'Regan**, for mules sold here about sixteen months since, for the sum of three hundred dollars, to be paid twelve months thereafter, 300.00. In Mr. **Calverts** Bank one hundred dollars in specie. Of **Danl O' Sullivan**, I don't know at present or whether I owe him. Therefore this acct Remains to be settled-Nor do I owe any money to any others. And now, as it were, taking my leave of this world, leaving it my peace, without animosity or ill will and mercy, I pray and beseech His mercy upon me. I do wish that his Rev. Father **DeVrees** will, as soon as possible, after my death, offer up the Holy sacrifice of the Mass High Mass for the repose of my soul. And may God have Mercy on me!

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The remainder to be sent to my friends, relative, who are still in Ireland--Peace and good will to all.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us

Danl J. McCarthy

B. Regan

P. S. This to be opened immediately after my death, and all business connected with it to be transacted by Mr. **Danl O'Sullivan, B. Green**.

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Feby Call term 1868

This last will and testament of **John Reaney** was produced in open Court, and proven by oath of **B. Regan**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved attestation of **D. J. McCarthy**, the other subscribing witness, whereupon, the court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. G. Haley DC

I **Cyrus Shanks**, of the town of Bowling Green, Warren Count, State of Kentucky being conscious of the uncertainties of human life, do make, publish, and declare this as my last will and testament. First--my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid for out of my estate. Second--I bequeath and devise to my daughter **Hettie Shanks**, all my personal and real estate said **Hettie**, or her Guardian to become possessed of my personal estate, immediately upon my death, and said Guardian to use the means carefully, and to the best advantage for my daughter, in education and providing her with suitable clothing. My house and lot, situated on Mechanic Street, which is now only in part paid for, shall remain in possession of **Linton Slaughter**, after my death, until my daughter **Hettie** becomes of 18 years (eighteen) of age, said **Slaughter** to pay for the rent of said house, during said time, by liquidating the debt against the property, and no more. It is my desire and wish that the rent of the property shall pay off the debt against it, and trusting in the fidelity of my faithful friend **Linton Slaughter**, I leave the property to

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him, until my daughter shall become of eighteen years of age, said **Slaughter** undertaking to pay off the debt in that time. I appoint **Gilbert Graham**, as the property Guardian for my child, and **Linton Slaughter** as the Executor of this my last will and testament and is my will that he shall not be required to give bond. In witness whereof I have this day the 16 day of September, 1867 afforded my name and seal.

Witness

Cyrus Shanks [His mark]

D. W. Wright

L. S. Slaughter

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March Term 1868

This last will and testament of **Cyrus Shanks** was produced in open Court and Proven by the oath of **D. W. Wright**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of the other witness, whereupon, the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

I **Philip Demuth**, of the town of Bowling Green, in the State of Kentucky, desirous not to die intestate, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills: Item 1st. After the payment of all my just debts, funeral expenses, I give and bequeath to my wife **Alzayda** all of my property and estate of every character and kind, real, personal and mixed, during her life time and with full power and authority to sell and convey the house and lot where we now live, to the purchaser, so as to enable her to purchase another home, at some other place that she may elect to live and reside with the request, that in the event she should sell our present home and move that she take the deed for any new home she may purchase, in and to herself for life, and at her death, to our children

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I hereby constitute and appoint my aforesaid wife testamentary Guardian for our two children **Philip Grant** and **William Stewart Demuth**. I hereby appoint my aforesaid wife **Alzayda Demuth**, Executor of this will and as my estate is more than good for my debts, I respectfully request the Honorable Warren County Court not to require security of her as Executor of this will, as I hereby release her from giving security. Item 2nd. I and my brother **John** have been partners in business and the same is yet unsettled he as surviving partner, has the right, by law, to close up said business, whatever other power and authority he may need to do so, I hereby give and rest in him, with the fullest confidence that he will do full and ample justice to my wife and children, to whom I give and bequeath all of my estate, that may be remaining after the death of my wife, who is authorized to spend any of or all of said estate that may be necessary for the support of herself and our children, and whom I request to raise our children in habits

of industry and honesty and to educate them, as well as she can, commensurate with her means and ability. Certified under my hand this the 3rd day of April A. D. 1868.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence, and attested by us in the presence of the testator.

Wm V. Loving

John Arl

Philip Demuth [Seal]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct April Term 1868

This last will and testament of **Philip Demuth**, was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **John Arl**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **Wm V. Loving**, the other subscribing witness; whereupon, the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

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By R. T. Haley DC

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Know all men by these presents, that I **John Martin**, in the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, being in ill health but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my beloved wife **Creasy Martin**, all my land, during her life or widowhood, but of marriage she forfeits all claims, I also give to my beloved wife, **Creasy Martin** all my stock, and my household and kitchen furniture and farming tools. To the above, however, is this exception. The tract of land where **Julia Moody** now resides, supposed to contain about fifty or sixty acres, is to be sold after my death, and the proceeds thereof, be equally divided and given to **Margaret Martin**, heirs, said **Margaret Martin** being my daughter-in-law. I hereby give to my grandson **Samuel Witherspoon**, two dollars in money. I also give to my grand daughter **Segus Daniels**, heirs if she have any, two dollars in money, each, at the death of my beloved wife, **Creasy Martin**, or at her marriage. I then will and bequeath the survey of land that the family now resided on, containing one hundred acres by survey, and so much of the other between where my house stands and a house that one **Beckum** now lives in--to **Jasper**, son of my beloved wife. I also want, at the death, or marriage of my beloved wife, **Creasy Martin** my stock of all kind and household and kitchen furniture to be given to **Jasper** Son of my beloved wife. The balance of my land that I do not make provision for. I want them xxxxxxxx Out of the money that the land which **July Moody** lives on, when sold, **Elizabeth Hill**, **John Hill's** wife, my granddaughter, is to have one hundred dollars more than the rest of said **Margaret Martin's** children. I also appoint my beloved wife and her son **Jasper** to be Executors of this last will and testament. In testimony when of I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this, to be my last will and testament, in presence of the witnesses named below this 5th day of January A. D. 1867.

Witnesses

Benjamin Hewitt

E. R. Willoughby

James L. Coleman

Samuel J. Moody

John Martin [His mark and Seal]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May Term 1868

This last will and testament of **John Martin**, was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **Benj. Hewitt**, **Sam'l J. Moody** and **James L. Coleman**, subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

R. T. Haley DC

I **Daniel C. Smith** of Warren County, Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and knowing the uncertainty of human life, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time before made. Item first. It is my will and I give to my daughter **Sarah J. Self**, the tract of land upon which she now resides, to her exclusive use and benefit during her natural life, and at her death, to be equally divided between the heirs of her body--said land is bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a rock in the center of the old Nashville road, opposite Scottsville road near the Three Springs, running thence with a line of the Three Springs Tract to the corner at the sink of the Branch, thence run so as to include all the buildings and well, thence to run a course back to the old Nashville road, so as to include eight acres, which is valued at fifty dollars per acre. Item second. It is further my will and I give to my son, **Samuel C. Smith** eighty acres of land, which is valued at fifty

dollars per acre, Beginning at a stone in the center of the old Nashville road, opposite the Scottsville road, running up the Branch to a stone corner, between Mrs. **Coleman** and my land, running with the line of Mrs. **Coleman** and my land, to a point from which, running with the or back the old Nashville road, will make the eighty acres which boundary included the buildings. Item three. It is further my will, and I so direct that all the property which I may own at my death, except the property given herein before, shall remain undivided and all together and that my beloved wife, **Margaret Smith**, shall have the control of, and use of same, during her natural life, to manage as she thinks best. Item four It is further my will, and I so direct, that none of my property personal, real or mixed, be sold if my said wife can manage and keep it and by the rise of said property, pay all my just

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debts; but it is left to her judgement, as to whether enough of the property shall be sold to pay my just debts, it is my will that if it is necessary to sell any of said property to pay debts, then only what is necessary for that purpose, shall be sold first selling personal estate. Item five. It is further my will, and at the death of my beloved wife I give to my beloved **Netty B. Smith**, the housestead, where I now live, including all the buildings , to be laid off so as to include seventy-five acres of land, which I value at four thousand dollars. Item six. It is further my will, and I so direct, that at the death of my beloved wife, that all my property, personal, real and mixed, remaining after the payment of my just debts, shall be equally divided between my children, **Corilla Cooksey**, **Sarah J. Self**, **Fannie A. Smith**, **Netty B. Smith**, **Samuel C. Smith**, and my grandchildren **Samuel Procter**, son of my deceased daughter, **Mary G. Procter**, and **Erasmus P. Smith**, son of my decd son **Erasmus Smith** and the property give to my sons **Samuel C. Smith**, **Sarah J. Self** and **Netty B. Smith** to wit, the lands mentioned above, shall be charged to them at the values placed upon same; and the other children and grandchildren, before mentioned shall have each an amount equal to said **Samuel C. Sarah J.** and **Netty B.** And if there is not sufficient property to make them equal, then they are required to pay to the others out of the lands what they have gotten, which may be in money and amount to make all equal. Item sixth. It is my will, and I so desirest, that the property which I have herein to my daughters shall be for their exclusive use and benefit during their natural lives, and at their death, to go to the heirs of their bodies--if any, and if none, to revert back to my estate. Item seventh. It is further my will and I desire that if my beloved wife should die before my grandsons, **Samuel Procter** and **Erasmus P. Smith** shall arrive at the age of twenty one years then I desire that my son, **Samuel C. Smith** be appointed guardian for **Erasmus P. Smith** during his minority and **G. C. Cooksey** the guardian of **Samuel Procter**. It is my will and I appoint my beloved wife **Margaret Smith** the executrix and **G. C. Cooksey** the executor of this my last will and testament and I desire that they be not required to execute bond.

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Item ninth. I further direct that in the division of my lands, that there be left a space of forty feet running from the old Nashville road a point on said road. Opposite the spring in the woods, on the east side of said road to said spring all the heirs to have free access to said Spring. In testimony of which I hereunto set my had this the 7th day of December 1867.

Witnesses

J. E. Halsell
E. M. Halsell

Daniel C. Smith

I **Daniel C. Smith** of Warren County Kentucky after deliberation have concluded to make some changes in my will of date the 7th December 1867, and therefore make and publish this codicil to my said will of said date. Item 1st. In the body of said will, I have designated the lands that I desired my daughters **Sarah J. Self** and **Netty B. Smith**, and my son **Samuel C. Smith**, to have. I now desire, and give to my daughter **Fannie Smith** ninety acres of land, to commence at a planted stone, thence commenced to **Daniel Coleman's** land and my land; thence to run with the line between the lands belonging to the estate of **Thomas J. Smith** and my land, a northwardly direction, to a planted stone, thence with said line a northwardly direction to a planted stone, thence with said line a northwardly direction to a planted stone corner to my land, **Thomas J. Smith** and Mrs. **Fannie Berrys** thence with the line of Mrs. **Fannie Berry** and my line to a stake in the center of the Old Nashville road thence to run southwardly down to old Nashville road to a point from which to run to the beginning will make ninety acres which is valued at four thousand dollars. Item 2nd. It is further my will, and I give to my daughter **Corilla Cooksey** eighty five acres of land, to begin in the center of the old Nashville road, commence of my daughter **Fannies** lot as described above, running thence, Southwardly, down the old Nashville road, a sufficient distance including the well on the road, so as to include in

good shape, eighty five acres on the west side of said Nashville road, which is valued at four thousand dollars. Item 3rd. The land which I have given to my said daughters shall be for their exclusive use and benefit during their natural lives and at their deaths to go to the heirs of their bodies if any and if none then to revert back to my estate. Item 4th. I have directed in the body of my will, that my grandsons, **Erasmus P. Smith** and **Samuel Proctor**, shall each have an equal portion of my estate, with my other children at the death of

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my beloved wife. Now I desire and so direct that if they or either of them should die without any children then in that event, the property which I have given them to revert back to my estate. Item 5th. It is my will and I so direct, that the two lots of land which I have given to my said daughters, **Corilla Cooksey** and **Fannie Smith**, shall be rendered to the control of my beloved wife, and to be used by her as she thinks proper, during her natural life, the only change in the third item in the body of my will, which is intended only to designate the particular lots that I desire my daughter **Corilla Cooksey** and **Fannie Smith** shall have. The land given to my said daughters shall be charged to them in the division of my estate. For I desire that each one of my children and grandchildren shall be equal. In testimony of which, I hereunto set my hand this the 24th day of April 1868.

Witnesses

Seaf J. Smith
Mary C. Halsell

Danl C. Smith

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set July Called Term 1868

This last will & testament of **Danl C. Smith** was produced in open court, and proven by the oaths of **Seaf J. Smith** & **J. E. Halsell**, and the codicil thereto was proven by the oath of **Seaf J. Smith** who also proved the attestation of **Mary C. Halsell** all subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark, CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

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I, **Elijah C. Smith** of Warren County and State of Kentucky, knowing the uncertainty of human life, and being of sound mind, and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made; Item 1st. It is my will and I give to my two sons **Joseph J. Smith**, and **Charles C. Smith**, all my property of every character, consisting of all my lands, personal property, notes, bonds, accounts, and choses in action in short, I give them all my property, of every description of which I am seized and possessed. Item 2nd It is my will and I do direct that immediately after my death, my two sons, **Joseph J.** and **Charles C. Smith** pay all of my just debts, out of the property which I have given them in this will. Item 3rd. It is farther my will, and I so direct that my two sons, **Charles C.** and **Joseph J. Smith** shall pay to each of my daughters, **Louisa Robertson Mary A. Nickall**, wife of **William E. Nickall**; **Ophelia Nickall**, wife of **Ambrose Nickall**, **Susan R. Sloss**, wife of **Marion Sloss**; and **Caroline Jones** widow of Dr. **Jones** decd the sum of one thousand dollars in four equal annual installments that is to each of them two hundred and fifty dollars each annually until they each receive the above sum of one thousand dollars. Item 4th. It is farther my will and I so direct, that my daughter, **Caroline Jones**, shall have a home, during her widowhood, at the old homestead, where I now live, with my said sons, **Joseph J.** and **Charles C. Smith** my grandson **Joseph Jones** shall also have a home with his mother, at my homestead, during her widowhood, and they are not to be charged anything by my said sons **Charles C.** and **Joseph J. Smith**. Item 5th. It is further my will, and I direct, that my said sons, **Charles C.** and **Joseph J. Smith**, shall pay to my son, **John L. Smith**, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid in the same manner that I have directed that my said daughters shall be paid; which amount, however, shall be paid upon the condition

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that my said son, **John L.** shall pay the amount of a debt due **H. R. Hagerman** by said **John L.** I am his security and in the event he does not pay off and discharge said debt then the five hundred dollars or so much thence as is necessary to pay off said debt, shall be applied to that debt and whatever is left of the five hundred dollars if anything, after paying said debt they are directed to pay owner to my said son **John L.** The reason that I have not given my son **John L. Smith** any more in the will is, that I have as his security paid for him an amount of money fully equal, if not more, then the amount which have given to each of my other children. Item 6th. It is my will, and I appoint my sons, **Joseph J. Smith**, and **Charles C. Smith**, the executors of this my last will and testament an I

desire that they shall not be required by the judge of the Warren County Court to give security as executors. In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand this the 20th day of March 1868. Signed and acknowledged by the Testator, in our presence.

J. E. Halsell
E. D. Covington

E. C. Smith

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Sep Called term, 1868.

This last will and testament of **E. C. Smith** was produced in open Court and proved by the oaths of **J. E. Halsell** and **E. D. Covington** the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC
By R. T. Haley DC

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I **Abner Dunn** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say 1st. I give my wife **Polly Dunn** all of my land, horse and buggy, cow and calf and hogs and all household and furniture. Item 2nd. I want all of my just debts paid. Item 3rd. If the United State government ever pays for the blacks were set free I want my nephew **Johnathan C. Dunn** to have the proceeds of the negro girl **Sarah**, and my nephew **William Dunn** to have the proceeds of the negro girl named **Bell** and my nephew **Lewis Dunn** to have the proceeds of a negro girl named **Carolina**. Item 3rd. My wife **Polly Dunn** must pay to my nephew **Spencer Dunn** one hundred and fifty dollars when ever it suits her convenience. Item 4th. I give to my nephew **Jacob L. Shobe** and **Milbern H. Shobe** one account on **Spencer Dunn** for nine hundred and fifty dollars and 40 cents. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend and nephew **Jacob L. Shobe** executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3rd day of May 1868.

Attest

B. P. Shirley
A. B. Gardiner

Abner Dunn [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Oct Term 1868

This last will and testament of **Abner Dunn** decd was produced in open court and partly proven by the oath of **B. P. Shirley** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the signature of **A. B. Gardiner** the other subscribing witness thereto was proved by the oath of **John W. Underhill**. Whereupon the Court being satisfied said writing was ordered to be recorded, which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC
By Charles Burman DC

I **Frederick Potter**, of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky, being in my usual good health, and of sound mind, and disposing memory; but conscious of the uncertainty of life, and certainty of death; and desirous not to die intestate do make and publish this as and for my last will and testament. Item 1st. It is my will and I hereby give to my wife **Elizabeth** during her life, the one third of the estate, real and personal and mixed of which I may die possessed; and after my slaves are valued, she shall have the right, and the same is hereby given to her, to select of my slaves, such as she may desire, so as to obtain her one third of the same in value

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the one third of my landed estate, that I hereby give to my aforesaid wife during her life, I will and direct to be laid off to her out of my homestead, as follows, to wit. Beginning at a post oak and red oak, standing on the road leading from **Alfred Simmons** to the Three Springs; thence near the road, westwardly to a black gum, corner to a military 100 acres survey known as the **McEntire** survey, thence westwardly, with what was formerly **John Hess Sr's** line to a line of a survey of **Abner Chapman's** survey thence with his line so as to embrace the dower land---it to be all the land north of the two first lines that I own in this locality---if it should turn out that the land I have first designated for my wife, should not be enough to give to her the one third of my equal estate it is my will and desire that she have allotted and set apart to her, a sufficiency of my land on the east side of Drake's Creek and near where **John L. Row** had his shanty so as to give her the one third of my landed estate. Item 2nd. It has always been my intention to advance my children equally. I believe I have done so thus far---it was my design to do so at least and they are to be charged, to this date as having been advanced alike, if I should advance any one or all of them, further, before my death, I shall endeavor to preserve the evidence of such advancement or advancements as I have heretofore done, and the children so advanced shall and must be charged for such additional advancement, at the price and value. I

may affix and attach to the property and estate, so advanced and I still desire to make them equal at my death, and if my wife survive me, it is my will that they shall all be made equal in the distribution of the estate given, for life to my wife, after the termination of her life estate---should my wife not survive me, then at my death the whole of my estate is to be equally divided between my children. Should any one of my children die before I do, having a child, or children, such child, or children are to represent the deceased parent in the distribution of my estate. It is my will and desire, and I so direct, that the portion of my estate that may fall to any one of my daughters in the division of said estate, shall go and pass to her for her sole and separate use during her life and after her death, to go and pass to her children, if any if none, then to revert to my estate, to be equally divided between my children, or the legal representatives of any child or children of mine, who may be dead---and if any one of my daughters who may have no children should receive

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estate from a sister, dying, having estate, but no children such daughter shall only have a life estate, in property thus received, and shall go and pass to my children at her death, the property thus received, shall go and pass to my children or their representatives as aforesaid. I have one daughter, viz **Sophia Owens**, living in Missouri, and as real estate in this country would be of little or no benefit to her, it is my will and I do direct that she have her equal share and portion of my estate in slaves, with the limitation aforesaid---that is , her life and her children after her death and money; and it is my will and I so direct, that the portion of money that may fall to her or any one of my other daughters, shall be laid out by my executors, hereinafter named, or some one of them, in lands or negroes, for the sole and separate use of said daughters during their natural lives, and after their deaths, to their children if any and if not, to revert to my estate, and be divided as herein already indicated, meaning and intending that if any child or children of mine shall die, having no child, or children, that the property I have herein given them shall pass and descend to my descendants by blood, or from my loins; and to limit and restrict such descent, so far as I can and am authorized to do by the laws of the land. Item 3rd. I have sold a tract of land to my son in law **Elijah W. Hill**, and I hold his note for the sum of \$4415.00 due and payable one day after 3rd January 1856--now it is my will that if the said **Hill** shall elect after my death, to abandon his purchase of said land, and will vest the title in same in my executors, herein after named, he can do so, and his aforesaid note is directed in that event to be handed up to him and my executors will then be authorized and are hereby directed and required to convey said tract of land to my daughter, **Susan Hill** wife of **Elijah W. Hill** during her life and after her death, to her children--in which last event the said **Susan** and in case of her death her children are to be charged in the distribution of my estate with the amount of principle and interest of the aforesaid note, up to the time of the arrangement aforesaid. Item 4th. The property I now own, and hope and expect to own at my death, had and will have been acquired without litigation it is my will and desire that it sale pass into the hands of those to whom I have will it, in like manner; with the view of accomplishing that object, I hereby vest my friends **Wm V. Loving B. C. Grider** and **Robert Rodes** or either of them, full power, and authority to hear and determine all differences and difficulties that may arise and grow out of the construction of this will of mine; and the award of opinion in writing of either of my aforesaid friends

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touching my intentions herein shall be final both in law and in equity upon my division and I hereby respectfully request my aforesaid friends and each of them to accept the position of Peacemaker herein awarded them and each of them, and thereby prevent any and all litigation amongst relatives, who ought to be and remain friends; with the solemn injunction upon my devisees to respect and abide by this item of my last will. Item 5th. That my estate may be judiciously appraised and divided I hereby appoint my friends **Jesse Bunch**, **John Potter** and **Joseph D. Duncan**, esquire, appraisers of all the estate real and personal of which I may die possessed, with full power, authority and request of in and to which also to allot dower to my aforesaid wife, and divided my estate amongst my several devisees, and it is my will, that their division shall be final and binding upon my devisees and in the event of the death, or refusal to act of either of the three aforesaid friends, he or they agreeing to act is hereby vested with authority to select another or others to act. And cooperate with him or them in carrying out the intents and purposes of this item--and the persons or persons so selected and designated in writing by either of the aforesaid appraisers and I will style them commissions shall be vested with all the authority and powers herein given to the aforesaid, **Bunch**, **Potter**, and **Duncan** who or the appointees of any one of them, as aforesaid shall also divide amongst my devisees, the estate I have herein given to my wife, after the termination of her life estate, which last division shall also be final and binding on my devisees---and I appoint my son **Pleasant Potter**, surveyor, and request that he act as such in doing any surveying that may be necessary to affect a just and fair division of my real estate amongst my

devises---and further request, that he select some two, or more, or any or all of his brothers, to accompany him; or the aforesaid commissions, in making the necessary surveys, and that said brothers act as chain carriers and in the event of the death of the aforesaid **Pleasant Potter**, before a final division of my estate the aforesaid commissions are authorized and represented to select and appoint a competent surveyor to cooperate with them in dividing my real estate, as aforesaid. Item 6th. It affords me great satisfaction in this instrument always accompanied with some solemnity, to express pleasure it affords me in being able to select my executors out of my own family---in all of whom, I hope I shall be excused for saying, I have the utmost confidence; but my youngest sons, **Pleasant J., Preston T. and Stephen S. Potter** are least encumbered with business its harassments I hereby appoint the said **Pleasant J., Preston T. and Stephen S. Potter**, or either of them

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Executor or Executors of this my last will and as I am not in debt, and I hope and expect so to die. I respectfully request the Honorable Warren county Court not to require of my aforesaid executors or either of them, security upon any bond they or either of them may be required to give, in order upon any bond they or either of them may be required to give, in order to qualify as executor of this will; and thee more especially, as I hereby release them and each of them from giving security as my executors aforesaid. In testimony of all which, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 13th day of February 1857. Signed, sealed and acknowledge by the Testator in presence of

T. B. Wright

Geo. C. Rogers

John C. Gerard

Frederick Potter

I, **Frederick Potter**, of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky, do make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament which is of the date the 13th February 1857 and attested by **T. B. Wright, Geo C. Rodgers and John C. Gerard**, as follows, to wit: My wife **E. Potter**, having departed life, my slaves all free, and having divided all my real estate equally amongst my children, to take effect at my death I hereby revoke so much of my aforesaid will and to which this a codicil as refers to allotment of dower, and valuation and division of lands and negroes. I hereby also revoke all of Item 5 of said will, and which appoints and names appraisers and commissioners to divide my estate, and my executors may get the proper court to appoint such appraisers of my personal estate as they may think proper. It is my will, and I hereby direct, that all my personal property, including Rail Road Stock, be sold as soon as practicable and convenient after my death, by the executors to the highest bidder, on a credit of six or twelve months, taking bonds, with good security, from the purchasers. Having divided all the real estate I won, between my eleven children equally and having made and filed deeds to them in the clerks office of the Warren County Court to take affect at my death, now should any one of my daughters other husbands refuse to accept the deed to her so made as aforesaid by me, and pay the tax and have the same recorded before my death their and in that event it is my will and I so direct that the land so set apart and described in said shall belong to said daughter thus refusing

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to accept the said deed, her life time, but no to be transferred by her, and at her death said land shall go and pass to any child or children she may have living and capable of inheriting her estate at her death and if none then the said land shall revert to my estate, and be divided amongst my children, as set forth in my aforesaid will and to which this a codicil. It is my will and I so direct, that my executors, who are named in my aforesaid will, or any one of them, who may qualify and act as such, shall after paying off my debts, and winding up my estate not heretofore disposed of, divide the money proceeds thereof, equally, between all my children, the child or children of any one who may die before I do representing such deceased parent in said division; but before the payment of the share or portion going to any of my daughters they (my executors) must take bonds, with their husbands or other good security, requiring them, and each of them to have and hold the money and amount paid over to them, during their (daughters) life-time, and at their (daughters) death to go or pass to any child or children, living, of such daughter, at her death. And if any one of my said daughters shall die leaving no child, or children, then the bonds so as aforesaid required to be taken shall contain a stipulation, requiring and binding the party, or parties executing said bond or bonds, to pay over the amount of said bond or bonds, to the other representatives and devisees of my estate, the heirs of any who may be dead, representing their deceased ancestor in the distribution of the mentioned fund. My said executors are not authorized, but required not to invest any one of my said daughters portion in land as required in Item 2nd of my aforesaid will. Any lands that may revert hereafter to my estate under and by virtue of my aforesaid will, or this

codicil, or by deeds heretofore made by me, or by reason of anyone of my daughter dying without any child, or children, to inherit her lands, shall be sold by my executors to the highest bidder, at the courthouse door in the town of Bowling Green Kentucky. On a credit of twelve months retain purchase money first giving twenty days notice of the time and place of sale, at fifteen or more of the most public places in the County of Warren; and the proceeds when collected by my said executors, shall be equally divided among all of my children---the children of any one of my said children, who may be dead representing such deceased parent, with the same limitations and restrictions

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however, on the money paid over to any one of my daughters that are contained and mentioned in this codicil, and in my aforesaid will Should by aforesaid executors not be living, when any of the aforesaid lands revert, or for any cause not act--then it is my will and desire that the then Judge of the Warren Circuit Court, appoint some suitable competent and reliable person, whose duty it shall be to carry out and perfect the objects and purposes of my aforesaid will, and this codicil to same; and in the event of his appointment, as herein authorized, he is hereby invested with all the powers, duties and responsibilities of my aforesaid executors. It is further my will and desire and I so direct, that so much of my aforesaid will and each and every bequest, clause, and provision of same, as is or may be, in conflict with this codicil, shall be held, construed and regarded as null and void. In testimony of all which, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 10th day of April, 1868. Signed and acknowledged by the Testator in our presence and attested by us in his presence interlined before assigned.

Attest

Albert T. Potter
Hanson R. Hagerman

Frederick Potter

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Nov Called term 1868

This last will and testament of **Frederick Potter**, decd. Together with the codicil thereto annexed, was this day produced in open court and the body of said last will and the oaths of Dr. **T. B. Wright** and **John C. Gerard**, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto; and the codicil thereto annexed, was proven by the oath of **Albert T. Potter** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **Hanson R. Hagerman**, the other subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon, the court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

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Know all men by these presents, that I **Raleigh Morehead**, knowing that it is appointed to man once to die, being weak in body, but sound in mind, do make this my last will and testament. I will first, that at my decease that my body be buried in decent and Christian like manner. I will second that all my just debts be paid. I will third, that the tract of land on which I live containing one hundred and forty three acres lying and being in warren County and State of Kentucky be held and occupied by my wife, **Martha F. Morehead** and the minor heirs of my body, until the youngest shall have reached the age of twenty one, the proceeds of said land to be appropriated to the use and benefit of my wife and heirs during the time previous to the age of twenty one, until the youngest heirs of my body shall have reached the age of twenty one years. I will fourth, that after the youngest heir of my body shall have reached the age of twenty one, that my wife **Martha F. Morehead**, shall have and hold the dwelling in which I live, the yard and s appurtenances and thirty acres of the land, above mentioned to have and hold during her natural live; the remainder of the above tract of land to be sold, and equally divided, between the natural heir of my body. I will fifth, that my horse, cattle, sheep, hogs, grain, provisions, and all the framing implements to be held and appropriated to the rise and benefit of the farm, or for my wife and minor heirs. I make my wife **Martha F. Morehead** my sole executrix. I **Raleigh Morehead**, do make the foregoing my last will and testament, witness and declare it to be true, by my hand and seal, the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight.

Witness **George Minton**

S. J. Hall

Raleigh Morehead

State of Kentucky Warren County Court, Sct Nov Called Term 1868

This last will and testament of **Raleigh Morehead** decd. This day produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **George Minton** and **S. J. Hall**, the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied. The same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark

By R. T. Haley

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I, **John J. Shields**, of Warren County and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and good health, do make and constitute the following as my last will, to wit: Article 1. I give to my son **Wm T. Shields**, in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter **Casander S. Morgan**, one thousand five dollars, having heretofore given her one hundred fifty dollars, and said Trustee is empowered hereby, to vest said money at her request, in land, to be deeded to sd **Casander**, and the heirs of her body, at her death, if she have any, and if she have none, the said one thousand five hundred dollars, or the land it may have been vested in, to descend to my legal heirs equally. Article 2. I give to my son **Robert A. Shields**, the farm on which I now reside, containing about four hundred acres, being all the land I now own, he the said **Robt. A.** in accepting the devise of this land's to pay one thousand five hundred to my Executors herein hereafter mentioned the land being valued at three thousand dollars. I have given to my daughter **Elizabeth Hinton**, one thousand six hundred and fifty--to wit: one thousand five hundred in land, deed to her, one hundred fifty dollars in personal property, I have given to my sons **Wm T.** and **Samuel T. Shields**, one thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars each, in land, personal property and money. I have given hereto fore to my deceased daughter, **Susan F. Davenport**, one thousand, two hundred dollars, in land. I had given to my decd son **James A. Shields**, one hundred and fifty dollars. Article 3. I give my grandchildren **John H. Shields**, and **Frances Shields**, children of my decd son **James Shields**, seven hundred fifty dollars each, and should either **John** or **Frances** die before he or she arrives at 21 years of age the survivor to inherit both legacies; and if both die before arriving at maturity, then said legacies to return and become a part of my estate. Article 4. I give to my grand daughter **Sarah Sandridge**, daughter of my decd daughter **Syrena**, one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars. Article 5. I give to my grandchildren, children of my decd daughter **Susan F. Davenport** to wit: **John, Frances, James, Julia, Syrena** four hundred fifty dollars, to be equally divided between them. Article 6. I its my will, that after the payment of all the legacies mentioned in this will, that the balance of my estate shall be equally divided between all my children, and any children or child of such as may be dead, or have heretofore died; but before this general division is made, my son **Robert A.** is to have an additional one hundred and fifty dollars, to make him equal with the other children. Article 7. It is my will and desire that should there not be enough money and property belonging to my estate at my death to pay the legacies mentioned in this will that each of my children refund and pay to my executors, their just proportions, so as to make all my children equal in a final division of my estate. I hereby appoint my sons **Saml T. Shields** and **Robert A. Shields** executors of this will. Given under my hand and seal the 23rd May 1866.

Test

Wm H. Taylor
Jas. A. McGinnis

John J. Shields [Seal]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court, Sct Nov Term, 1868

This last will and testament of **John J. Shields**, decd was this day produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **Wm H. Taylor**, and **Jas. A. McGinnis**, subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon, the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

I, **John W. Barnett**, of the county of Warren, and State of Kentucky, Calling to mind that it is once appointed for all men to die and after this the judgement; being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make this my last will and testament. 1st, I commend my soul to God who give it. 2nd. My body to a decent and Christian like burial, at the discretion of my Executrix. As touching my earthly goods wherewith God has blessed me, my last will and desire is that all my just debts shall be paid; after which, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, **Louisa F. Barnett**, all of the remaining portion of my effects, whatever, for her support and benefit to assist her to raise and educate my children. And lastly, I hereby appoint my beloved wife, **Louisa F. Barnett**, sole Executrix, to carry out this my last will and testament, in any way she may think best. And further, it is my desire, that she shall not be required by the Court to give Bond, or security. Done on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1869.

Test

H. S. Mitchell
E. E. Barnett
Geo. Minton

John W. Barnett

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct January Term 1869

This last will and testament of **John W. Barnett**, was produced in open Court this day, and proven by the oaths of **E. Barnett** and **George Minton**, subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon, the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

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I, **William C. Harris**, being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life; and wishing to dispose of what goods the Lord has blessed me with, in the manner and form following, to wit: 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, **Mary E. Harris**, all my personal property, and farm, during her natural life or widowhood; to manage as she thinks best, her to raise and school my children; at her death, or the end of her widowhood, I want it to go to my 3 children, **Mary E. George A.** and **W. L. Harris**, to be enjoyed by them forever. 2nd. And last I hereby appoint my wife my executrix of this my last will and testament, without security. Given under my hand this 29th day of July 1867.

Test. **S. K. Bland**

W. C. Harris

D. D. Turner

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Feby Called Term, 1869

This last will and testament of **W. C. Harris**, was this day produced in open Court, and proven by the oaths of **D. D. Turner** and **S. K. Bland**, subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon, the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

In the name of God Amen, I **Rebecca A. Hays** of the County of Warren and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing Memory, do make and constitute this my last will and testament revoking all other Wills, made by me. Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter **Mary A. Hays** my bay Horse my sewing Machine the best set of knives and forks I have, my carpet, one feather bed and furniture, also one half of all the money coming to me from **Elijah Claypool** due by note which my be found in my Papers. Item 2. I give and bequeath unto my youngest and beloved daughter **Charlotta M. Hays** my Bureau, my 6 cane bottom chairs my side saddle, one bed stead and furniture; and one half of all the money coming to me from **Elijah Claypool** as mentioned above in Item 1st making the entire amount coming from **Claypool** to my two Daughters.

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Item 3, It is my wish and desire that my son **John H. Hays** take care of the Articles of Furniture given to **Charlotta M. Hays** until she becomes grown and then give them to her. Item 4th. It is my wish that the articles and money given to my daughter **Mary A. Hays** be taken into possession by her at the distribution of my Estate for her to do as she may think proper with the same. Item 5. It is my wish that my son **John H. Hays** take the money given to **Charlotta M. Hays** in Item 2 and dispose of it as he may think proper for the clothing my daughter **Charlotta M. Hays** my wish is also that he give no bond or security for the money or other property left in his hands. Item 6th. It is also my wish if my three youngest children do not wish to be separated from each other my wish and desire is that my son **John H. Hays** keep them with him and have them educated and cared for. On testimony there I have assigned my name and affixed my seal this the 5th of February in the year of Our Lord 1869 and the presence of these witnesses.

Attest

T. W. Ewing

J. H. H. Hays

Rebecca A. Hays

[Her Mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct. March Call Term 1869

This last will and testament of **Rebecca A. Hays** decd was third day produced in open court, and proven by the oaths of **T. W. Ewing** and **J. H. H. Hays** these two Subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the court being satisfied, the same was ordered recorded which is recorded accordingly.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By Charles Burnam DC

I **Martha F. Blewett** of the County of Warren and state of Kentucky being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind and the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all

such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath to my beloved husband **Hensley G. Blewett** who has been kind and affectionate

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to me through all my afflictions all my interest in land in Jackson County Tennessee from my Father **W. C. Hamilton**'s estate from grandfather **Hamilton**'s estate and also what interest I have in uncle **Benet Stones** estate. I also will and bequeath to my husband all my interest in land or perishable property in Overton County Tennessee in the estate of my grandfather **Stone**. This is my last will and Testament. In witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3rd day of June 1868.

D. C. Morris
F. J. Morris

Martha F. Blewett
[Seal]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March Term 1868

This last will and testament of **Martha Blewett** decd was this day produced in open by the oaths of **D. C.** and **F. J. Morris** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC
By Charles Burnam DC

I, **Peter Penner** of Warren County and State of Kentucky do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I desire after my just debts and funeral expenses is paid I give to my wife all my estate both real and personal during her natural life time and to do as she **Elizabeth Penner** may think right and proper for the use and benefit of our children. 2ndly my desire is that my sons **Wm F. Penner** and **Calvin B. Penner** shall have my home place Beginning at the north corner of my five hundred acre survey running on the N. E. Line to a branch near of **Woodford Wilsons** thence with the meanders of said branch Junction of another branch thence with the other branch to the mouth of a spring branch thence to head near **J. Jones** thence square up to the **Croughn**'s Military survey now thence with **Croughn**'s line to the corner of fifty acres sold to **J. H. Penner** thence with the sd line of sd fifty to a apple tree his corner thence direct to the Beginning being part of my five hundred survey together with my wood and black Smith tools. **Wm F. Penner** is charged with one mare \$75. 3rdly my desire is that **M. J. Penner** shall have the following boundary of land Beginning at

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three black oaks the S. E. Corner of my five hundred acre survey then S. 45 W. To the mill creek thence down the creek with the meanders to the intersection of another creek thence up the other creek to the N. C. Line near **W. Wilson** thence direct to the Beginning **M. J. Penner** is charged with one mare \$60 also one cow and bed \$26. 4dly my desire is that my daughters **Louiza Davis** shall have the following boundary of land Beginning at **George Reeds** corner now **Joneses** running thence 45 West opposite a spring that **Jones** gets water from thence to the Spring and down the Spring branch to the Mill run thence up the Mill run to **David Millers** line thence with his line and the call of my patent sound to the Beginning whether **Louiza** has bodily heirs to herself planned or not **B. Davis** is to have a life estate in the pt Land **Louiza** is charged with one mare, one bed, one cow, one saddle \$125. 5dly my desire is that **Malvonias** **Floyd** and **Hester T. Campbell** shall have my tract of land that **Woodford Miller** now lives on except what joins **John Millers** tracts to be divided equally between them. I appoint **Wm F. Penner** trustee to see that **Malvonias** or her children gets their portion and no body else, charged with one bed, cow and saddle \$53. **Hester** is charged with one mare, saddle cow and bed \$198. 6dly my desire is that **Polly Ann Miller** shall have all my land that **John Millers** tract on the North side from the East and to **Mark Turners** corner. **Polly Ann** is charged with one horse, saddle cow and bed \$126 to rent of land between the years 45 and 55 which is her portion and no more \$200 7dly my desire is that **John W. Penner** shall have the land I deeded to him. He had received one horse, bed and cow with some loaned money \$150 and lastly I leave my personal property with my wife **Elizabeth Penner** to make such distribution as she may think proper and right hereby revoking all former Wills made by me appointing my wife executor of this my last will and Testament July 16, 1864.

Test

John N. Tinsley
S. K. VanMeter

Peter Penner

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May Term 1869

This last Will and Testament of **Peter Penner** decd was produced in Open court and proven by the oaths of **John N. Tinsley** and **S. K. VanMeter** the two subscribing witnesses, whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark

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To the County Court of Warren County

I, **Louisa E. Skiles** widow of **Andrew W. Skiles** deceased not being satisfied with the provisions made for me by the will of my late husband the said **Andrew W. Skiles**; do hereby declare that I will not take or accept the provision of said will made for me or any part thereof; and do hereby renounce all benefit which I might claim by said will or any provision thereof and do hereby relinquish what is given me by the said will Witness my hand this 14th day of October 1867.

Louisa E. Skiles

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County

I James B. Clark clerk of the County Court of said county do certify that this within rejection of will by **L. E. Skiles** was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledged by said **L. E. Skiles**, whereupon I have recorded the same with this certificate in my office given under my hand this 14th day of October 1867.

J. B. Clark CWCC

In the name of God, Amen. I **Nancy B. Hare** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, do hereby make this my last will and testament. 1st. I wish all my just debts to be paid. 2nd. In consideration of my natural and affection for my grand daughter, **Nannie J. Seeley**, and for her kindness and care for me in my old age and affliction, I give and bequeath to her, the said **Nannie J. Seeley**, my entire estate, consisting of my household and Kitchen furniture, a muley cow, and sixty dollars in money, which I deposited for safe keeping, with **E. B. Seeley**, some two or three years ago, together with any other money, or property I may die possessed of, or entitled to.

Attest

Jas. H. Wilkins

E. P. Seeley

Nancy B. Hare [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court, Sct July called term 1869

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This last will and testament of **Nancy B. Hare**, decd was produced in open Court, and proven by the oath of **Jas. H. Wilkins**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **E. P. Seeley**, the other subscribing witness. Whereupon the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

I **Lewis Miligan**, of Warren County, Kentucky, being in feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory, knowing that in the course of nature I can't long live--Have thought proper to distribute the effects that God has blessed me with: Do make this my last will and testament as follows, to wit. In the first place, having made advances to **James W. Miligan, Isaac L. Miligan Charles A. Miligan George W. Miligan, Silas M. Miligan, Daniel F. Miligan, Elizabeth H. Pedigo, Mary A. Hendrick, Delila P. Rhodes** heirs, our children, to the extent of my ability at that time; but having since acquired something more--do bequeath to the above named children all of my land lying on the waters of Ray's Branch, in Warren County, Ky. 2nd. I give and bequeath to my three daughters, who has labored with us to make something, to wit: **Sallie Ann Miligan, Jane S. Miligan, Rachel F. Miligan**, my tract of land lying in this neighborhood, known as the **Gorman** tract, contain about 114 acres, to be used or disposed of, at their own pleasure. 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son, **Hiram N. Miligan**, my home-tract of land, whereon I now live, with all its appurtenances, and timber land belonging to said tract; to be used in his own, for the benefit of himself and his mother; together with all my stock of every kind, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture all to be used by him, for the benefit of himself and his mother, during her natural life; after death, the land stock of farming utensils, to belong solely and bonafidely to him, the said **H. N. Miligan** and at which time my household and kitchen furniture to be equally divide between him, the said **H. N. Miligan** and my three daughters last named to wit, **Sallie Ann, Jane S. and Rachel F.** And my said daughters is at liberty to make their homes at this place, while they

may remain single, whenever they may choose to do so. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, **Hiram N. Miligan**, my executor, to carry out this, my last will and testament. In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this 12th day of December 1865.

Witnesses

A. B. Gardner
Wiatt Whitlow

Lewis Miligan [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court, Sct September Term 1869

This last will and testament of **Lewis Miligan**, decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **A. B. Gardner** and **Wiatt Whitlow**, the subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon, the Court being satisfied, the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done.

Test J. B. Clark CWCC

By R. T. Haley DC

I **Adam Bratton** of Warren County, State of Kentucky, of sound mind and memory, do make the following as my last will and testament revoking all others: 1st. I devise my wife, **Mary Bratton**, my entire estate, during her life except as hereinafter stated. 2nd. The exception contained in the foregoing clause in as follows: It is my will that my sister, **Nancy Bratton**, have five hundred dollars to be paid to her whenever she shall leave the home and residence of my said wife. 3rd. I devise the several tracts of land constituting the tract and plantation I reside on, to **James Asher Graham** and **William Ewing Graham**, subject to the life estate of my said wife; and also subject to the following conditions and requirements, to wit; I require the said **James Asher** and **William Ewing Graham** to pay, at the death of my wife to **Julia Jones**, wife of **Frank Jones** of Cumberland County, two hundred dollars; to **Adam Collett**, son of **William Collett**, one hundred dollars, and to **Harry** and **Eliza Alexander**, children of **John D. Alexander**, decd each one hundred dollars all of said payments to be made in the currency of the country. 4th. At the death of my wife, I direct that all the estate herein devised to her for life, except as above devised, shall go to the daughter or their issue of my brother **George Bratton** decd and to the daughters or their issue of my sister **Jane Lewis** decd. 5th. I desire that a tombstone similar to that placed over the grave of my decd wife be placed over the graves of myself and wife. 6th. I appoint **J. C. Wilkins** Executor of my will and request that no security be required of him. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand.

Witnesses

J. C. Wilkins
A. D. Webb
Jas. H. Wilkins

Adam Bratton [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September term 1869

This last will and testament of **Adam Bratton** was produced in open Court and was proven by the oaths of **A. D. Webb**, **J. H. Wilkins**, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Nancy White** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament that is to say 1st I desire that my daughter **Elizabeth Jane Harmon** have all my landed estate for her use and the use of her bodily heirs forever it being and lying in Warren County and state aforesaid and bounded as follows on the north by the land of **Nancy Hunt** on the east by the lands of **William O. Holland** and on the south by the lands of **Elvira Casetock** and on the west by lands of **George Harrison** and **Elias Morgan**. 2nd. I desire that my daughter **Elizabeth J. Harmon** have one certain red cow and calf. 3rd. I desire that my daughter **Elizabeth J. Harmon** have one red work oxen. 4th. I desire that ll my other property of whatever kind shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder and that ll my just debts be paid out of the proceeds and I desire that my daughter **Eliza Ann Right** have all the residue of what monies that may be left in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the 22nd day of November 1869.

Nancy White [Her mark]

Signed sealed & acknowledge as the last will and testament of the above as the will named for **Nancy White** in the presence of **W. W. Glasscock** and **B. M. Glasscock**

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct January call term 1870
This last will and testament of **Nancy White** decd was produced in open

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court and was proven by the oaths of **B. M. Glasscock** and of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **W. W. Glasscock** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.
Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Miles C. Sledge** being old and infirm but of tolerable sound mind and memory have concluded to make my last will and testament in the name of God amen. 1st. I lend to my beloved wife **Sarah Sledge** the tract of land we live on with the different small tracts that I have bought attached to it also enough of the personal estate and money to keep her free from want all of which I land her during her natural life and after out death the lands are to be equally divided among our four children I lend my daughter **Celia J. Clark** the fourth part of my land during her natural life and after her death to return to my descendants. She is also to have the interest of the fourth part of my personal estate during her natural life and after her death the principle to be divided among my living children or their descendants **J. B. Clark** is owning me **M. C. Sledge** \$30.75 for pork and other services rendered after paying him for all he has done for me which if he refuses to all him and **Celia J. Clark** is to be cut out of the interest of her part of my personal estate until paid **T. J. Sledge** and **William M. S. Sledge** is each to have the fourth part of my whole estate without reserve. I leave my two sons **Thomas J. Sledge** and **William M. S. Sledge** executors of this my last will and testament or either of them may act separately as they think proper. February the 14th, 1863.

Witness

William P. Sledge

Miles C. Sledge

John Pearson

John B. Motley

No instead of the effect of the crop lines on the other side I lend my daughter **Mary A. Williams** the fourth part of my estate during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided

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among the living heirs of her body after myself and mother is death April 25th 1863.

John Pearson

Miles C. Sledge

John B. Motley

William P. Sledge

I do hereby appoint my son **Wm. M. S. Sledge** Trustee in trust of my daughter **Celia J. Clark** part of my estate named in this my last will and testament.

Witness

Miles C. Sledge

William P. Sledge

John B. Motley

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March call Term 1870

This my last will and testament of **Miles C. Sledge** was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **John B. Motley** and **Wm. P. Sledge** two subscribing witnesses thereto as was also the two codicils thereto annexed to the last will and testament of **Miles C. Sledge** decd whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.
Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Hugh C. Read** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, I do hereby make and give my last will & testament in manner following that is to say first I desire that all the perishable parts of my estate pass into the hands of my wife **Cynthia Read** to dispose of at her discretion the Iron grey Horse Clay bank filly and yearling colt are **Milton T. Reads** the young mare Puss is **Dabney G. Reads** the wagon and gears buggy and harness household and kitchen furniture farming utensils to my wife **Cynthia** to be used in the family two head of cattle hers hogs are the above named boys 2dy I give all my interest in the land bought of **R. E. Cooksey** in Warren County Kentucky on the waters of Drakes Creek containing 121 acres & a fraction more or less during her natural life as a portion of her money went to pay part of the purchase money as her own to contract as she pleases for her & the above named children support then to dispose in the same way to the above named **D. G.** and **M. C. Read** according to merit in

giving faithful attention to the within Father and Mother while living they not to have control til 21 year old only through an executor or administrator then to have it forever. 3dly it is my desire the purchase

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money from the proceed of land sold by **Wm Payne** commissioner appointed by the Warren Circuit Court in a judgement recovered against **David Shroader** purchased by **Martin Shroader** and **H. C. Reed** endorsed as his security together with the land sold by said commissioner bound for the purchase money said **Read** being plaintiff agreed to give said **Martin Shroader** the compound interest there are some credits entered by direction or order the balance of said Judgement to be applied to pay **M. C. Feland** a note due the first of December 1869 executed to **R. E. Cooksey** for 635 and some cents the legal interest on the principle to be computed. 4thly all the perishable assets above to be disposed of at the discretion of my wife **Cynthia Read** at her death. 5thly my **Dunn** mare to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my four daughters **S. A. E. Shroader E. J. Nunn Virginia C. Beck** and **S. O. Brown**. 6thly it is my desire my wife **Cynthia Read R. A. Read** of Butler County and **M. Smily** of Cumberland County be executors of this my last will without security. 7thly. Hereby revoking all other will written at home by my own hand March the 25th 1869.

J. E. Williams
Mary F. Williams

H. C. Read

State of Kentucky Warren County court set March Term 1870

This last will and testament of **H. C. Read** was produced in open court and was proven by oaths of **J. E.** and **M. F. Williams** two subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Asa Davis** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory but knowing the uncertainty of life do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit Item 1st. I desire that my funeral expenses and my just debts be paid out of the money I may leave on hand if there be a sufficiency & if not then so much of my personal estate as may be necessary be sold for that purpose the sale to be private Item 2nd. I will to my wife **Elizabeth W. Davis**

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for and during the term of her natural life provided she remains my widow all my estate both personal & real on the following conditions. Item 3rd. I will & desire that my wife **Elizabeth W. Davis** keep all my children together and raise clothe and provide for them out of the property I have willed to her and the proceeds also that she give each of them a good English education provided they will take education the property left not to be used unless the proceeds should prove inadequate for the purposes specified. Item 4th. I will that my wife **Elizabeth W. Davis** shall give to each of my children when he or she is all of twenty one years or shall marry a horse saddle bridle and blanket a cow and calf a bedstead and bed furniture each gift to be valued by disinterested persons & an account kept thereof so that they may be made equal in the final division. Item 5th I will that in case there shall be enough property on hand at the time anyone of my children shall become twenty one years old or shall marry that my wife shall give to him or her as the case may be in addition to the bequests in Item 4th two hundred dollars with of property provided it can be done without touching the real estate or embarrassing herself and if she should not be able to give to all them those who shall not receive the above amount of two hundred dollars at the time of their becoming twenty one year old or at the time of their marriage shall have it as soon thereafter as may be convenient with legal interest from the time they should have had it according to this bequest and if she should not be able to spare the property at all then for them to be made equal with those who have received in the final division of my estate in account and interest from the time it the two hundred dollars worth of property should have been given. Item 6th I will that at the death of my wife **Elizabeth W. Davis** provided she dies my widow that all my property of every description be equally divided between all my children taking into consideration what they have previously received. Item 7th I will that in case my wife **Elizabeth W. Davis** should marry then she have one third part of estate laid off to herself according to law and the remainder to go to my children in equal portions according, Item 6th. Item 8th I will that in case my wife marry or die that still my children or that portion of them who have not been educated be educated according to item 3rd the cost of which is to be paid out of the whole estate and they not be charged individually. Item 9th I appoint my wife **Elizabeth W. Davis** my Executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Attest

John T. Carpenter
Levi Moore

Asa Davis

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March Term 1870

This my last will and testament of **Asa Davis** was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **Levi Moore** one of the subscribing witness thereto and the same was proven by the oath of **Luther Carpenter** who proved the signature of **J. T. Carpenter** decd whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Thomas L. Stephens** do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others I have heretofore made advancements to my son **Isaac Stephens** nearly equal to his full proportion and I now will to him three hundred dollars which is all I design for him to have out of my estate except as herein afterward provided I have him to have also advanced to my son **David B. Stephens** as well as to **Isaac** a tract of land and furnished **David** one hundred and sixty dollars to help him pay for the other land. I have advanced to my daughter **Mary** nine hundred dollars - to my daughter **Margaret** three hundred and sixty dollars - to my son **Thomas L. Stephens** five hundred dollars to my sons **Charles B. Stephens** and **A. B. Stephens** each three hundred and ninety three dollars and seventy five cents and to my son **John Wesley Stephens** one hundred and seventy dollars which advancements are to be charged to them in distributing my estate. I also heretofore gave to my son **John Wesley** one hundred dollars in view of a horse which I heretofore gave to each of my other children. My tracts of land on which I reside including the tract purchased from **Joseph Stephens** from **Mitchell** from **Buchner** from my son **Isaac** and a little ten acre tract lying between Mrs. **Robinsons** and myself. I now desire to my sons **Charles B. Stephens** & **A. B. Stephens** **Thomas L. Stephens** & **John Wesley Stephens** to be dived as nearly equal between them as may be giving to my son **Charles** that portion on which he now resides & which has been surveyed & delivered to him and in no event shall any part of that be taken from him in the division if the land surveyed to **Charles** should not be equal in value to one fourth of all the land above devised to my said four sons **C. B. A. B. T. L.** and **J. W. Stephens** in that event deficiency shall be made up to **Charles** in money to be paid to him from the balance of my estate if there should be enough money left after providing for my other desires taking into consideration the advancements that have received in personalty and if there should not be enough money for that purpose in that event my said

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son **Charles** shall be made equal in said land and with his brothers **A. B. T. L.** and **J. W. Stephens** by giving him a piece adjoining the land on which he lives and in the division of said land my son **A. B. Stephens** shall have the homestead where I now reside with his portion of land to be laid off to him in a convenient form but so as to leave a tract between him and his brother **Charles** and said lands shall be laid off so as to leave a road perpetual along the river bank on or near its present location leading from my son **Charles** to town and in consideration of the care of attention which my son **A. B. Stephens** has given me in my old age I devise to him the island tract of land known as **Buckner** island and to him a sixty acre tract of land adjoining **Rix Hines** (except a stone quarry on it which I heretofore sold) this is an extra portion to him not to be charged to him or appraised or valued in the division of my estate. I have an interest in a forty acre survey of land next to **A. H. Thomas** which I give and devise to my sons **Thomas L.** & **J. W. Stephens**, equally which is to be charged to them in distribution of my estate. I direct that my personal estate shall all be sold at public auction by my executors on such reliable credit and trust as they may seem most expedient and the proceeds thereof together with any and all money notes accounts or other choses in action owned by me at the time of my death shall be divided between my daughter **Margaret** and the children of my daughter **Mary** who is now dead. **Margaret** to have one half thereof & the children of **Mary** the other half taking into consideration the advancements heretofore made to my said two daughters subject however to the three hundred dollars to be paid to my son **Isaac** out of my personal estate - but if the money and proceeds of my personal estate devised to **Margaret** and the children of **Mary** shall exceed in value the value of the lands devised to my four sons **C. B. A. B. T. L.** and **J. W. Stephens** (irrespective of the island, the sixty acre tract devised to **A. B. Stephens**) in that event the excess shall be equally divided among all my children or their representatives taking into consideration the advancements heretofore made them thus making them all equal as I can in estate in the manner I think best for them all. If any of my children die before me leaving a child or children I desire such child or children I desire such child or children to represent the parent in this will and if any of my grandchildren who my take under this will

should die without children before attaining the twenty one years their surviving brothers and sisters if any shall represent them in this will and if all of my grand children from any one parent who may take under this will should die without issue before attaining the age of twenty one years in that event their portion shall go equally to all my other children my grandchildren representing their decd parents in all instances-as soon as practicable after my death I desire all the land herein devised including that heretofore given to my son **D. B. Stephens** (except the sixty acre tract adjoining **Rix Hines** and devised to **A. B. Stephens**) to be valued by commissioners appointed by the Warren County Court for that purpose who are requested to fix its value at the time of my

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death but in valuing said lands they are not to value the houses on the part devised to **A. B. Stephens** nor the improvements made by the **C. B. Stephens** on the part devised to him nor the improvements made by **D. B. Stephens** on the land I heretofore gave him with the improvements those are not be charged and I desire that said county court in appointing said commissioners shall appoint **H. R. Thomas** and **F. G. Cox Wm Davenport Wm R. Hines** and **P. D. Hampton** or three of them with power for any three of them to act in valuing said land and making the divisions and allotments thereof according to this will I appoint and nominate my two sons **A. B. Stephens** and **Thomas L. Stephens** as my Executors of this my last will and testament and required that the court shall not require any security from them signed and acknowledged by me in the presence of the following subscribing witnesses interlined in several places and two words erased before signed given under my hand and seal this 17th day of November 1877 in the presence of

H. R. Thomas

James H. Gill [His mark]

Phineas D. Hampton

Thomas L. Stephens

State of Kentucky Warren County Court April Term 1870

This last will and testament of **Thomas L. Stephens** was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **W. R. Thomas** and **P. D. Hampton** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded and was recorded accordingly.

J. B. Clark CWCC

June 11th 1870

This is my last will and testament first I commit my spirit in to the hands of a merciful God second I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife **Feby Adline** and my dear children **Charles Levy Edward Luther George Dilliard William Mitchell Sarah Adaline** and **Thomas Newton** all of my real and personal property consisting of my land and stock household and kitchen furniture farming utensils and in short everything I own now or may inherit hereafter my dear wife is to be my executor and is to hold and control and manage the best she can for herself and children after paying all my

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just debts and burial expenses so long as she remains my widow then that event she takes her dower and the remainder is to be divided between my children in testimony. I hereby set my seal.

D. J. L. Ford

H. Dillingham

Henry Lawrence

Woodford Lawrence

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June Term 1870

This last will and testament of **Woodford Lawrence** deceased was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **D. J. L. Ford** and **W. H. Lawrence** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

In the name of God Amen I **W. W. Western** being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make this my last will and testament and I hereby give and bequeath to my wife **Juliette N. Western** all my property both real and personal after the payment of my just debts. In testimony of whereof I hereunto sign my name and affix my seal this the 7th of July 1870.

Lucy N. McCann

Fanny N. Grider

W. W. Western

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct July Call term 1870

This last will and testament of **W. W. Western** deceased was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **Lucy N. McCann** and **Fanny N. Grider** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By W. E. Settle DC

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I **Charles Allen** being in feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me Item 1st It is my will that all my just debts and liabilities & my funeral expenses be paid first. Item 2nd. I will to my brother **Carter Allen** my interest in the tract of land on which my said brother and myself now live containing two hundred and ten acres be the same more or less also a tract of land lying on the knob containing nearly five acres more or less partly in Warren County and partly in Edmonson County being the same tracts of land willed by our deceased father **William Allen** to my said brother and myself my said brother **Carter** to have and to hold the same in fee simple. Item 3rd. I will to my two sisters **Nancy Jackson Catharine Barnes** five hundred dollars each to be paid them by my executor herein after appointed so soon as may be convenient. Item 4th. I will to my other sister **Martha Allen** all the residue of my estate whatever it may be to be paid or delivered to her as soon as may be convenient the household and kitchen furniture belong to my mother to dispose as she may please all the money on hand that may be owing belong to my said brother **Carter** and myself equally and a part of the stock crops and farming implements belong to my said brother and my self equally. It is my will that as soon as may be my estate be wound up and devisees be paid off I hereby appoint my brother **Carter Allen** executor to this my last will and testament and that he be permitted to qualify without giving security. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 11th day of July 1870.

Witnesses

Saml Murrell

William Lewis

Charles Allen

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Aug Term 1870

This last will and testament of **Charles Allen** Deceased was produced in open Court and was proven by the oaths of **Samuel Murrell** and **Wm Lewis** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By W. E. Settle DC

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I **J. F. Wheeler** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and being fully convinced of the uncertainty of human life do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made. 1st. I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. 2nd. I will to my mother-in-law **Mary J. Jenkins** about twenty five acres of land lying between the two roads and including the orchard and the house I now occupy provided my administrator does not sell the farm but in case he should sell the farm she is to surrender possession of said house and land but in the event of the death of my two children **Henry** and **Charles A. Wheeler** and she may then hold possession of said house and land during her natural life unless she should become dissatisfied and leave it then it shall in that event be returned to the possession of my administrators I also will to her all my household and kitchen furniture she may choose to retain also my brown mare and buggy also two milk cows all for her own and the children's use and benefit as it is understood she is to have the care and charge of my children **Henry** and **Chas A. Wheeler** and should she become dissatisfied and wish to leave this home place my administrator is to provide for them another home the rent of which is to be paid out of any money he may have belonging to my estate 3rd I will to my two children **Henry** and **Chas A. Wheeler** all my estate, both real and personal to be used and controlled by my administrator for their benefit using so much as is necessary for their proper and comfortable maintenance together with their grandmother. 4th. It is my will and desire that my said children shall receive a liberal college education should their health admit of it and should their health at any time become impaired I desire them to engage in manual labor if practicable and thus strengthen and invigorate their physical constitutions. 5th. Should my children die before attaining their majority I direct that my mother in law **Mary Jane Jenkins** shall receive fifteen hundred dollars of money of my estate 6th I give to **Sarah M. Blewett** and her heirs should my children die as aforesaid fifteen hundred dollars 7th Should my children die as aforesaid I will to **Anna A. Spalding**

the sum of two thousand dollars it being the sum I received from the estate of **James Jenkins** decd my wife **Margaret E. Wheelers** father 8th. I will and direct that my administrator within five years after my decease shall place an iron fence around my family grave yard the same to be paid for out of any money he have belonging to my estate. 9th. I will to my oldest son **Henry** my watch given me by my father and mother to be transmitted to the heirs and members of

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the family so long as it is useful. 10th. Should my children die before attaining their majority I will the residue of my estate to the Board of Publication of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church located at Nashville Tennessee to be used solely for the publication of Books and tracts. 11th It is my will and I so direct that my administrator keep as much of my farm in grass and clover as he may find it profitable to use thus at least one third of it and he will permit my mother in law to use whatever fire wood and rail timber under his direction may be necessary and he will keep the house and farm in proper repair paying for the same out of any money that may be in his hands belonging to my estate. 12th in the event of the death or resignation of my administrator hereafter appointed my mother in law may appoint his successor provided a successor has not been appointed by them Jointly which they may do before his death or resignation. 13th I hereby constitute and appoint **Lodonik Jenkins** my administrator and the executor of this my last will and testament and he is hereby empowered ten years after my death to sell the farm should he think best the proceeds thereof to be invested in any manner he may think best for the devisees herein and in case of the death of my mother in law he is to provide suitable homes for my children herein before named. In case a successor to my administrator herein appointed becomes necessary he shall have the same power to sell the farm & c in ten years but shall reinvest the proceeds in sound stocks or county bonds for the benefit of the devisees herein. Given under my hand this 9th day of June 1870 signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

A. Mitchell

R. T. Haley

J. F. Wheeler

State of Kentucky Warren County Court sct Sept Term 1870

This last will and testament of **J. F. Wheeler** decd was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **A. Mitchell** and **R. T. Haley** two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By W. E. Settle DC

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In the name of God Amen. I **John Lilliard** of the County Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First, I give my soul to that God who gave it and request that my body receive a decent burial. Secondly after my burial expenses are paid, I desire all my just debts out of any property which I may have at my death and that so much of said property as may be necessary to pay such debts be immediately sold by the my executor hereinafter named. Thirdly whatever property may be left after defraying burial expenses and paying debts I give and bequeath to my wife during her life and at her death the same to be equally divided among all my children and grandchildren (my grandchildren taking the interests that their parents would be entitled if living) **Margaret McAdams Ellen Younger James Lilliard David Lilliard Hester Hammonds Columbia Johnson Joseph Lilliard and James Awood** the last a son of **Eliza Lilliard**. Fourthly I desire that after the death of my wife **Celia Lilliard** and before there is any division of my estate that my son **David** shall be paid the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars this among having been paid by him toward paying for the place upon which I now reside. Fifthly I desire that my children should remain with their mother as heretofore Feby 4th 1869.

Attest **J. S. Grider**

J. D. Allen

John Lilliard

[His Mark]

Codicil, I hereby constitute and appoint my wife **Celia Lilliard** and my son **James Lilliard** my executor and executrix to carry out this my last will and testament witness my hand this 4th day of February 1869.

Attest

J. S. Grider

J. D. Allen

John Lilliard [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Sept Term 1870

This last will and testament of **John Lilliard** decd was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **J. S. Grider** and **J. D. Allen** the two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By W. E. Settle DC

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Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky January 21st 1871

I **Henry Dugan** being of sound mind do make this my last will and testament I give and bequeath to my daughter **Sally D. Murrell** all my personal and real estate after my just debts are paid except as here in after disposed of. I appoint her guardian of Her son **William M. Brown** to whom I authorize and instruct her to give five thousand dollars the one half when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, the other half two years there after. I appoint my son in law **George M. Murrell** my only Executor, and give to him as compensation for his services one thousand dollars to be received by him out of any cash funds on hand at any time that may suit his convenience or necessities. I request and instruct that my Executor **George M. Murrell** shall not be required to give security as Executor of my Estate.

Witnesses

S. A. Gossom

J. B. Amos

L. C. Porter

Henry Dugan

[His Mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct January Called Term 1871

This last will and testament of **Henry Dugan** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **S. A. Gossam** **J. B. Amos** and **L. C. Porter** the subscribing witnesses thereto; wherein up the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

In the name of God Amen, I **O. H. Webb** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being weak & feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory and being desirous to dispose of what little property it hath pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain the following as my last will and testament 1st I desire that my funeral expenses be paid together with such other sums due from me to anyone and they are few and small. 2nd I will & bequeath to my beloved wife **M. A. Webb**

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and my daughter **Blanch Webb** all my property both real and personal subject to the limitations hereinafter made That is I give and bequeath to each one of them one half of all such property as I may die seized and possessed of during their lives and should my wife survive my daughter then and in that event the property so devised to **Blanch** to go and be used by her mother during her life and should **Blanch** survive her mother then and in that event the property devised and willed to my said wife to go to and be used by her during her natural life and I desire that out of my estate my daughter be schooled and raised that whatever sum of money or property that may remain after she is schooled and raised and that may be on hand at both of their deaths shall go to the second Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green Kentucky to be used and applied as the trustees hereafter my see proper 3rd I appoint my said wife guardian for my daughter **Blanch** and ask the court having jurisdiction to grant letters of Guardianship to permit her to qualify as guardian to my said daughter. I appoint my beloved wife Executrix of the foregoing will and testament and request the Warren County Court to permit her to qualify without security in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 28th day of May 1870 and in the presence of

James H. Rose

Eugene F. Kinnaird

O. H. Webb[His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct January Call Term 1871

This last will and testament of **O. H. Webb** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Jas. H. Rose** and **Eugene F. Kinnaird** the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was approved and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark Clerk

By Warner E. Settle DC

Know all men by these presence whom it may concern that I **Abraham Dick** of Warren County and State of Kentucky being far advanced in years and laboring under disease though of sound mine

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and disposing memory thank God and wishing to settle my worldly concerns and prepare for death do make and constitute this my last will and testament in the form and words following. 1st It is my will that all my debts be paid out of my estate by my Executor whom I will hereafter appoint 2nd I give to my companion (**Jane Dick**) my entire farm farming tools and wagon for the support of her and family during her natural life and at her death the land to be divided among my four single daughters and my son **A. N. Dick** in the form laid down in my fourth book also I give to my companion my two mares (Black and Blaze) also my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep with all the furniture and effects in the house. 3rd I give to my daughter **L. E. Dick** my bay colt (Dorma) I give to my daughter **L. F. Dick** my colt (Poll) I give to my daughter **N. J. Dick** my young mare (Kit) I give to my daughter **H. G. Dick** my bay horse (Tom) 4th I give to my companion the benefit of all my cash notes and cash accounts if any part of that money remain at the death of my companion then the amount with the proceeds of all be equally divided among my children then living 5th It is my will that **S. A. Washer** shall have the use and benefit of all the land without rent (during the lifetime of my companion) that she has under fence out side of the lot that I deeded to her sometime since 6th I give to my son **A. N. Dick** my surveying tools and Books and lastly I appoint my wife (**Jane Dick**) executrix of this my last will and testament. It is my wish that my companion (**Jane Dick**) not be required to give security.

Witnesses

Wiatt Whitlow

Abraham Dick

Aepheus Whitlow

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December Term 1870

This last will and testament of **Abraham Dick** was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Wiatt Whitlow** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Aepheus Whitlow** the other subscribing witness to the same whereupon the same was approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Warner E. Settle DC

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Know all men by these presents that I **Martha Graham** do hereby give and bequeath to Mrs. **Mary E. Graham** widow of **Volney S. Graham** deceased her heirs and assigns to have and to hold forever one note of Six hundred Dollars drawn in favor of **John H. Grider** and held by my agent **Henry T. Clark** with all interest due and accruing thereon. I also bequeath to Miss **Ella Valentine** two feather beds I give this money to **Mary** because of her kindness and goodness to me. I desire **Henry T. Clark** act as executor of this my last will and secure the legal right as above directed witness my hand this 26th day of November A. D. 1870.

Witness **Jas. M. Herdman**

Martha Graham [Her mark]

H. C. Dunn

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct April Term 1871

This last will and testament of **Martha Graham** was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. M. Herdman** and **H. C. Dunn** the two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was approved and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Warner E. Settle DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Jacob Garman** of Warren County Kentucky Being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made heretofore First I hereby constitute and appoint **Blackstone M. Garman** and **Wm H. Garman** my Executors directing said Executors to pay all my just debts & funeral expenses and legacies hereinafter mentioned Second I will & Bequeath to my beloved wife **Malinda Garman** all my real & personal perishable Estate for her maintenance During her lifetime and after her death if any perishable remains to be sold & equally divided among my several children hereinafter named also my land to be dived into seven equal parts Giving each child an equal number of acres my sons **B. M. & Wm H. Garman** are to have their portion around the house where they now live & my son **Thomas Garman** to have his portion of land around the house where I now live the three heirs to have the same quantity of

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land and the houses too and the other heirs **Mary Lawrence James M. Garman Julia A. Arnold and Sarah J. Grimsley** to have equal portions of land with above named three sons except they have no interest in the buildings now in testimony of the above I hereby set my hand and seal Publishing this to be my last will and testament before and in the presence of the witnesses named below this the 6th day of September 1870.

Witness **S. B. Totty**
William Lawrence

Jacob Garman

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct February Term 1871

This last will and testament of **Jacob Garman** deceased was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **S. B. Totty & William Lawrence** the two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Warner E. Settle DC

In the name of God Amen. I **Isaac Landes** being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament Item 1st. I will my funeral expenses first paid 2nd I will all my just debts paid I have no debts or account against me except medical bills Blacksmiths bills and shoe mending bills with **Ford Pyle** 3rd all debts due to me are to be collected at the earliest practicable day there is a suit in the Christian Circuit Court of **Montgomery Holeman** and others to which suits I am with others made a party in relation to the interest of **L. D. Holeman** deceased in the estate of **Jacob Holeman** deceased the latter being the father of the former. It being the life estate of Mrs. **Phoeby Holeman** deceased left to her by her husband **Jacob Holeman** now deceased being in the negroes and land the interest of **L. D. Holeman** I purchased under execution the interest of **L. D. Holeman** deceased I purchased in the land I sold to **A. G. Slaughter** and sold the interest of **L. D. Holeman** and no more I desire this to be brought close as soon as it can be done. 4th The partnership of **Landes** and **Rutherford** at Palmyra Missouri my wish is to have it closed up as soon as it can be prudently

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done. The stock account will show the amount of Capitol furnished by each. Wherever there is any money on hand a division is to be made the account of each one of the partners is to be taken as so much received by each one and appropriate distribution is to be made wherever there is any money to be divided when each one has withdrawn his capital the surplus will then be the profits which is to be divided share and share alike 5th my will is that if Mr. **Rutherford** desire to go into the merchantile and Mr. **Milton McDonald** desires to go in with him that three thousand out of the partnership fund withdrawn from the concern of **Landes** and **Rutherford** is to be appropriated by my Executors hereinafter named as capital and **J. Rutherford & M. McDonald** each put in fifteen hundred dollars as their proportion to carry on the mercantile business at such place or places as they may elect That my son **James L. Landes** be a partner in the partnership to be carried on under the name of **Landes McDonald & Rutherford** and that the profits be equally divided **Rutherford & McDonald** being experienced merchants it is but fair that my Executors should furnish double the amount of capital and if it is found that they can profitably use more money whatever surplus I may have in the firm of **Landes & Rutherford** is to be loaned to them to be carried on as long as it be profitably done or they can mutually agree to carry it on or dissolve it but to be done at any time it shows not to be profitable 6th My debts due me in Kansas are to be collected at the earliest day and if the land have to be taken in liquidation of my claims against the parties my executors have the authority and power to sell at any time deemed advisable as well as the quarter section I have in Henry County Missouri whatever that quarter section may sell for beyond the indebtedness of my brother **Samuel Landes** deceased is to be paid over to his four children **Mary Octavia Martha and William** deducting from **William** fifty dollars and interest of my executors are authorized to sell and convey any and all land houses or lots and make the proper deed to the purchasers. 7th At the final division of my estate it is to be laid off in four shares and is to be divided in following manner the portion to **Katherine** are for her and her children the portion arising to each of the others **Ben D.** and **Jos** and **J. S. Landes** is to them and their children and should either of my children die without children the portion of them dying without children is to revert back to those having

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children as **Ben D.** is likely to be a farmer if his portion be large enough to purchase for him a small farm one that he

may select my Executor is to purchase it for him my negroes are to be equally divided and held by my children and their children on the condition that any dying without heirs to revert back to the survivors and their children. 8th. My wife **Susan Landes** is to take all the household furniture at the appraised value so much towards her dower and take the choice of the negroes as portion of her dower and is to have the use of the homestead during her life my wish is that it be sold if sold my Executor can pay her one fifth of what it sold for which will be in lieu of dower. 9th I appoint **James Rutherford** and **Ben D. Landes** and **Jos Landes** my executors of and request the County Court not to require security having written this with my own arm I hereunto set my hand March 23, 1863.

Isaac Landes

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct February Term 1871

This last will and testament of **Isaac Landes** decd was produced in open Court and the signature of said **Landes** decd together with the body of said will was proven by the oaths of D. M. Lawson and **Samuel Landes** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Isaac Landes** decd. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is according done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Warner E. Settle DC

I **Mary Hendricks** of Warren County Kentucky I do hereby make my last will and testament as in the manner following to wit 1st I give and bequeath to my niece **Mary Jane Hendricks** at my death a certain piece of my land and bounded as follows Beginning at sycamore in the field South East of my house then North with the branch including the spring to **Jeremiah Cassadays** line thence west with said line to my North West corner thence south to my gum corner thence straight line to the beginning containing more or less acres I also give to my said niece all my household and kitchen furniture and so much of my live stock as she wants 2nd. I give and bequeath the balance of my real and

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personal property to my three brothers or their heirs to have and to hold forever and lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint **D. B. Claypool** my executor of my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me in witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this December 31st 1870. Acknowledged and signed in the presence of

W. H. Claypool

Anderson Sears

Mary Hendricks [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March Term 1871

This last will and testament of **Mary Hendrick** deceased was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **W. H. Claypool** and **Anderson Sears** the two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was approved and ordered to be recorded which is approved and ordered and is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Warner E. Settle DC

I, **John Mitchell** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form as follows viz 1st. Desire that my executor herein mention to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of my estate. 2nd. I give to my son **Leander A. Mitchell** heir **Sally Woodford Mitchell** the sum of five dollars it bing as much as I am able to give said grand child **Sally Woodford** owing to advancements heretofore made to my son **Leander A. Mitchell** which are equivalent to his proportion of my estate. 3rd. I give to my daughter **Amanda Elizabeth Holeman** one half of a negro woman named **Elvira** or two hundred dollars to be paid six months after my death if my grandson **R. B. Holeman** may desire to give said two hundred dollars instead of one half of said slave in as much as said **R. B. Holeman** paid one hundred dollars in the purchase of the above named negro woman. 4th. I give to my daughter **Polly Ann Mitchell** fifty dollars

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also one bed and furniture belonging to same. 5th I give to my grandson **R. B. Holeman** my tract of land which I formerly lived containing seventy five acres more or less also all of my estate with the exception of the above provision both of real and personal. If there should be more money than a sufficiency to meet the above provision then I desire that residue be equally divided between my two daughters **Amanda Elizabeth Holeman** **Polly Ann**

Mitchell and my grandson **R. B. Holeman**. And lastly I constitute and appoint my grandson **Robert Briggs Holeman** my executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others or forever wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the first day of March Eighteen hundred and sixty one.

Test **W. H. Blewett**

Jas. A. Carter

John Mitchell

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May Term 1871

This last will and testament of **John Mitchell** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **W. H. Blewett** and **Jas A. Carter** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of John Mitchell decd whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **N. L. Lucas** make this my last will and testament that my property shall all remain in the hands of my wife after my death so long as she remains my widow and desire to invest her with the same write to control my personal property as I have giving to my children when she thinks necessary having an eye to their equality all to be made equal and to control my real estate as she thinks best not to sell any of it nor divide it but allow my children as they marry or become of age to live upon it collect my debts and pay all I owe. Witness this March

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30th 1871.

Witness

Tho. J. Jones

Wm. Meredith

N. L. Lucas

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May term 1871

This last will and testament of **N. L. Lucas** decd was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Wm Meredith** and **T. J. Jones** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **N. L. Lucas** decd whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Wm A. Settle DC

I **R. C. Hudnall** of Warren County and State of Kentucky make and constitute the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills. Article 1st. I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. Article 2. I will to my son **James Brown Hudnall** my land and one half of my household and kitchen furniture subject to the following encumbrances to wit. The payment of one hundred dollars to my daughter **Louisa Ella Hudnall** and the payment of all other debts against my estate. Article 3rd. I give to my daughter **Louisa E. Hudnall** one hundred dollars as herein specified and one half of my bay mare and one half of my household kitchen furniture. Article 4. I give to my son **James Brown Hudnall** and half of my bay mare. Article 5 I hereby appoint my friend **Arthur** and **James Simmons** as executors to this my last will. Signed in the presence of these witnesses this 9th day of March 1871. Interlined before signed.

Test

H. K. Thomas

Martha A. Auglin

R. C. Hudnall [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May Term 1871

This last will and testament of **R. C. Hudnall** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **M. A. Auglin** one of the subscribing witnesses to said sill who also proved the attestation of **H. K. Thomas** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the court being satisfied said will was approved and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

In the name of God Amen I **James L. Gilmore** of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of this present life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament 1st I desire to be happy after death that

my body be buried in our family grave yard. 2nd I will to my wife **Rebecca Ann** the homestead during her widowhood but in case she should marry she is then to have a child's part and at her death the place to be equally divided among my heirs reserving one acre for a family grave yard 3rd. I will to my daughter **Martha Ann** six hundred dollars to make up the deficiency of her land to make her equal with the rest of my daughters. 4th. It is my will that the lot in the town of Bowling Green be sold by the consent of my heirs and the money equally divided among my heirs. 5th. It is not my will that the valuation of my sons' lands which I have given then be taken in to consideration in settling my estate. 6th. It is my will that my wife have two horses two cows and a sufficiency of hogs and provisions for her and family for twelve months the remainder of my personal property I want sold and after paying all my just debts to be equally divided among my heirs. 7th. It is my will that my wife have a child's part of all the money arising from my estate I hereby appoint my three sons **Andrew George** and **James M. Gilmore** my executors January 6th. 1871.

Witness

Ewing Hardcastle

R. B. Osborn

James L. Gilmore

[His Mark]

I was present when **J. L. Gilmore** made his will on the 6th day of January 1871.

W. J. Hendrick

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State of Kentucky Sct May Term 1871 Warren County Court

The foregoing instrument of writing was produced in open court and was proven by the oaths of **W. J. Hendrick** and **Ewing Hardcastle** the subscribing witnesses to the original will be substantially a copy of the last will and testament of **James L. Gilmore** decd and the Court being sufficiently advised in the premises it was ordered that said writing be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said James L. Gilmore decd which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

In the name of God Amen I **Thomas Henry Duncan** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the estate owned by 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 void all other last wills and testaments heretofore by me made. In the first place my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall be found convenient. Item 1 I give desire and bequeath to my beloved sister **Mary Catherine Duncan** all of my estate real personal and mixed that I shall die seized and possessed of or that I am entitled to in expectancy reversion or remainder either solely or jointly with others. Item 2 I nominate and appoint Mrs. **W. K. Smith** of the county and state aforesaid to be the executor of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I the said **Thomas Henry Duncan** have affixed my hand and seal this the ____ day of July 1871.

Witnesses

Person Williams

W. M. Duncan

T. H. Duncan

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court July Term 1871

This last will and testament of **T. H. Duncan** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **W. M. Duncan** one of the subscribing witnesses to said will who also proved the attestation of **P. Williams** the other subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the court being satisfied said will was approved and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By William Settle DC

Warren County Kentucky January 19th 1871

I **Jesse Hagans** being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and wishing to dispose of what goods the Lord has blessed me with in the manner and form following (to wit) 1st. I desire that all my property both real and personal be sold at my death and after paying my just debts if any and funeral expenses I desire that all the proceeds of the same be equally divided among my several children namely **Franklin J. Hagans Ervin D. James R. Martin L. Nancy J. William H. Hagans**. 2nd I desire that the portion that

falls to **Nancy J. Hagans** now **Nancy J. Hogan** be put or left in the hands of **Ervin D. Hagans** my son while he remains here and in case he should move from this country that the court appoint a trustee to manage her means and money and pay her the interest every year and no more and at her death to pay it over to the heirs of her body. Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son **Ervin D. Hagan** named in this will executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand the day and year above written.

Test

Jesse Hagans

D. D. Turner

W. R. Turner

J. O. Turner

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court September called Term 1871

This last will and testament of **Jesse Hagans** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **D. D. Turner W. R. Turner** and **J. O. Turner** the three subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Jesse Hagans** decd whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By William A. Settle DC

I **William J. Knight** being now afflicted in body but sound in mind do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. I desire that all of my debts be paid and hereby direct my executor herein after named to sell one hundred and twenty feet of the lot on which I live lying adjoining and nearest the L and N RR and fronting the cross street between my property and the **Brown** property running back to Mr. **Jas Geddes** lot about 82 feet in any manner and on any terms they may think best I direct my executors first to pay out the proceeds of the sale of this lot two hundred and fifteen dollars to **D. M. Alexander** and secondly to pay **Mary C. Knight** my wife forty dollars and the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of the lot to be applied to the payment of my other debts I hope it will pay all of them if it does not I direct that the remainder spoken of above and be pro rata on my other debts. I give to **Mary C. Knight** my wife all the bedding and house plunder that she brought to my house upon our marriage and also the sewing machine and new bedstead. I give and bequeath to my wife **Mary C. Knight** and my daughter **Elizabeth J. Knight** the lot on which I live with all its appurtenances except that part directed to be sold to be held and owed by them jointly and equally during their natural lives but should **Mary C. Knight** survive **Elizabeth J. Knight** and the said **Elizabeth J** die childless I will and desire that the said **Mary C. Knight** have said lot as described above and willed to **Mary C.** and

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Elizabeth J. In fee simple, but should the said **Elizabeth J.** survive said **Mary C.** I will and give said lot with its appurtenances to said **Elizabeth J. Knight** during her natural life and after her death to the heirs of her body I will and give all other property no heretofore disposed of to **Mary C.** and **Elizabeth J. Knight** to be held jointly and equally by them. I hereby constitute and appoint **Mary C. Knight** and **F. G. Cox** executors to this my last will and testament with full power to carry out said will and also with full power to sell any or all of the property willed to **Mary C.** and **Elizabeth J.** And to reinvest the same in other property to be held on or owned by them as above directed: I request that the county court may not require any security of my executors nominated herein. I will desire and make this additional to the above as expressed herein I desire and direct that in the event that **Mary C. Knight** or **Elizabeth J. Knight** should be afflicted with a long and protracted spell of sickness that is likely to terminate fatally In that even I desire and direct and hereby authorize my executors and my friend **A. J. Newton** in their discretion to mortgage or sell one half of the lot willed above to procure money or comforts for my wife **Mary C. Knight** during her protracted sickness and I further will and direct that my executors and my friend **A. J. Newton** in the event that my daughter **Elizabeth J. Knight** should be afflicted with a long and lingering spell of sickness that is likely to terminate fatally I hereby direct and authorize my executors and friend **A. J. Newton** in their discretion to mortgage of the lot willed above to procure money or comfort for my daughter **Elizabeth J. Knight** during her afflictions. This April 28th 1871.

Signed in the presence of

W. J. Knight

W. T. Wilkins

A. J. Newton

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct September Term 1871

This last will and testament of **W. J. Knight** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **A. J. Newton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **W. T. Wilkins** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the court being satisfied said will was approved and ordered recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By William A. Settle DC

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I **Andrew Gerhardtstein** of Bowling Green Kentucky make this my last will and testament. I desire all my just debts to be paid a part of my debts I will here mention to wit a debt I owe my daughter **Mary Gerhardtstein** as her Guardian of six hundred and fifty dollars and interest on same also I used \$300 three hundred of money belonging to my wife **Martha Gerhardtstein** which I desire to be paid back to her also will to my nephew **Joseph Snyder** Eighty dollars I further will and direct that the money due me or to become due me for my policy in the Germania Life Insurance Company in the city of New York for three thousand dollars be collected by my executor herein after named and paid to & equally divided between my wife **Martha Gerhardtstein** and my daughter **Mary Gerhardtstein** and the remainder of my property real and personal I desire to be sold and after paying all just debts and cost of administering to be equally divided between my two daughters **Mary Gerhardtstein** and **Caty Wright** wife of **Wm Wright** to be held and used by them as their separate estate and for their sole use and if either of them should die leaving no child or children surviving them the estate so relieved by them shall go to the survivor or to her children and if both of my daughters should die leaving no children then said estate I desire to go to my nephew **Joseph Snyder** if living if dead to his children I hereby appoint **George Lehman** my executor of this my last will. Witness my hand this 11th day of October 1871.

Witness

Thomas Mc Goodknight
H. T. Clark

Andrew Gerhardtstein
[His Mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court October Called Term 1871

This last will and testament of **A. Gerhardtstein** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Thos. Mc Goodknight** and **H. T. Clark** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **A. Gerhardtstein** deceased whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By William A. Settle DC

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In the name of God I **Sandy A. Gossom** of Warren County and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain and publish this my last will and testament to wit. Item 1st. I have given to my son **Charles A. Gossom** and given him possession thereof but have not deeded to him the same the following tracts of land to wit two tracts of land conveyed to me by **F. F. Lucas** by deed bearing date the 23rd of November 1857 also a tract or tracts of land conveyed to my father **William Gossom** by **Taylor P. Drake** wife by deed bearing date the 1st day of March 1837 and conveyed to me by my father **William Gossom** & I have also given to my son **Charles** money and other property which gifts of land money and other property I hereby confirm and charge him the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000) Item 2 I heretofore (in the life time of my son) **Edmund H. Gossom** gave to him in money and property fifteen hundred dollars I now give devise and bequeath to my sons son and my grandson **Edmund H. Gossom** five hundred dollars which is to be in full of all his interest in my estate. 3rd. I give to my son **Martin R. Gossom** my one third of a tract of land containing 1000 acres be the same more or less lying on Green River in Muhlenberg and McLean Counties being the only land I own in those counties for which I charge him three thousand dollars I have heretofore given to my son **Martin R. Gossom** the sum of five hundred dollars which he is to account for making in all three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500). Item 4th. I will to my son **William G. Gossom** fifty dollars to be paid him by my executors herein after appointed at my death and I will that my said son **William G. Gossom** have no more of my estate. Item 5. I will to my Executors herein after named and appointed in trust for the use and benefit of my son **James K. Gossom** who is of unsound mind the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000) to accrue to them at my death said sum of money to be kept on interest to be used by my executors for clothing and support of my said son **James** and at his death said sum of three thousand dollars and in the distribution of my estate he will be charged with the sum and believing that said sum of three thousand dollars will be sufficient to clothe and support him decently and comfortably during his life I give him no more of my estate and at his death

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it is my will that whatever sum of said three thousand dollars may be left be distributed equally among his brothers and sister or their descendants except **William G. Gossom** who is not to receive any part thereof nor are his descendants to receive any part thereof. 6th. I have heretofore given to my daughter **Eliza Belle Hope** three thousand dollars in money (\$3000) which is all she is to have until a final distribution of my estate. 7th. I will and devise **Sandy C.** and **Tandy M. Gossom** two hundred and seventy four acres of land (274) off of the tract as connection of land on which I live they are to take all the land in said connection lying on the south east side of the Turnpike road and run back on the south West side of the Pike and Parallel thereto far enough to include the two hundred and seventy four acres which will include my dwelling orchard, garden and two barns. I also give them jointly two tracts of land lying over in Edmondson and the other in Warren County the one in Edmondson County containing 210 acres and lying in the Slash and the one in Warren County containing one hundred acres both of which tracts are deed to me by my Father **William Gossom** I also will to each of them said **Sandy C. & Tandy M.** a good horse saddle bridle as it may be a long time before they the said **Sandy C.** and **Tandy M.** get possession of the property bequeathed to them. I only charge them the sum of six thousand dollars for all the foregoing and as my other children have been raised and educated without charge I also will that those two sons be raised clothed and educated free of charge. It is my will that these two sons shall not have possession of the lands houses bequeathed to them herein till after the death of my wife **Eliza J. Gossom**. 8th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Eliza J. Gossom** all the connections of lands on which I live and the two tracts on the North side of the knob herein devised to my two sons **Tandy M.** and **Sandy C. Gossom** during her natural life I also devise to my wife all my estate both real and personal during her natural life except the special devisees herein before made and after the death of my wife it is my will and desire that a final distribution of my estate be made among and between my children and their descendants (in case any of them shall have died) and I declare to be my will that all my estate not specially devised

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herein be so divided if possible that all my children or their descendants (in case of any being dead) be made equal except **William G. Gossom James T. Gossom** and my grandson **Edmund H. Gossom** are not in any event to receive any part of my estate except as herein provided. 9th. I will and desire that at my death my son **Charles A. Gossom** shall take charge of my son **James T. Gossom** and his effects herein devised to him and shall manage and control both and for his services and attention he shall have the interest on the three thousand dollars herein specially devised to my said son **James T.** And lastly I hereby appoint my two sons **Charles A. Gossom** and **Martin R. Gossom** Executors of this my last will and testament and guardian to my two infant sons **Sandy C. Gossom** and **Tandy M. Gossom** and I request that they be permitted to qualify and act in both capacities without giving security in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 30th day of May 1870 signed and acknowledged in our presence as witnesses.

R. W. Hendrick
S. E. Hendrick
J. A. Hendrick

S. A. Gossom

The following is a codicil to my last will and testament written ont the 30th day of May A. D. 1871 and subscribed by me in presence of **R. W. Hendrick S. E. Hendrick** and **J. A. Hendrick** subscribing witnesses thereto I do not desire anything changed in my last will and testament afsd. Except the following Item to wit. Item 2nd In said will recited the following "I heretofore in the lifetime of my son **Edmund H. Gossom** gave to him in money and property fifteen hundred dollars I now give devise and bequeath to my sons son (and my grandson) **Edmund H. Gossom** five hundred dollars which is to be in full of all his interest in my estate I now will and desire that my son **Martin R. Gossom** be the guardian and trustee of my grandson **Edmund H. Gossom** and that he the said **Martin R. Gossom** manage and control the five hundred dollars devised to my grandson til he arrives to the age of Twenty one years when he is to receive the portion devised to him with any interest that may accrue thereupon in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of November A D 1871 Signed and acknowledged in our presence as witnesses

R. W. Hendrick
J. B. Amos
Henry J. Cowles

S. A. Gossom

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1871

This last will and testament of **S. A. Gossom** decd was produced in open court and the signature of **S. A. Gossom** was proven by the oaths of **R. W. Hendrick S. E. Hendrick** and **J. A. Hendrick** the three subscribing witnesses thereto and the codicil attached thereto of date of 23 day of November was proven by the oaths of **J. B. Amos** and **H. J. Cowles** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and the Court being satisfied the same was approved and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By William A. Settle DC

I hereby make this as my will I give and bequeath to my wife **Fanny** all personal and real estate and property of which I may which may belong to me at my death. Nov 9/69

B. C. Grider

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court February called Term 1872

The foregoing will of **Benjamin C. Grider** deceased was this day produced in open Court and was proven by the oaths of **James W. Gorin** and **R. T. Haley** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **B. C. Grider** decd as well as the signature thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark

I **Jacob Lippard** of Bowling Green Kentucky will and bequeath my property as follows I give my watch chain to **Mike Woerne** also two notes bills of one hundred each given to me by **Mike Woerne, John Vogle** and **Jacob Mottenberry**. I will and bequeath all the remainder of my property to the Sisters of Charity of Bowling Green Kentucky My funeral and other expenses are to be paid out of the amount they receive out of my estate pro rata according to the amount bequeathed to them, also pro rata in the same way, for a cemetery lot and head

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stone. I appoint **Frank Keister** my executor. Witness my hand this February 14th 1872.

Witness

Albert Brehme
Joseph Schneider

Jacob Lippard [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Feby call Term 1872 sct

This last will and testament of **Jacob Lippard** decd was produced in open court and the signature of said **Lippard** was fully proven by the oaths of **Joseph Schneider** and **Albert Brehme** the two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Warner E. Settle DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Susanna Landes** widow of **Isaac Landes** deceased late of Warren County State of Kentucky have this day renounced and do hereby renounce each and every of the provisions of the will of the said **Isaac Landes**, decd, which is now of record in the county Court Clerks office of said county of Warren made in my favor and I do hereby relinquish what is given me by said will, and elect to take of the estate of my said husband that portion, share or quantity or the money value thereof, which I would have been entitled to if my said husband had died intestate. Witness my hand this 13th day of February A. D. 1872.

Susanna Landes

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I James B. Clark Clerk of the county Court of said County do certify that the foregoing rejection of will by **Susanna Landes** was this day produced to me in my office and was acknowledged by the said **Susanna Landes** to be her act and deed whereupon I have duly recorded, said instrument in my office as required by law. Witness my hand this 13th Feby 1872.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

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In view of the uncertainty of life and in order to make a certain and just disposition of the property with which gracious and bountiful providence has blessed me. I **Alexander C. McNeal** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament. Item 1st. It is my wish and direction that so soon as may be practicable after my decease, all the expenses attending my last illnesses and the sepulture of my body, together with all just debts which I may be owing at the time of my death, shall be first fully paid and satisfied. Item 2nd. After the payment of my debts and expenses directed in item first, all property remaining and not required for that purpose, whether real or personal or mixed, whether in possession or mere rights of action in law or in equity belonging to me at my death as follows, One half in value to my beloved wife **Sarah A. McNeal** to have and to hold the same as her sole absolute and exclusive property, this bequeath to my said wife to be received by her in full of all her interest in or claim to my estate to be received by her in full of all her interest in or claim to my estate of what kind or nature whatsoever including dower. I give and bequeath other half of my said property of what kind, nature or quality soever to my brother **James C. McNeal** in trust however for my beloved children **Virginia** and **Preston B. McNeal** and any other child or children born unto me, share and share alike for their own proper use and benefit with full power to said trust to rent encumber or sell any real estate and also to invest and convert in any manner which to him may seem judicious and expedient any and all personal property, moneys or credits to which he may become

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or of which he may become possessed under the provisions of this my last will and testament, for the benefit and use of my said children in all cases, hereby enjoining and directing my said brother, trustee as aforesaid, in converting any of said property from one class to another to take all deeds, mortgages, bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness or property, to himself as trustee for my said children to the end that the provisions hereby made for my said children may not be involved or mixed with the estate or funds of others. Item 3rd. It is further my desire and I so direct that, in the event of the death of any of my said children without issue, then the survivor or survivors of them as the case may be shall receive the portion of the child or children so dying and in the event of the death of the last surviving child without issue then it is my wish and desire and I so direct, that my beloved wife **Sarah A. McNeal** shall receive and be entitled to the property so left by said last surviving child, during her natural life and no longer, and that at her death the same shall be divided equally share and share alike among my brothers and sisters, the child or children of any of my brothers or sisters who may then be deceased to take the share to which such brother or sister would be entitled if living and if at the death of my last surviving child without issue as aforesaid my said wife shall be deceased then the portion of such child so dying shall rest immediately in my said brothers and sisters in the same manner in all respects as is herein before provided in the event of my said wife surviving said child and then dying. Item 4th. I nominate and appoint my brother **William W. McNeal** the executor of this my last will and testament and direct and empower him as such Executor at my death to take possession of all my property, real and personal, excepting my homestead and the household furniture contained therein with full power and without further warrant of authority, to sell and convert into money so much of my personal property as may be necessary to pay my debts and expenses hereinbefore provided for and if there shall not be sufficient personal property to satisfy the same, I further authorize and empower him to sell and convey or encumber on such terms as

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he may deem fit---so much of my real estate may be necessary to complete the payment of my debts and when all my debts shall have been paid then I direct and empower my said executor to divide all my remaining estate of whatever kind, real, personal or mixed into two equal parts in value according to his best judgment and convey and assign to my said wife **Sarah A. McNeal** one part thereof including in such part my homestead unless she shall prefer other property and to convey and assign to my brother **James C. McNeal** hereinbefore named as trustee of my said children the other part of my said estate in trust for my children according to the provision hereinbefore made for their benefit. Item 5th. I further expressly authorize and empower my said executors in the event of his inability for any reason to execute the trust herein before reposed in him nominate and appoint his successor in said trust who shall have all the power and authority which is hereby intended to be conferred on my said brother **William W. McNeal** such nomination if made by an instrument of writing under the hand seal of said **William W. McNeal** relinquishing trust as executor and appointing his successors therein. Item 6th. I hereby further expressly authorize and empower my said brother **James C. McNeal** trustee of my said children as herein before provided in the event

of his inability for any reason whatever to execute the trust reposed in him at any time to nominate and appoint his successor in such trust by a like instrument and with like effect as is provided in the case of the successor of my executor aforesaid. Item 7th. It is further my will and I so direct my said brother **James C. McNeal** trustee as aforesaid to make proper and reasonable provisions for the support maintenance and education of my said children during their minority so far as the estate which my come into his hands as such trustee may be sufficient therefore. And after their minority to pay to them at such times as he may deem proper such sums of money or other property as he deem necessary and proper to their conditions and circumstances until the trust hereby created shall

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cease according to the intent of this my last will and testament. Item 8th. It is my wish and I so direct that the executor and trustee herein before named shall not be required to give any bond for the faithful discharge of the trusts reposed in them, preferring to entrust the fair and just execution of the same to their own judgment in their acts---the confidence I repose in them. Certified under my hand this the 20th day of August 1870.

A. C. McNeal

Signed and acknowledged by **Alexander C. McNeal** in own presence and attested by us in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Wm. V. Loving

R. Rodes

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Feby Called term 1872

This last will and testament of **A. C. McNeal** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Robert Rodes** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Wm. V. Loving** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

I **William W. Bowers** of Warren County and State of Kentucky do whilst in a sound state of mind memory and discretion make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit. Item 1st. All my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid first. Item 2nd. All the balance of my estate it is my will shall be given to my wife **Betsy Bowers** during her life and at her death I give it to my son **Barnabas Bowers** he having been only child that has attended to us in our old age I having already given to my other children Namely **Wm. Bowers**, **Sally Harraldson**, **Dorinda** and **Martitia Thurman** as much as my circumstances

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would admit of. I hereby revoke all other former will by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day 1866.

Witnesses

W. W. Bowers

W. Dulaney

J. D. Duncan

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct February Term 1872

The foregoing instrument was produced in open Court and was proven by the oaths of **Woodford Dulaney** and **J. D. Duncan** the subscribing witnesses thereto to be substantially a copy of the last will and testament of **William W. Bowers** decd whereupon the court being satisfied the same is ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Bowers** which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **James H. Young** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky on this the 21st day of December 1871 do make this to be my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me. First it is my will that after my death all my just debts be paid. Second it is my will that **Louiza Young** my wife shall have the balance of my entire estate real and personal to have and dispose of as she may wish to so long as she may remain my widow and after that I wish her to have such a portion as the law may allow. Third it is my will for **Louiza Young** my wife to execute this my last will and testament Given under my hand this day and date above written.

Attest **William Francis**

Signed **James H. Young**

B. J. Miller

I **James H. Young** having farther considered the above last will and testament of mine now think it

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fit and proper to add the following codicil, which is that I do not require **Louiza Young** my wife to give any security for my real or personal estate. Given under my hand this December 25th 1871.

James H. Otey
G. W. Campbell

James H. Young

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Feby Term 1872

This last will and testament of **James H. Young** decd and the codicil thereto annexed was this day produced in open Court and the body of said will was proven by the oaths of **William Francis** and **B. J. Miller** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the codicil thereto annexed was proven by the oaths of **J. H. Otey** and **G. W. Campbell** the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied said will and codicil were ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Thomas Claypool** of Warren County State of Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give my wife **Haret** and daughter **Carline** the two acres of land where I now live and all the money owing to me by the United States government except I will to my son **John Claypool** one third of the above named money and lastly I appoint my friend **John Tygret** my executor witness my hand this April the 28, 1871.

Attest

B. P. Shirley
J. T. Middleton

Thomas Claypool
[His Mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court

This last will and testament of **Thomas Claypool** decd was this day produced in open Court and was proved by the oaths of **B. P. Shirley** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. T. Middleton** the other subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark

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In the Name of God Amen I **Warner L. Underwood** of Warren County do make this my will hereby revoking all other testamentary instruments heretofore executed by me. 1st. I give and devise to my beloved wife **Lucy C. Underwood** during her natural life the whole of my Mt. Air landed estate on which I now reside being the same purchased by me from **Samuel Barclay** and **Eli Barclay's** executor except those portions thereof which I have heretofore or may hereafter dispose of in my lifetime over this estate I give my said wife power to dispose of two thirds thereof absolutely and in fee simple at such times as she may think proper in advancing my children and with the view to make them all equal taking into consideration of what I have heretofore advanced to each or any of them and any future advancement I may make to any of them The remaining third part of said estate I give and devise to my said wife to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever to be disposed of by her will or by deed just as she pleases 2nd. Should any of my children die leaving children such child or children are to take and hoto the share or portion of my estate of whatever kind it may be which their parent if living would have been entitled to. 3rd. If my said wife should fail to dispose of my said Mt. Air estate as above in her lifetime then I direct and will that said estate and all my other property and estates after the payment of my just debts shall be so divided among all my children as to make them equal taking into consideration the advancements made to each whether such advancements be made by me or by my wife after I am dead out of my estate. All the lands I have heretofore given by way of advancement to any of my children and of which I have kept a record in my own hand writing I hereby ratify and confirm but hereby declare and will that my daughters shall have and hold the land I have advanced to them respectively or which I or their mother my said wife may hereafter advance them out of my estate as their separate estate free from the control of their husbands respectively. 4th I own a tract of land in Butler County Kentucky also a tract I Marshall County Kentucky. I likewise own a tract of 160 acres in the State of Iowa patented in my name & the half of various tracts in the state of Minnesota held by **George W. Norton** and myself as partners and patented I our names and these and all others lands owned by me wherever situated I devise to my executor and executrix and direct that they sell the same in a reasonable time after my death upon such credit or credits as they may deem best and the money

raised by such sale to be divided equally among my children after taking so much thereof as may be necessary to make them all equal regarding the advancements made them as aforesaid But out of this fund before it is divided it is my will that there shall be paid to my daughters

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Josey and **Mary** and my son **John** one thousand dollars each which they shall scarcely have more than my other children I make this provision in their favor because the youngest are not fully educated **Josey** and **Mary** may never marry and for other reasons. 5th. In every case the property or money divided to my daughters or which they receive from my estate is to be held by them respectively as their separate property and estate free from the control of any husband they now or may hereafter have. 6th. In regard to my personal estate it is my will that my said wife select such articles as she may think necessary to supply her moderate and reasonable wants and the articles thus selected at their appraised valuation are to be her absolute property that portion of the personalty not thus selected to be sold upon such terms as my executor and executrix may desire best and the proceeds applied to the payments of my debts and to carry out the provisions of this will. My wife is to pay nothing for the articles selected by her. I appoint my son **Warner** and **Henry** Executors and my beloved wife **Lucy** executrix of this my will and request the County Court to permit them to qualify as such without giving surety and security in their name as this 10th day of December 1869. Signed and published by **W. L. Underwood** as his last will in our presence.

J. R. Underwood

Robert Underwood

W. L. Underwood

November 8th 1870 My daughter **Josey** having married since the above date of my request and according to information having assured to herself and equality of estate with her older brothers and sisters I therefore revoke this clause giving her a thousand dollars more then they. All the silverware and plate of which I die possessed I give to my wife **Lucy C. Underwood** not to be valued in my estate as most of it is hers already If I outlive my wife, at my death it shall be divided among my children at fair valuation by disinterested persons. My piano belongs to **Mary**

Attest **J. R. Underwood**

W. L. Underwood

Robert Underwood

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court April Call Term 1872

This last will and testament of **W. L. Underwood** deceased was produced in open court and was proven by the oath of **Robert Underwood** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. R. Underwood** the other subscribing

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witness thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By W. A. Settle DC

In the name of God Amen I **Nathaniel Legrand** of the County of Warren State of Kentucky. Being of feeble health but of sound mind and disposing mind and memory praise be to God for the same and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity to do so, do make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say: First I give and bequeath to my beloved sister **Imena Legrand** all my real and personal estate of which I may die seized and possessed to have and to hold the same herself and assigns forever upon the trusts following that is to say to pay all my funeral expenses and all my just debts as soon after my decease as practicable out of the first money that shall come to her hands from any portion of my estate real or personal from which she is to take care of my dear but afflicted sister **Elizabeth**. 2nd. I desire that my sister **Imena** do in the event she should die first that she choose some person to take my sister **Elizabeth** and make all necessary arrangements that maybe in her power to do so for her welfare and comfort. 3rd. As I have full confidence in my sister **Imena** I do not want her to give any bond whatever she can select any person she may choose to assist her to collect my debts and sell anything she may wish to and pay my debts in witness whereof I **Nathaniel Legrand** the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of January in the year of our Lord 1872.

Witness **Jacob Dillingham**

Nathan. Legrand

William S. Spencer

Samuel Beckam

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court March Term 1872

This last will and testament of **Nathan Legrand** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Samuel Beckham**

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and **Wm S. Spencer** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Jacob Dillingham** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC
By W. A. Settle DC

I **Jack Stephens** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being old and infirm in body though of sound mind and disposing memory knowing that life is uncertain and death is certain and desiring to settle up my affairs and dispose of my property while I have the power of doing so hereby make this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore by me made. 1st. I give and bequeath to **Carlotta Stephens** my beloved wife all of my property personal and real estate of every kind and description to her own and benefit to sell or dispose of as she thinks proper and right to whomsoever she desires. In witnesses whose names are affixed hereto this 30th day of May 1870. The foregoing was read over to the testator in our presence and declared by him to be his last will and testament and signed by him in our presence.

J. A. Briggs
Samuel H. Richardson

Jack Stephens

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court March Term 1872

This last will and testament of **Jack Stephens** was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **S. H. Richardson** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who proved the attestation of **J. A. Briggs** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the court being satisfied said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC
By W. A. Settle DC

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I **Robert J. Foster** of the County of Jefferson and Commonwealth of Kentucky do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made. 1st. I give to my daughters **Mary Gipson Foster** all of my house and kitchen furniture including silverware and table ware. I also give his fifteen acres of land in the knobs in Warren County Kentucky and three or four in Scottsville Kentucky owned by me. I also give her fifteen hundred dollars in money. 2nd. I give to my daughter **Georgia A. Foster** one thousand dollars paid her in money. 3rd. I give to my daughter **Virginia S. Foster** one thousand dollars to be paid to her in money. 4th. I give to my daughter **Cora C. Foster** fifteen hundred dollars in money but desire that my executrix retain this money and loan it as interest and pay over the interest annually to my daughter the fifteen hundred dollars to be paid when she arrive at the age of twenty-one. 5th. I give to my grand daughter **Mary Allen** fifty dollars. 6th. I give to my sons **Thomas G. Foster** one hundred dollars **B. Smith Foster** one hundred dollars and to my youngest son **Wm R. Foster** five hundred dollars the remainder of my estate after paying all debts that I may owe I desire shall be equally divided between my four daughters **Mary G. Virginia S. George A. and Cora C. Foster**. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint **Mollie G. Foster** executrix of this my last will and desire that she be permitted to qualify as such without security. In testimony whereof I have hereto affixed my hand and seal this 27th day of May 1869.

Signed in our presence.

E. M. Reynolds
George Kimbel

R. J. Foster

State of Kentucky

At a County Court held for Jefferson County at the Court House in the city of Louisville on the 16th day of June 1869 the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **R. J. Foster** decd late of this County was produced in Court and proven by the oaths of **E. M. Reynolds** and **George Kimbel** the subscribing witnesses thereto who also make oath that they signed the same at the request of the testator in his presence and in the presence of each other. Whereupon the same was established by the Court to be the last will and testament of said decedent and ordered to be recorded and is recorded in my office of clerk of said Court the probate thereof being duly stamped as required by the act of Congress.

A copy Att
Ch M. Thruston Clk
by S. F. Harlan DC

Att T. Jack Conn Clk

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I James B. Clark Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing copy of the last will and testament of **R. J. Foster** decd was this day produced to me in my office for record and that I have recorded said copy with this the foregoing certificate in my office given under my hand this 5th day of May 1872.

James B. Clark CWCC
By Keith Pillsbury DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Lorenzo D. Lewis** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being sound in mind but feeble in health do make this my last will and testament. Article the first I wish my wife **Juliann Lewis** to have all of my real and personal property during her life. Article the second I wish her to collect all that is due me and pay all of my debts and sell property to help do so if necessary. Article third I make my wife my sole executrix to carry out this will. Article the fourth I wish at my wifes death for my property to be equally divided between my children. Article 5th. I especially give her the power to make a deed to a piece of land lying in Edmundson County Kentucky to **Absolom Cowles** which land is paid save \$24.55. Article 6th should my wife become unable to support her children with what I leave her then she may sell personal property to help do so but not to sell any portion of the land. Given from under my hand this 13th April 1872.

Witnesses

Thos J. Jones
W. U. Lewis
Mary Lewis

Lorenzo Lewis
[His Mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May Term 1872

This last will and testament of **L. D. Lewis** decd was produce in open Court and proven by the oaths of **T. J. Jones** and **W. U. Lewis** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest James B. Clark CWCC
By Keith Pillsbury DC

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I **Luvenia Vernon** resident of Warren County & State of Kentucky being in feeble health but of sound mind & Memory do make & publish this my last will & testament I will to my well beloved daughter **Fanny Melissa Vernon** the whole of my property or estate of whatever kind after my just debts are paid for her own separate use & benefit except twenty five dollars which it is my will & desire shall be paid by my Executor hereinafter named to my grand son **William Alexander Vernon** & only son of my deceased son **Alexander Vernon** upon the attainment of his majority: But should my grandson die before he is of age then the twenty five dollars is to go to my daughter **Fanny**. I appoint **D. L. Long** my executor to carry in execution this my last will & settle up my estate. In testimony whereof witness my hand hereto this 10th day of Mch 1872.

Witness

Geo M. Murrell
Thomsson Gossom

Luvenia Vernon [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County court Sct May Term

This last will & testament of **Luvenia Vernon** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **Geo M. Murrell Thomsson Gossom** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest

James B. Clark WCC
By Keith Pillsbury DC

I **James E. Edwards** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being in bad state of health but of sound and disposing mind and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit after all of my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I desire: 1st

that my beloved wife **Caroline W. Edwards** have own and possess the farm known as the **Shuts** farm containing about one hundred and ten acres to do with as she may choose during life & after death the title vesting entirely in her. 2ndly I desire that she have control of the balance of my lands during her life to lease rent or till just as she may think fit but after her death to be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned. 3rdly I desire that she have control of all the stock Farming utensils house hold and kitchen furniture during her natural life after her death to be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned. 4thly I desire that my wife **Caroline W.** have the control of my moneyed matters that is to say cash and cash notes amounting I suppose

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to some twenty five hundred dollars or thereabouts which I desire her to keep at interest for the purpose of schooling and raising my infant son **Jesse Virgil** which I desire should be liberal education off or out of the interest of said cash & cash notes and should said interest fail from any cause whatever to school and raise my said Infant sone I desire it to be done out of my other estate. 5thly I desire that should my beloved wife live till my Infant arrives to the age of twenty one years she give to him out of the moneyed estate spoken of. Fifteen hundred dollars and to my son **John S. Edwards** Five hundred dollars out of the same and that these boys have this amount each over and above what the rest of my children have and should the money spoken of to wit the twenty five hundred dollars be wasted or squandered from any cause so that she could not have the money to give them they are to have it out of my other estate before the other heirs come in the divide. 6thly Should my beloved wife die before my said son **Jesse Virgil** arrives to the age of twenty one years so that my estate would have to be divided before he was schooled and raised I desire that enough of my estate be reserved for him for that purpose. After these reservations to wit the amount that each of these my two sons have over and above what the rest are to have I desire that my estate be divided equally among all of my children. 7thly. It is my desire if either or both of my said sons should die before marriage or arriving to the age of twenty one years and having no issue or posterity that the estate devised to each be equally divided among the surviving heirs. 8thly I desire and appoint my beloved wife **Caroline W. Edwards** my Executrix without security to this my will and desire that she should carry it out. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 19th day of April 1872.

Witness

W. E. Ray

Eli Morris

P. W. Drake

J. E. Edwards

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May term 1872

This last will & testament of **J. E. Edwards** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **W. E. Ray** **Eli Morris** & **P. W. Drake** the subscribed witnesses thereto Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest James B. Clark CWCC

By Keith Pillsbury DC

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Knowing the uncertainty of life and feeling the importance of being prepared for the change when God thinks proper to call me hence I herewith make this my last will and testament (viz) desirous of acting Justly and for the best interest for my children in the disposition of the effects in which almighty God has been please to bestow upon me I herewith set fourth the conditions (viz). Article 1. After my just debts and burial expenses is paid I desire two thousand dollars to be set apart for my four sons viz **William H. John J. James R.** and **Mark H. Fant** being five hundred dollars each is that much more that I desire they shall have over and above my daughters believing it right I should make this discrimination. Article 2. Believing it would be detrimental to the interest of my children who are interested in my estate that my lands should be disposed as the law directs as in cases of intestate estates. I hereby authorize my executors to dispose of the same by sale to the highest bidder or otherwise they may think best upon terms they may think just and right and for the interest of all concerned and be distributed in manner herein after expressed. Article 3. That whereas I had advanced to **Francis A. Hindman William K Smith** and wife **John J. Fant** and **Jas A. Mc** & wife before the rebellion each a negro girl and they by reason of the war were made free with all of those slaves I hand in possession at the time in which my other children held an interest in I therefore desire they not account for the same in the distribution of my estate. Article 4. Having advanced to my children at different times property and money as hereinafter set fourth is to be considered as part of my estate they accounting for the same as a part of my estate received upon final settlement. Advancement made to **Francis A. Hindman**, to one bay horse valued at \$150 one womans saddle and bridle 22 one cow and calf \$30 one bedstead bed and bedding

\$60 expenses incurred in consequence of her unfortunate condition \$200 - Amt \$462. Amount advanced to **W. K. and V. L. Smith** to one grey mare \$135 one saddle and bridle \$22 one cow and calf \$35 five ewes and lambs \$12.50 one bed and bedstead \$500 cast amt. \$764.50. Advancement mad to **W. H. Fant** one sorrel horse \$130 one saddle and bridle and blanket \$27.25 to amount advanced for bond \$750. To amt advanced \$500 amount advanced \$1407.25 Advancement made to **John F. Fant** To one bay mare \$130. To one saddle bridle and blanket \$ 27.25 to cash \$1000. Amount advanced \$1157.25. Advancement made to **Susan E. Mc** To one bay horse \$160. To one saddle bridle blanket \$30. To one cow and calf \$40. To five improved lambs \$12.50 to one bedstead bedding \$60. To cash paid Spring 1866 \$500 amount advanced \$802.50 Advancement made to **Martha F. Parks** one brown mare \$175.

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One saddle bridle and blanket \$20. extra trimmings when first married \$50. One note on **W. H. Fant** \$513.87 One bed and bedding \$65. Expenses in bringing suit vs **Lewis Potter** \$50. To one cow and calf \$60. Amt advanced \$733.87. Advancement made to **Mary E. Mitchell** to one bedstead bedding and bed \$75 extra trimmings for wedding \$50. One saddle and bridle \$18 to one black horse \$160 to one cow and calf \$55 advanced \$450 on bond to one half of the Ewing tract of land \$15.00 amt advanced \$228. Advancement made to **James R. Fant** to one mare \$150 to one saddle bridle and blanket \$20 to one heifer \$45 to one sow and pigs \$15 To cash note on **E. R. Mitchell** \$500 To money advanced at different times \$400. Amt advanced \$1130. Advancement **M. H. Fant** One sorrel horse \$180 One saddle bridle and blanket \$20 One cash note on **E. R. Mitchell** with interest \$540 Amt advanced \$740. Desiring to do justice to all my children in the distribution of my estate I wish any further advancement made to be charged against them as heretofore set forth the portion falling to my children that are unmarried and under the age of twenty one years old to be held in trust by my executors until they arrive to the age of 21 years old they receiving only the interest on the same to pay expenses for schooling boarding clothing and expenses necessary to their circumstances in life having set fourth my intentions in this my last will and testament which I think may be comprehended without difficulty I hereby appoint my son **W. H. Fant William K. Smith** and **Jas A. Mc** my executors to execute the foregoing instrument of writing should any of them fail to act as Executors of this instrument of writing those who except one requested to act for which service I wish them to be liberally compensated. Given under my hand this 12th day of March in the year of our Lord 1872.

W. F. Fant

A codicil to this my last will and testament made April the 15th day of 1872 Whereas my daughter **Francis A. Hindman** who is now in the Lunitac Asylum at Hopkinsville in this State as a lunatic and no prospects of being restored to reason again I have requested the Superintendent should she die I wish her remains to be placed in a metallic burying case and shipped to Rockfield to my care and the expenses should be promptly paid which I desire to be carried out in good faith and paid out of my estate. Her little daughter **Mattie M. Hindman** who is under the care of her father **J. A. Hindman** after her mothers death I will and bequeath into her all her mothers goods and effects her mother left at my house when sent to the Asylum and eight hundred dollars in cash out of my estate to be held in trust for her by my executors until she arrives to the age of twenty one years and I hereby forbid that her Father shall have any control directly or indirectly of this

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donation. I have here set fourth which covenant must be regarded as all the interest she can claim out of my estate. Having set fourth my desire and intentions in the foregoing instruments of writing I wish my executor not to requested to give security for the performance of the duties required in the foregoing instrument in the premises. Given under my hand this 16th day of April 1872.

W. F. Fant

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court June Term 1872

This last will and testament together with the codicil thereto annexed was this day produced in open Court and said last will and testament and the codicil thereto annexed was proven by the oaths of **Wm Sublett** and **James H. Rose** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Wm. F. Fant** Whereupon the Court being satisfied the said will and codicil thereto annexed was ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Keith Pillsbury DC

I **Ben S. Miller** of Bowling Green Kentucky feeling that life is uncertain do make and publish this as my last will and testament. I do give and publish this as my last will. I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Mary N. Miller** the farm lying in Pendleton County Kentucky same purchased by me from **Will O. Woodson** for her special use and benefit. There are other lands owned by me lying in said County of Pendleton some of which I have sold but deeds not yet executed and some unsold it is understood between myself and my wife that she will relinquish any right to them and sign any deed for their conveyance as it shall be required of her. I give and bequeath to my sister **Mary E. Johnston** one half of the interest coming to me out of the real estate of my father **William Miller** in Nicholas County. The other half of my interest in my said fathers estate I give to my brother **J. F. Miller**. I give to my mother **Jemimah C. Miller** all the interest in the personal estate that I may have in the estate of my said father **William Miller** all of which personal estate is situated in Nicholas County Kentucky. I give to my beloved wife **Mary N. Miller** all my household furniture such as beds bedding Piano kitchen furniture and also my gold watch All the balance of my estate both real and personal not herein before disposed of Of whatever character I will that after all my debts

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are paid out of it that it be converted in to money and be placed in the hands of my brother **J. F. Miller** trusted to be held by him for the use and benefit of my beloved wife **Mary N. Miller** it and after her death whatever there is left of this trustee fund it is to go to my legal heirs. No bond is required of my said brother as trustee. I desire that my partner in business **F. Pollard** shall not be required to close up our business sooner than six months after the day of my death I hereby revoke any will that I may have heretofore made. Witness as to the reading over of this will to **B. S. Miller** and the making of his mark by him in our presence.

J. M. Tyler
L. C. Porter

Ben S. Miller

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct August called Term 1872

This last will and testament of **B. S. Miller** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **J. M. Tyler** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **L. C. Porter** the other subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC
By Keith Pillsbury DC

I **Micajah J. Clark** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make declare and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. Item 1st. I commend my soul to God who gave it resting in the hope of blissful immortality beyond the grave. Item 2nd. I desire first of all that all my just debts which are but few and small be paid as speedily as practicable after my decease. Item 3rd. I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife and faithful companion **Avarilla Clark** one third of all my landed estate except my Rockfield property to include my present dwelling housed for and during her natural life to be used and occupied by her or rented out as she may see proper and at her death to revert to and become a part of my estate subject to the limitations and reservations hereinafter named. I also give and bequeath to my said wife all the articles of household and kitchen furniture

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and all the articles of personal property except money notes or other choses in action which are not allowed by law to widows. Item 4th. I give and bequeath into **Pleasant J. Potter** as trustee in trust for the use and benefit of my said wife for and during her natural life three thousand dollars in money to be invested in good interest bearing bonds by said trustee which bonds shall bear a rate of interest at least as high as 8 per cent per annum payable semiannually the interest to be collected by said trustee and paid over to my wife when so collected for her support and maintenance. And at the death of my said wife said three thousand dollars shall revert to and become a part of my estate subject to the reservations and limitations hereinafter named. Item 5th. As I have heretofore given to each of my following named viz. **Joseph M. Clark** **Juriah F. Matlock** **Levi E. Clark** **David B. Clark** **Annie E. McElwain** and **Mary C. Reade** 25 acres of land Now in order to make all of my younger children equal with my elder children above named give to each of the following named children viz **Lycungus B. Clark** **Juliet E. Clark** and **Adaline J. Clark** 25 acres of land to be laid off to them adjacent to that land bequeathed to my said wife as aforesaid on the

North side of Russellville road. That of **Lycungus B.** to be laid by Beginning at my corner and **S. J. Halls** corner and running with the Russellville road for enough so that a line running at right angles to said road will pass over the Spring in my orchard and then with the back orchard fence in direction of the barn and far enough back to embrace 25 acres between this line and **S. J. Halls** line. And that of my daughter **Juliet E.** To be laid off to her in the best and most convenient shape practicable adjacent to the **Lycurgus B's** And that of my daughter **Adaline J.** to be laid off adjacent to that of **Juliet E's** in the best and most convenient shape practicable. And I also will and direct that each of the three last named children have a bedstead and bed clothes for same not to exceed fifty dollars in value before any general division of my estate takes place. The devise of the land to my two daughters last named as above set forth is subject to the restrictions and reservations hereinafter named that is to say said lands are devised to the said **Juliet E.** and **Adaline J.** and the issue of their body if any. But if they or either of them should die before leaving issue then said lands so divided shall revert to and become a part of my estate. Item 6th. I will and direct that all of the residue of my lands together with my Rockfield property be sold by my executors hereinafter named and the proceeds of same together with the proceeds

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of sale of my personal property not otherwise herein disposed of and the residue of my money and cash notes accounts and other choses in action (when collected) which one not herein otherwise disposed be equally divided among all my children subject to the reservations and limitations herein after named. That is to say I will and direct that the estate herein bequeathed to each of my daughters **Juriah F. Matlock Annie E. McElwain Mary C. Reade Juliet E. Clark** and **Adaline J. Clark** go and pass into the hands of **Pleasant J. Potter** as trustee in trust for the use and benefit of my said daughters for and during their natural lives and at their deaths or either of their deaths to go to their children if any surviving them in fee simple and if any one or all of my daughters herein named shall die leaving no issue it is my will and I so direct that the husband of the one so dying if he shall survive her shall have the use benefit and proceeds of said estate for and during his natural life and at the death of such husband said estate shall revert to and become a part of my estate for general distribution among all my surviving children equally subject to the restriction herein above set forth. Item 7th. I will that the trustee herein before named may if he thinks it best at the request of either of my said daughters and such daughters husband invest that portion of the money that may be going to each of my daughters in lands for the use and benefit of the one so requesting the same subject to the restrictions and reservations of this will or he may if either of my said daughters so requests it hold said money and pay her the interest on same; but if said money is so held it shall be invested if possible so as to yield at least 8 per cent annum and if he thinks best he may sell any or all the lands herein devised to either of my said daughters or purchased with the money going to each and invest the proceeds of such sale in other lands or in interest bearing securities to bear a rate of interest not less than 8 per cent per annum and hold the same for the use and benefit of the one whose interest my be sold or disposed of subject to the reservations above set forth. But said lands shall not be sold without the consent of my daughters whose interest it is designed to sell together with the consent of her husband shall be given for same which consent shall be signified by such daughter and her husband's becoming parties to the deed by which said land or lands may be conveyed. But this will is not to be construed so as to give any husband that either of my daughters has or may have control of the estate herein devised to them or either of them nor shall same be subject to the debts of such husband. But the lands herein devised to my

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daughters or either of them or that which may be purchased with the money herein devised or that purchased upon reinvestment as above set forth may be sold by the said trustee in the manner above set forth and the proceeds thereof be reinvested as often as may be agreed upon by the said trustee and either of my daughters or her husband. It being the express design of this will that my daughters and their husbands may derive the greatest amount of benefit possible from the devises herein made for their benefit consistent with the reservations herein above set forth. Item 8th. It is my will and I so direct that the trustee herein after may appoint if he deems it best upon the request of my said wife sell the lands herein devised to her for and during her life and invest the proceeds of same in another homestead to be selected by my said wife for her use and benefit during her natural life with remainder to my children or their legal representatives on the survivors of them subject to all the limitations above expressed. Item 9th. I will and direct that if my son **Lycurgus B.** Shall die before he attains the age 21 years without issue then in that event the estate herein devised to him shall revert to and become a part of my estate and be equally divided among all of my children then surviving or their legal representatives or the survivors of them subject to all the limitations and restrictions above set forth. Item 10th. If the trustee herein appointed shall fail or refuse to qualify or

shall die or otherwise vacate his office of trusteeship then and in that event I request the Hon Warren County Court to appoint some suitable and proper person to take his place. Having due regard to the wishes of my said wife and daughters and the safety of the funds which will pass into his hands as trustee. And said trustee upon the death of my wife or either of my daughters is directed---pays over any money or other property in his hands as trustee aforesaid to persons entitled thereto under this will. And if any time said trustee shall purchase any land for the use of either of my daughters or my wife upon reinvestment or otherwise he shall take the deed in such a way as will best secure the objects of this will as above set forth. Item 11th. I will and direct that so long as either of my three children viz **Lycurgus B. Juliet E. and Adaline J.** are either of them continue to reside and make their home with their mother she shall have the use of the lands herein devised to the one so continuing to reside with her. Item 12th. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son **L. E. Clark** and son in law **I. A. Reade** Executors of this my last will and testament and give them each two hundred dollars for their services as such provided they continue to act until

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my estate is entirely wound up which is to be all the compensation allowed them for same. Item 13th. If at any time my wife and trustee above named or his successor shall determine to sell the land bequeathed to her as above for the purpose of reinvesting in other lands or securities the consent of my wife shall be signified by her uniting in the deed--which said land is conveyed. Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presents of

J. R. Curd

M. J. Clark

James B. Clark

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Aug Term 1872

This last will and testament of **M. J. Clark** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. R. Curd** and **J. B. Clark** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Keith Pillsbury DC

I **Francis A. Burge** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and memory considering the uncertainty of human life do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament this 3rd day of January 1871 in manner and form following (Viz) I give to my grandson **Richard J. Moyers** all of my horses cattle hogs farming utensils and every species of property I am possessed of whatever. I will my said grandson the above with the understanding that he is to provided for and to take care of me and his grandmother during our lives then after our decease he is to have my entire estate as named above he and his heirs forever. I constitute **William Sublett** my executor to this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

Witness

T. J. Ford

F. A. Burge

J. A. Ford

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Aug Term 1871

This last will and testament of **F. A. Burge** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **T. J. Ford** and **J. A. Ford** the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By Keith Pillsbury DC

I **Henry Taylor** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky on the 8th day of May 1872 do make this to be my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. 1st. It is my will that after my death **Nancy Taylor** my wife shall have twelve hundred dollars that she now holds in cash notes all of her property and also one hundred dollars at the end of each year from the proceeds of my land so long as she may live and remain my widow. 2nd. It is my will that after all my just debts be paid the balance of my entire estate be equally divided between my four children namely **Straphord Taylor Curren Taylor Annie Rone and Louisa Taylor**. 3rd. It is my will that my two daughters above named shall have their part of my estate to use as they may see proper. 4th. And it is also my will and I now request and hereby appoint **Alfred Taylor and Joseph Taylor** my brothers to execute this my last will and testament and it is further my will that the above named executors give no security for my real or personal

property. Given under my hand the day and date above written.

Attest **Wm Taylor**

J. H. Oty

Henry Taylor

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County August Term 1872

This last will and testament of **Henry Taylor** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **J. H. Oty** and **Wm Taylor** thee subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is according done.

Attest James B. Clark CWCC

By Keith Pillsbury DC

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I **D. L. Long** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind do make and publish this my last will and testament. Item 1st. It is my will that all my just debts shall be first settled by a sale of such personal property as can be best spared from the farm. Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to **Judith Ann Long** my well beloved wife the whole of my estate both real and personal after my debts are paid during her widowhood. In the event of her marrying again then my estate is to be divided equally among my children. But if she does not marry then the distribution is to take place after her death except as hereinafter provided. Having the greatest confidence in my wifes Justice ability discretion and management I appoint her my executrix and request that the Court shall not require her to give security it is my will that she shall continue on the farm and carry it on so as to provide a home for the younger children and for their education. That is provided her health is such that she can do so and her better judgement dictates that course. But if she feels that she is not able to do that I vest in her full power to sell the farm and everything on it & vest the proceeds in for the benefit of all my children in some securities living on the and only spending the interest on said investment. Said investment to be equally divided among all my children or their legal representatives upon the happenings of either of these two contingencies that is to say the marriage again of my wife or her death. It is my will that she shall have full power to give to any one of my children upon the attainment of his majority at her own discretion any property that she chooses provided that such giving to said child does not amount to more than said childs distributable share of my estate. And inasmuch as I have already given to my son **James W.** a horse saddle and bridle. It is my will that such of my other children shall have a horse saddle and bridle of like value at the age of 20 years if in the judgement of my wife their conduct and behavior towards her and each other has been such as to merit it otherwise they are not to have it as I wish to impress upon their minds that they must be upon their good behavior and conduct both to each other and their mother or await until final distribution of my estate for any favors when it is my will they shall all be made equal. In testimony whereof witness my signature this 8th of July 1872.

Witnesses

D. L. Long

Geo Murrell

T. J. Barnett

W. S. Taylor

James Patteson

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court October Term 1872

This last will and testament of **D. L. Long** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **W. S. Taylor** and **T. J. Barnett** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest James B. Clark CWCC

By Keith Pillsbury DC

Know all men by these presents that I do renounce the provisions of the Will of my husband **Henry Taylor** deceased which said Will is now on file in the County Court clerks office of Warren County and ordered to record in said County. Witnesses my hand this day of August 29 1872.

Witness

Nancy Taylor

M. O. White

J. H. Louis

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

I James B. Clark Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing renunciation of the will of **Henry**

Taylor decd by **Nancy Taylor** his widow was this day produced to me in my office for record and was acknowledged by **Nancy Taylor** to be act and deed and that I have recorded said renunciation with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 26th day of October 1872.

James B. Clark CWCC
By Keith Pillsbury DC

In the name of God Amen. I **Archibald Buckner** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make the following will viz In Primis. I commit my soul to God hoping that I may be prepared to meet him in heaven. 2nd. After my funeral expenses are paid and all my just debts are paid amongst which is a debt due **John A. Robinson** which has been long due for one hundred and fifty dollars (no note) I leave my beloved wife **Frances D. Buckner** all of property until her death then. I give my daughter **Sarah Columbia Buckner** my bureau in her room The remainder of my property I wish equally divided between my son **James A. Buckner**, **Thomas R. Buckner** and **Amelia Cappurnia Robinson**. I do not wish the Court to require any security of my administrators

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on my estate. In witness whereof I hereby affix my signature and seal this ninth day of September on the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty nine.

Witnesses

A. B. Stephens

Thos. L. Stephens

Archibald Buckner

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Nov Term 1872

This last will and testament of **Archibald Buckner** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **T. L. Stephens** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **A. B. Stephens** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark

In view of the uncertainty of Life, and in order to make a certain and just disposition of the property with which a gracious and bountiful Providence has blessed me---I **John Brite** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament. Item 1st. It is my wish and direction that so soon as may be practible after my decease all the expenses attending my last illness and the sepulture of my body together with all just debts which I may be owing at the time of my death shall be first fully paid and satisfied. Item 2nd. After the payment of my debts and expenses as directed I give to my son **Henry Brite** all of the farm he now lives on supposed to contain one hundred and ten acres---for the use of himself and family to use or dispose of as he may desire. Item 3rd. I give to my two sons **George** and **Tobias Brite** my tract of land in Allen County Kentucky being the same I bought of **J. R. Underwood**, as agent of the **Brown** heirs containing about four hundred acres and I appoint **J. A. Brite** and **S. W. Burton** to divide said tract of land, between my two sons **George** and **Tobias** in such manner as to make their parts as near equal in value as practicable. Item 4th. I bequeath the remainder of my property, real, personal, and mixed to my beloved wife **Sarah A. Brite**, and my children, giving to my children the right to use, sell, trade and convey, all of said remainder of property in such way or manner, as she may in her judgement think to be to the best interest of herself and my children--having full confidence that she will make at the proper time and in the proper manner the shares of all my children equal--taking into consideration what I have already bequeathed

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to my sons **Henry**, **George** and **Tobias**. Item 5th. I nominate and appoint my beloved wife **Sarah A. Brite** executor of this my last will and testament, and direct and empower her as such executrix at my death to take possession of all my property real and personal, except the land given to my three elder sons, with full power and without further warrant authority, to sell and convert into money so much of my property as may be necessary to pay my debts and express heretofore provided for. Item 6th. It is my wish and I so direct that my executrix shall not be required to give any bond for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in her preferring to intrust the fair and just execution of the same to her own judgement and conscience believing that she will fully justify in her acts the confidence that I repose in her. Certified under my hand this the 22nd day of December 1872.

Attest

W. W. McNeal

John Brite

[His Mark]

Signed and acknowledged by **John Brite** in our presence and in the presents of each other.

A. C. Wright

James H. Brite

S. W. Burton

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court

This last will and testament of **John Brite** deceased was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **A. C. Wright W. W. McNeal** and **S. W. Burton** who also proved the attestation of **James A. Brite** the other subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

January 24th 1872

I **Finis E. Lewis** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky this day make my last will and testament. First I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid Second I will my farms and lands to my wife **Martha Ann Lewis** Also my stock and farming utensils household and kitchen furniture Thirdly I will that my wife have all the provisions corn, oats etc to enable her to support herself and children during her natural life or widowhood but should she marry everything to go into an equal division. My wife to have a child's part but to be returned to my children at her death.

Test

Wm H. Campbell

Wm. A. Smith

F. E. Lewis

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court April Term 1873

This last will and testament of **Finis E. Lewis** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **W. H. Campbell** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **Wm A. Smith** the other witness thereto Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark

Warren County Kentucky September 18 1871

I **Alfred Cherry** of Warren County do this day make my will first I give to **Mary B. Cherry** a certain peace of land Beginning at a set up stone near a branch thence at west course to my west line thence S 35 E to black oak thence S 46 E 62 poles to a stake thence North 65 E to a branch thence down branch with its meanders to the beginning to have and to hold forever lot No one. I gave to **Adam Cherry** a certain peace of land beginning at a branch on the line N65 E thence to a stake in a military line thence down the military to the South east corner of my fence thence a west course a set up sone at lot No 1 one beginning thence up the branch with its meanders to the beginning to have and to hold forever No 2, the entire remainder of my home tract of land to have to hold forever lot No 3. I gave unto **Aaron B. Cherry** the entire remainder of my home tract of land to have and to hold forever lot No. 3. I gave to **Wm Cherry** a certain peace of land laying on Green River Beginning at **Keowns** boat landing thence up the river to a branch thence up the branch with the dividing line between **Alfred Cherry** and **Samuel Cherry** until it comes to a bunch of sycamores marked as corner trees in a fence row thence running a north west course to a walnut thence to a hackberry thence to a black oak near a branch thence up the branch to a bunch of Ash bushes thence a North west course to a small hickory thence to a white oak thence to a chesn on the point of a ridge near branch thence down the branch to a Briary branch thence down Briary branch until it comes to the dividing line between **Alfred** and **Samuel Cherry** thence with that line to a white oak near **Hills** fence thence a west course to a white oak thence to a post oak and ash thence a north course **Uptons** line to the beginning to have and to hold forever. I owe to **Wm Cherry** a part of the old **Upton** place Beginning at a poplar and hickory at the head of branch thence a west course to a big forked white oak near a fence thence a west course to a chestnut on the face of the hill thence west to a set up stone thence a south course to a white oak near the fence thence to the mouth of Hawk branch all of the land north of this line is **William Cherrys** to have and to hold forever. Lot No 4. I gave to **John A. Cherry** the entire remainder of the old **Upton**

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place to have and to hold forever lot No 5. I gave to **Elijah Cherry** all of the land that I owned above **William Cherrys** land to have and to hold forever lot No 6. I want after my death all that I may have my wife **Sally Cherry** to manage it. As she pleases and to dispose as she pleases this is my will so help God.

Alfred Cherry

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May called term 1873

This last will and testament of **Alfred Cherry** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **H. Upton F. E. Hill** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Cherry** decedent and court being satisfied the same is ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark

I **Ann Briggs** hereby devise to **John B. Helm** of Butler County Kentucky no trust for the use and benefit of my two children **Martha** and **Jimmie** my two lots of ground in Bowling Green Kentucky The unimproved lot for **Martha** and the improved lot for **Jimmie** and I devise my said trustee **J. B. Helm** to manage and control same for the uses designated above. I also desire him to manage and control for their interest and benefit the money if any now in his hands and I desire it to be shared equally by my two said children. I further devise to my mother **Cinda** one hundred dollars including in which is the sum of thirty dollars which my husband **Alexander Briggs** owes my said mother. I make this my last will and testament revoking any and all others. This 25th day of July A. D. 1873. I hereby appoint **J. B. Helm** aforesaid as my executor this date above Witness my hand as of above date.

Witnessed by

J. M. Porter

W. E. Settle

Ann Briggs

[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County August Term 1873

This last will and testament of **Ann Briggs** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **J. M. Porter** and **W. E. Settle** whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. F. Gardner DC

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In the name of God Amen I **Nathaniel Downey** being of sound mind but knowing the uncertainties of life, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. 1st. I will that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid. 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter **Jane Downey** two hundred dollars in gold. 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son **William Downey** five hundred dollars in gold. 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter **Sally Downey** three hundred dollars in gold. 5th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Mary Jane Downey** all of my property real and personal Cash and Cash notes and empower her to sell any property belonging to my estate. I empower her to rent the land or sell it altogether or in lots to suit purchasers if in her judgement it is to the interest of all concerned to do so and to make a deed of the land. This property to be enjoyed by her during her natural life or widowhood in support of herself and in raising and educating my three younger children. At the expiration of either her life or widowhood a division of the remainder of my estate is to take place as follows All property of every description both real and personal to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my heirs. I have given to my son **James L. Downey** five hundred dollars. I have given to my daughter **Mary E. Young** one hundred and forty dollars. I have given to my daughter **Malissa F. Young** one hundred and twenty dollars which they are to account for in the division. At the death or marriage of my wife **Mary Jane Downey** I want all the business of my estate to go into the hands of **James M. Downey** and **Thomas K. Young** as executors. I also appoint **James M. Downey** Guardian for my three younger children Given under my hand this the 29th day of August 1871.

Attest **B. H. Turner**

W. H. Stahl

J. M. Sloss

A. W. Reeves

Nathaniel Downey

[His Mark]

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This last will and testament of **Nathaniel Downey** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **J. M. Sloss** and **B. H. Turner** whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. F. Gardner DC

In the name of God Amen I **James P. Spencer** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of Sound mind and disposing memory have this day made this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. Article 1. My wish and desire is that all my just debts be paid. Article 2. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **William S. Spencer** my entire interest in the following tract land designated as follows One tract the land on which I now live adjoining the lands of **I. Jackson, Wm S. Spencer Jas Smith** and **Joseph Moon** containing 71 acres more or less the deed for which may be found in Deed Book V Page 237 in the Clerks office of this County in Bowling Green also one other tract of land which I purchased of **John Clayton** deeded to me on the 17th day of October 1849 recorded in Deed Book W Page 289 in the Clerks Office in Bowling Green Containing 20 acres more or less also one other tract of land lying near the sinking of Sinking Creek adjoining the lands of **Barnet Pane John Beckham Joseph Shives** this tract of land I bought of **Nathan Davis** and wife deeded and recorded in Book No 28 Page 350 in the Clerks Office in Bowling Green containing 26 acres more or less all of which I give and bequeath to him and his heirs forever. Article 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my beloved grandson **Alvarado Doughty** twenty five dollars to be out of any money I may have belonging to my estate after my death adding this legacy to what I have heretofore given him would amount to two hundred dollars. Article 4.

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My wish and desire is that as before stated all my just be paid and if I should have any money or property of any kind I give and bequeath unto my son **Wm. S. Spencer** the entire balance after paying my grandson **Alvarado Doughty** his legacy of twenty dollars to him and his heirs forever. Article 5. It is my wish and desire that my son **Wm S. Spencer** after my death wind up my estate and no security be required of him. In testimony thereof I have this day the first day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy three assigned my name and placed my seal in the Presence of

T. W. Ewing

Samuel Beckham

James P. Spencer

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County October Caller Term 1873

This last will and testament of **James P. Spencer** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of Dr. **T. W. Ewing** and **Samuel Beckham** whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

In the name of God Amen I **John N. Jackson** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind and aware of the uncertainty of life do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others made by me in manner and form as follows 1st I wish all my just debts paid. 2nd Having lived in peace and harmony with my beloved wife **Susan Jane** for a long time and having the utmost confidence in her honesty and integrity I do hereby devise and bequeath all of my estate to her the said **Susan Jane** to control manage and dispose of as she may think best for her interest and the benefit of our children in as full and complete manner as I could were I living I do hereby further

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request the Court or Judge to whom this may be offered for record shall not require of my wife any security as the executrix of this will to which office I hereby nominate and appoint her. Given under my hand this Oct 4 1873.

Attest

L.C. Porter

John H. Miller

John N. Jackson

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Oct Call Term 1873

This last will and testament of **John A. Jackson** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **John H. Miller** and **L. C. Porter** whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

I **Robert W. Ogden** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory but conscious of my mortality and desirous not to die intestate do make & publish the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs **Ann Morris** of Loudon County Virginia if living at my death two thousand dollars and if that amount should not be sufficient to support her comfortably during her life my executor or executors hereinafter named are hereby authorized to expend and use of my estate an amount sufficient to comfortably support her during the remainder of her life. If my aforesaid sister does not survive me then and in that event this item of my will is void. Item 2. I hereby give and bequeath to the children surviving at my death of my nephew **W. R. B. Stephens** of the State of Ohio the sum of two thousand dollars to be equally divided between them also the note or notes and other evidences of

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my indebtedness of their afd Father to me the aggregate to be equally divided between them as before. Item 3. I hereby give and bequeath to my nephew **John Stephens** of Mason County Virginia if living at my death One thousand dollars should the said **John Stephens** not survive me this Item of my will is void. Item 4. I hereby give and bequeath to my grand niece **Sally George** formerly **Sally Henderson** daughter of **John Henderson** Esq of Mason County Virginia if living at my death the sum of two thousand dollars should the said **Sally George** not survive me this item of my will is void. Item 5. I hereby give and bequeath to Mrs. **Mary E. Hutchinson** formerly **Henderson** and also a daughter of the aforesaid **John Henderson** if surviving at my death the sum of two thousand dollars. If the said **Mary E. Hutchinson** is not living at my death this Item of my will is void. Item 6. I hereby give and bequeath to each of the children living at my death of my deceased brother **Hezekiah Ogden** late of the State of Indiana the sum of two thousand dollars. Item 7. I hereby give and bequeath to each of the children living at my death of my deceased brother **Benjamin Ogden** late of the State of Virginia the sum of two thousand dollars. Item 8. I hereby give and bequeath to my old trusty and tried former slaves **Charles** and **Charlotte** his wife or the survivor of them if living at my death the sum of five hundred dollars should neither **Charles** nor **Charlotte** survive me then this Item of my will is void. Item 9. I hereby give and bequeath to my friend **Henry T. Clark** as trustee in trust for the use and benefit of a blind colored boy named **Beverly** son of my former slave **Eliza** the sum of five hundred dollars the interest and principal both to be used if deemed necessary by said trustee for the comfortable support and maintenance of the aforesaid blind boy **Beverly**. Item 10th. I hereby give and bequeath to the present children living at my death of my step son **Wm H. Rochester** the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be equally divided

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between them the notes executed to me by said **Wm H. Rochester** with the interest calculated thereupon up to my death whether said notes may have been barred by lapse of time not shall go and be received in payment and satisfaction of this devisee and bequeath to the extent of said principal and interest. Item 11th. I hereby give and bequeath to my old and particular friend **Bone Lucas** if living at my death the sum of one thousand dollars in the event that he does not survive me this item of my will is void. Item 12. I hereby give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named as trustees or the survivors of them in trust for the use and benefit of my former servant colored woman named **Ellen** mother of **Tom** and **Victoria** herein after named five bonds of one thousand dollars each of such as me executors may select the annual interest on same as it accrues to be paid over to said **Ellen** for her support and maintenance as long as she may live. At her death this item of my will becomes void and fund mentioned above reverts and passes as hereinafter provided. Item 13. It is my desire and I hereby direct that all the devises and bequeaths be paid by my executors or either of them in and with any County State City Railroad or any other bonds or stock that I may own at my death or such as my executors may select and purchase meaning and intending that said bonds or stock shall be paid and received at then par or face value as for instance where a devise or bequeath of one thousand dollars is made it is my meaning and intention that a bond for that amount or stock calling for that amount on their face shall go and be received in satisfaction of said devise or bequest notwithstanding the fact that said bond or stock might not yield one thousand dollars if sold on the market at their current value. Item 14. I hereby

give and devise to my executors hereinafter named as trustee for the use and benefit of **Tom** and **Victoria** son and daughter

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of the aforesaid colored woman **Ellen** referred to in the 12th item of this will the sum of twenty thousand dollars in money or the currency of the country said twenty thousand dollars to be invested by said trustees in such good and safe bonds or stocks as they may select and the annual interest as it accrues must be paid in equal shares to the aforesaid **Tom** and **Victoria** and if either **Tom** or **Victoria** should die leaving no child or children the survivor shall be entitled to the whole of the aforesaid interest and in the event that either should die leaving a child or children such child or children shall be entitled to and shall receive the interest that the parent would have received if living. Should **Tom** and **Victoria** both die and leave no child or children then it is my will and I so direct that the devise herein made to them shall go and pass to my next of kin under and by virtue of the statutes of the State of Kentucky regulating the law of decent power is hereby given to my executors hereinafter named as trustees in the exercise of their discretion to invest the aforesaid twenty thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary in a home or homes for the aforesaid **Tom** and **Victoria** taking care that they share this devise equally in case they chose separate homes should said Trustees invest said fund or a portion of it in real estate as a home or houses for the aforesaid **Tom** and **Victoria** and either should die leaving no child or children then the whole of said real estate is to be held for the use and benefit of the survivor in case either should die leaving a child or children shall then and in that event such child or children shall be entitled to the share portion benefit or interest that the parent would have received as provided concerning the investment in bonds or stock Should **Tom** and **Victoria** both die leaving no child or children it is my will and I so direct that sd real estate if purchased shall go and pass to my next of kin as already provided in this item concerning the investment in bonds or stock.

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Should sd trustees at any time deem it advisable they are hereby authorized to sell and convey said real estate and make such other investment as they deem best in the event that neither **Tom** nor **Victoria** should survive me then this item of my will is void and the devise and bequest herein made shall revert to my estate and pass as hereinafter provided. Item 15. I hereby give and bequeath to my executor or executors herein after named the sum of fifty thousand dollars in money or the currency of the country the whole or so much thereof as may be necessary to be used by him or them in the purchase of suitable grounds and the erection thereof of appropriate buildings in or near the town of Bowling Green Kentucky to be dedicated and devoted to the education therein of males or females young men and women as my executor or executors may elect. Should a male School be determined upon then it is my desire that the same be called Ogden College and if a female School the Ogden Seminary and I hereby designate my executors as the (I hereby authorized said executors to appoint not more than 5 trustees aforesaid college) regents of said College or Seminary to whom and to their successors in office the title to the aforesaid real estate when purchased must be taken and I hereby invest said executors as Regents with full power to remove any or all of said trustees or to fill any vacancy that may occur by reason of the death resignation or refusal to act of any trustee and I hereby further give and devise the residue of my estate of every character and description whether real personal or mixed not otherwise disposed held for the use and benefit of the colored woman **Ellen** designated in the 12 Item of this will including also the trust fund given in the 14th item of this will for the use and benefit of the aforesaid **Tom** and **Victoria** provided neither of them should survive me and furthermore including any or all the devises and bequests mentioned in the former item of this will provided the devises therein

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named should not survive me to my executors hereinafter named as Trustees the whole to be invested by them in such bonds or stock as they may select the interest accruing thereon to form a fund out of which to pay as far as it will go the tuition fees of any of the young men of Warren County or the State of Kentucky who may choose to avail themselves of this fund and desire to be educated at the Ogden College provided a male School is determined upon preference for which I hereby express if however my executors should deem it best and most advisable to establish a female school then I direct that the interest accruing on the aforesaid fund will go to the tuition fees of any of the young women of Warren County or the State of Kentucky who may attend the Ogden Seminary and who wish to avail themselves of this fund I do not mean or intend to express any prejudice against any citizen of Kentucky who may be foreign birth but it is my desire and I hereby direct that the benefits of fund shall be confined to the children

of native born white American citizens. Should of the children of **Wm H. Rochester** and **Agatha Strange** desire to avail themselves of this fund I desire that they be first provided for and then preference is expressed for other young men or young women of Warren County Kentucky if any contest arises as to who shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund the decision and appointment of my executors herein named as Regents in this item of my will giving them authority to organize and open said College or Seminary for the reception of students to nominate and appoint their successors as trustees and to take any and all steps necessary for the full and successful conduct of such and institution my executors or either of them shall have the right also to nominate and appoint their successors as trustees and to take any and all steps necessary for the full and successful conduct of such an institution my executors or either of them shall have the right also to nominate and appoint by last will and testament a successor as Regent. Item 16. I hereby authorize and direct my executors hereinafter named to purchase suitable ground and have

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built thereon above ground a vault sufficient large to contain my own body and those of my wife **George Ann** and little Son and my brother **William Ogden** all of whose remains I desire to have deposited in the same vault at the expense of my estate my executors are also authorized to have erected near said vault such a monument to my memory as they may deem proper and compatible with my estate my debts which are few and small if any and my funeral expenses must be paid before any of the devises mentioned in this will. Item 17. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend **W. V. Loving** and his Son **Hector V. Loving** my executors of this my last will and testament with full power and authority to carry out the provisions of same and to carry out wherever in this will they are referred to and designated as executors. Trustees or Regents either of them is invested with the same power confirmed on both in case of the death resignation or failure of the other to qualify as executor or trustee power is hereby given to my executors to sell and convey to the purchaser any or all the lands or real estate to which I have title in law or equity at my death on such terms and credits as they may deem best for my estate I further more grant them or the survivors of them power to appoint by last will and testament a successor as executor and trustee. Having full confidence in the integrity and honesty of my aforesaid executors and deeming the bond or the bond of either of them sufficient I hereby request and direct the county court of the County where this will may be presented for record not to demand of my said executors or either of them any security on the bond that may be required of them or either of them certified under my hand the 6th day of December 1870.

R. W. Ogden

Signed and acknowledged by the testator in our presence and attested by us in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Witnesses **T. B. Wright**

A. C. Wright [*This name is near the very bottom of the page. The page has been damaged to the point that the name is no longer visible.*]

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William V. Loving

Hector V. Loving

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Nov Call Term 1873

This last will and testament of **Robert W. Ogden** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of Drs **T. B. Wright** and **A. C. Wright** whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

State of Kentucky Warren County

I **Elizabeth Hamilton** being sick and weak in body but of a sound and disposing mind and being desirous to dispose of what little money God has blessed me with I make this my last will and testament. 1st. I desire a neat burial and I leave fifty dollars to be expended for my tombstones and the paling in of my grave. 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my sister **Mary T. Blewett** one hundred dollars for her kindness to me in my afflictions. I appoint **Hensley G. Blewett** my executor this January the 6th 1874.

Attest

Elizabeth Hamilton

H. M. Blewett

G. L. Morris

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County February Term 1874

This last will and testament of **Elizabeth Hamilton** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **H. M. Blewett** and **G. L. Morris** Whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. F. Gardner DC

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I **Ellen Kelleher** do hereby make my last will and testament (all former wills & etc being null & void) as follows: I want my body to be buried in a decent and Christian manner in the Catholic Cemetery near Bowling Green Ky And ten (10) dollars is hereby appropriated for masses for the benefit of my soul and after my debts are paid out of what property I now possess in my own name or conjointly I bequeath to my daughter **Hannah O'Conner** and her children (after all expenses are paid out of said property) the residue of said property. I also appoint **Maurice Higgins** my executor to carry out the contents of this will Jan 17th 1874.

Attest

J. A. Timmons

John Burke

Ellen Kelleher

[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court February Term 1874

This last will and testament of **Ellen Kelleher** Deceased was produced in Open Court and proven by the oaths of **J. A. Timmons** and **John Burke** Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardner DC

I **John D. Price** of Warren County Kentucky hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First. It is my Will and desire that after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my sister **Martha Ann Price** all my real and personal estate of every kind and description and lastly I do hereby constitute my father **Joseph K. Price** Executor of this my last will and testament and I desire him not to be required to give any security for the performance of the sum. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25 day of Sept 1873. Signed and sealed and acknowledged in

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presence of **W. K. Smith**

W. P. Sublett

John D. Price [His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court February term 1874

This last will and testament of **John D. Price** deceased was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **W. K. Smith** and **W. P. Sublett**. Whereupon the court being satisfied the same is ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardner DC

I **Richard Gary** of Warren County Kentucky Do hereby make my last will in form following. First that all my just debts be paid and funeral expenses be paid. Second that debt **J. H. Hendrick** owes me shall not be collected for five or ten years unless he shall see proper. Third I will to my daughter **Mary J. White** one hundred dollars. Fourth I will to **Fanny Gary** five dollars. Fifth I will to **Margret Gary** my daughter five dollars. Sixth I will to **Corer Gary** my daughter five dollars. Seventh I will to **Ann Cumford** my daughter five dollars. Eighth I will to **S. P. Gary** my son five dollars. Ninth I will to **Taylor Gary** my son five dollars. Tenth All the balance of my estate I will to **John S. Gary** my son and lastly I appoint my son **John S. Gary** executor of this my last will hereby revoking all other wills in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hands and seal this Jan 21, 1874.

P. S. It is my request that said **John S. Gary** shall not be required to give security as executor of my will.

Witness **B. P. Shirley**

Benjamin E. Thacker

Edmund Lucas

Richard Gary [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court February Term 1874

This last will and testament of **Richard Gary** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **B. P. Shirley B. E. Thacker** and **Edmund Lucas** whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

B. F. Gardner

Last Will and Testament of **Joseph Franklin**

Bowling Green Kentucky December 11th 1873.

I **Joseph Franklin** in my good sense make this my last will and testament with a full knowledge of its contents Item 1st. I bequeath to my beloved wife **Sarah Franklin** and my daughter **Ella Lelia Franklin** and their heirs after them one fourth part of my lot upon which the house now stands situated on State Street near the river Barren for their life time. 2nd Item I bequeath one fourth part of said lot situated as above mentioned in item first to my children **Caroline Cole** (now in Texas) **Nelly Brown Joseph Franklin Jr Winnie Porter** (wife of **Sam Porter**) to be equally divided between them. Item third. I do hereby make as my last will and wish that my wife **Sarah Franklin** be the administratrix of my estate. I do hereby declare that the above will had been read to me and I do make my mark with a full knowledge of its contents.

Witnesses

John F. Thomas

L. W. Underwood

Jacob M. Cox

Moses Harding

Richard Cook

Joseph Franklin [His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County March 23rd 1874

This last will and testament **Joseph Franklin** was this day produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **S. W.**

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Underwood and **Jacob M. Cox**. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Peter Jones** (colored) of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, do hereby make this my last will and testament. 1st. I resign my soul to God who gave it. 2nd. I desire my body should be decently interred by the side of my deceased wife. 3rd. I desire that all my just debts, funeral expenses be 1st paid. 4th. I desire that after all these are fully liquidated that whatever money there may be let be equally divided between my 5 grand children as they arrive at lawful age, viz: **Dillard Loving, Susan Loving, Reuben Loving, Sarilda Loving** and **Cooper Wright Loving** by the 25th of December next or as soon thereafter as convenient and last I do appoint **Jno M. Stone** and **H. L. Mitchell** executors to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand this 18th day of February 1874.

Witness

H. C. Mitchell

M. F. Mitchell

Peter Jones

[His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct. Warren County April 6 1874

This last will and testament of **Peter Jones** decd was this day produced into open court and proven by the oath of **M. F. Mitchell** who also proved the attestation of **H. C. Mitchell** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardner DC

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The State of Texas Caldwell County

In the name of God Amen. I **William Proctor** of the county of Caldwell and State of Texas being of sound in mind and body and being sensible of the uncertainty of human life do ordain and publish this as my last will and testament First it is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid. Second. It is my desire and will all of my property

both real and personal remaining after paying my debts as aforesaid shall descend and pass to my beloved wife **Mary E. Proctor** to be by her kept and used by her for her benefit & use and that of my children by her and to descend and pass at her death to her bodily heirs by me. Third. It is my desire that nothing further shall be done in the settlement of my estate by the County Court only so far as to probate this my will and to grant letters testamentary Fourth It is my wish and desire that my beloved wife **Mary E. Proctor** shall be the Executor of this my last will and testament and that she be allowed by the Probate Court without surety to do so. Witness my hand and scroll for seal in the county of Caldwell and State of Texas this 21st day of November 1865.

Signed and sealed in our presence by the testator
and signed by us as Witnesses at his request in the
presence of each other November 1865.

William Proctor

John B. McMahon
J. A. Glenn

April 15 1874
Test **W. Barnett**
T. L. S. Proctor

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County May 25th 1874

This last will and testament of **William Proctor** decd was this day produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **T. L. S. Proctor** who also proved the attestation of **W. Barnett** the other subscribing witness thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark

By B. F. Gardner

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I **Wm K. Smith** of Warren County Kentucky do make this my following will and testament revoking all others. First I desire that the policy of insurance on my wife when paid shall be used in payment of my debts to the extent it may be necessary for that purpose said policy being in the Masonic Insurance Company of Kentucky. I desire my debts to be paid with money I have on hand or may be owing to me so that my wife and children may have a homestead. I appoint my friend **Chas Asher** and my wife **Virginia Smith** the Executor and Executrix of my will and in case they or either of for any cause fail to act then I desire that after consulting with my wife a person of business qualities shall be appointed my wife to be satisfied with the appointment. I desire that all my personal property no needed for carrying on the farm by my wife shall be sold at some convenient and proper time I prefer in the fall of the present year at a time when it will bring the best price. It is my desire that **Clay Proctor** shall pay to my estate the amt of \$766.00 which he owes me and his wife shall have her interest in the estate of **Vance Porter** decd this 7th day of April AD 1874.

Witnesses **R. C. Thomas**

Wm K. Smith

J. M. Porter
W. C. Taylor
Jos C. Barclay
P. A. McElwain

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct August Term 1874

This last will and testament of **W. K. Smith** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **Jno. M. Porter** and Dr. **R. C. Thomas** two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardiner DC

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I **James B. Clark** of Warren County Kentucky conscious of the uncertainty of Live and the certainty of death and having a wife and no children and desirous to do full justice to a faithful and true wife by this last will and testament do hereby give and bequeath to my said wife **Celia J. Clark** all the estate of every character and kind be the same real, personal or mixed that I may own at my death hereby vesting a title in fee simple and absolute in the aforesaid **Celia J.** in every specie and character of property and estate and what I may own or have claim to at my death and I hereby constitute my said wife sole executrix of this will and request the county court when this will may be recorded to require no security of my said wife as executrix of this will as she and she alone is entitled to all I have on earth and I owe little or nothing. Signed by me this 25th day May 1870. Signed and acknowledged by the testator

in our presence and we signed in his presence.

Wm V. Loving

J. D. McGoodwin

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James B. Clark [His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Aug Term 1874

This last will and testament of **J. B. Clark** was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **Wm V. Loving** and **J. D. McGoodwin** two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. F. Gardiner DC

I **William Brown** being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament as follows. First I will and direct that all my just debts be paid. 2nd I will and direct that my executor

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sell and convey all my real estate and that he sell all my personal estate excepts so much as in herein especially bequeathed. 3rd. I will and bequeath to **Lizzie Kinnaird** the wife of **Samuel Kinnaird** all my farming implements household and kitchen furniture my gold watch and my iron safe likewise my blacksmith tools two good horses four good cows two good yoke of oxen twenty sheep twenty five hogs three hundred Bushels of corn one hundred bushels of wheat or its equivalent in flour all of which are to be selected by her out of what I may have on hand at my death so far as the horses cows and sheep and hogs are concerned as well as the corn and wheat I likewise will and bequeath to the said **Lizzie** two good saddles one good woman's saddle three good bridles out of those on hand and if none such as I bequeath to the said person to be supplied by my executor out of my funds in his hands after payment of debts and the compliance with the above bequests made. 4th I will and give to **Saml Kinnaird** \$500.00 dollars in cash to be paid out of any funds in the executors hands first after the satisfaction of above bequest to his wife. 5th I further and next in order will & give to my grandson **James A. Brown** and my grandson **Wm Brown Jr** five hundred dollars to be paid by my executor when collected to them if of age and if not to their guardians. 6th I further will and give to my three grand daughters sisters of **James** to the oldest **Mary** or **Molly** three hundred dollars to **Bell** two hundred dollars and to **Lee** two hundred dollars and if either die before the bequest comes to their hands or that their Guardian then their share shall go to the surviving sisters above name equally to be divided between them I will that the above named legacies and bequests shall have priority precedence the one over the other in the order they are named I have made Mrs. **Kinnaird** my principal Legatee as well as her husband in as much as she was raised by me and has resided with me and to whom

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I am much attached. 7th I also will and direct that all my residuary estate after the satisfaction of the foregoing bequest legacies shall go to the payment of debts. 8th I appoint **Henry T. Clark** my executor of this will and testament giving him full power to sell and convey except so far as above directed, I likewise request the Court having jurisdiction to protect this will to require no security of any kind from him in the bond he may give or have to give I believe further that my estate will be troublesome perhaps to settle up that my executor will compensated in payment more than the ordinary rate not exceeding a reasonable sum. There is many things on my mind that I may think proper and rite to add this will which I have room for that purpose should I think best. I finally command my soul to God given under my hand and seal this Feby 5th 1872.

Witness

J. B. Horton

John C. Jones

William Brown

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Aug Term 1874

This last will and testament of **William Brown** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **John C. Jones** and **J. B. Horton** two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardiner DC

In the name of God I **John Hogan** (a man of color) being of sound mind and disposing memory yet weak in body and being desirous to make disposition of my effects real or personal as that may be just to the parties herein after named do make & publish this my last will

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& testament revoking all others heretofore by me made. Item first. It is my will and I so direct that my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of any assets belonging to my estate. Item second. It is true that the deed for the lot on which the house where I now live is located was made to **E. R. Gordon** now deceased but the money and labor and etc paid for said lot was the effects that is the money and any item paid was mine. The deed was made as before state when I was a slave (or about that time) said **E. R. Gordon** was my friend and giving me constant employment the proceeds of which (in part) from time to time was appropriated to the payment of the aforesaid lot but that all the amount due on said lot was paid by me or my order. Item third. I give to my son **Solomon Hogan** five dollars to my daughter **Harriet Crabb** five dollars to my daughter **Laura Hogan** (who is and has been faithful to her mother and family) liberally of the proceeds of my estate so far as it exists (my wife knowing the facts) to be the judge at least one half of the value of the aforesaid lot at the death of my wife **Lucy Ann Hogan** to my daughter **Fanny Hogan** I give five dollars to my son **John Hogan** I give five dollars with such addition as his afflicted condition may require that may be necessary my wife as aforesaid to be the judge to my daughter **Ella Hogan** being the youngest child and to be raised and give five dollars with the same privilege as that given to my wife for **John Hogan Jr.** Item fourth. I give and bequeath to my wife **Lucy Ann Hogan** as aforesaid all of the remainder of my estate real personal or mixed to do with and manage as to her seems best for herself and children. Item fifth. I hereby appoint **Charles Burnam** my executor of this my last will. Given under my hand this 18th day of August 1874.

Witness

John Burke
John Burnam

John Hogan [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County September Term 1874

This last will and testament of **John Hogan** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **John Burke John Burnam** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardner

I **Isaac C. Covington** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make this my last will and testament in the following manner after all my just debts shall have been paid. I give all of my cash and cash notes stocks bonds my property known as the Richmond Saloon in Bowling Green and all other property of every description to my son **Edward D. Covington** and my daughter **Margaret R. Watt** to be equally divided between them provided that the property divided to my daughter **M. R. Watt** shall be held by her for her sole and separate use free from the control of her present husband or any husband she may hereafter have and not in any way to be subject to the debts and liabilities of her said husband giving to the said **M. R. Watt** power to dispose of and use in any way she may deem property all or any part thereof without any interference from her said husband. I do further direct the said **E. D. Covington** and **M. R. Watt** shall pay over to **J. S. Scobee** one hundred dollars per annum so long as he may live out of the estate so divided by them It is expressly understood that **John Covington** is not have any interest in my estate ample provision being made heretofore by me in property given to his father **Benjamin H. Covington** in his life time. Given under my hand this 15 day April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

I. C. Covington

N. B. I further direct that **E. D. Covington** shall have his portion whereupon I now live including my survey recently made by **G. Stayton** 239 acres described in lot No 2 and **M. R. Watt** shall have that portion which is described in lot No 3 248 ½ acres lot No 1 having been deeded to **Martha Covington**.

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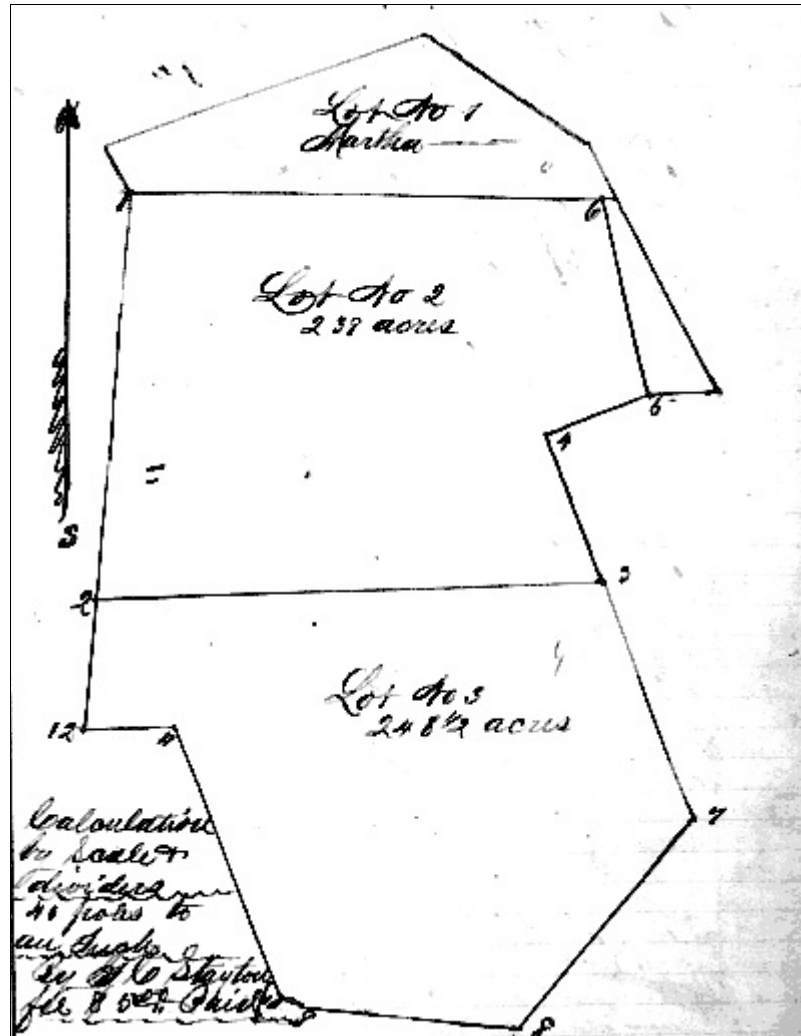
Witnesses my hand this 15 May 1874.

Attest

Jas H. Wilkins

G. C. Stayton

I. C. Covington



Calculation by scale & dividers
40 poles to an inch [in original book]

By G. C. Stayton

fee \$5.00 Paid

The foregoing is a plot of the division of land made by Isaac Covington on the 1st day of May 1874 of his home place Lot No 2 is Bounded as follows to wit Beginning on an Elm near the branch thence S & W by protraction 187 poles S a Post oak a division corner between lots 2 & 3 (see figure)

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Thence with a line of No 3 East by protraction 225 poles to a stake on the original line thence with the same N & W by protraction 72 poles to a stone near a Hickory pointer an original corner thence N 71 E 50 poles to a stone thence N 12 W 93 1/2 poles to a stone with 2 black jacks pointers thence N 87 1/2 W 208 poles to the Beginning containing

23 acres.(Scale & dividers) Lot No. 3 is bounded as follows to wit Beginning on a stone (see fig 7) thence S 47 W 125 poles to a black oak (see fig 8) thence N 80 W 98 poles to two black oaks see 9 thence N 62 ½ W 11 poles two black jack see fig 10 then N 17 ¾ W 129 1/2 poles to a stooping black oak (see fig 11) thence West 40 feet to a small hickory with pointers see fig 12 then 6 E 58 ½ poles to a post oak a division corner between lots 2 and 3 thence with a division line between same East 225 poles to a stake on the original line thence with said line S 19 E by protraction 116 poles to the Beginning containing 248 ½ acres (by scale & divider). Surveyed May 1st /74 By **G. C. Stayton**.

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct Feb Term 1875

This last will and testament **I. C. Covington** decd and plat herewith filed was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Jas H. Wilkins** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **G. C. Stayton** whereupon proved the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Richard Patterson** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being in feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory make and publish this my last will and testament by revoking all former wills made by me. Item 1st I constitute and appoint my son **Charlie C. Patterson** of Bowling Green Kentucky t be my Executor of this my last will and testament and having the utmost confidence in his honesty and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties as my Executor I desire that he

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qualify as such without giving any security. Item 2nd. I desire that all my funeral expenses and all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate by my said Executor. Item 3rd. I desire that all my real and personal estate shall be sold upon such terms and considerations as my said Executor shall elect If my Executor elect not to sell soon after my death he is not compelled to do so by this will. Item 4th. I have heretofore given my daughter **Susan R. Loving** three negroes and some other things. I do not desire that those things shall be taken into consideration in the settlement and distribution of my estate as she said **Susan R. Loving** boarded my niece **Lou Patterson** and my daughter **Georgia** for a considerable time while they were going to school and has bestowed many kindness upon me and other members of my family since she has been married thereby fully compensating me for the three negroes and other things aforesaid. Item 5. I desire that my said Executor retain in his hands two thousand dollars \$2000 to be put to interest by him. The interest of which said sum is to be applied to the support and comfort of my niece **Lou Foster** to whom I have principally raised and educated also to the education clothing and support and comfort of my niece and her two sons **Eddie** and **Robert Foster** if the interest be not sufficient then any part of the principal may be used for these purposes at the discretion of my said Executor and if any part of the principal may be used for these purposes of the two thousand dollars remain or is not spent for the said **Lou** and her two sons afsd. When the younger of the two arises at the age of eighteen years then all that is remaining of the said two thousand dollars if any is to revert to my estate and is to be equally divided among my four children **James W.** and **Charles C. Patterson Susan R. Loving** and **Georgia Stubbins**. Item 6th. I desire that all the money arising from the sale of my property and real estate shall be equally divided among my four children, to wit. **Susan R. Loving C. C. Patterson James Patterson**, and **Georgia Stubbins**. Item 7th. I desire that all my cash notes and all accounts which I may hold at the time of my death be collected by my Executor except the amounts advanced to my two sons **C. C.** and **J. W. Patterson** which amounts they are to account for in the

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settlement and distribution of my estate. Item 8th. I desire that the shares of my two daughters be given them in stocks or bonds or both stocks and bonds at their current value and to this end I desire that my said Executor shall invest the interest of my said daughters in my estate in stocks and bonds or in either as he thinks best and deliver them to my said daughters should my daughters or either of them at the time of her or their deaths hold said stocks and bonds, or either the I desire them to descent to the heirs of her or their bodies. Item 9th. I appoint my son **C. C. Patterson** Trustee for my son **James W. Patterson** whom I desire shall take into possession the share of said **James W. Patterson** herein bequeathed to him who shall have full control of same until in his judgement my said son **James W. Patterson** shall have so reformed his habits that property would be reasonably safe in his hand at which time my said son **James W. Patterson** shall have full control and possession of his full share. In witness whereof I

have hereunto set my hand and seal the 26 day of November the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred seventy three.

Richd Patterson

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by **Richard Patterson** 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 me at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

James C. Sims, Glasgow, KY
Elijah W. Stayton, Bristow, KY

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct February Term 1875

This last will and testament of **Richard Patterson** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Elijah W. Stayton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **James C. Sims** whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC
By S M Matlock DC

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I **Alexander Price** of the city of Bowling Green County of Warren State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as and for my last will and testament hereby expressly revoking all other wills made by me. 1st. I desire and direct that all my just debts of every description including funeral charges shall be paid by my Executrix hereinafter named. 2nd. In the life time of my deceased son **F. G. Price** I made liberal advancements to him in money and property since his death I have paid his debts the said advancements and the said debts so paid by me amounting to his full share of my estate I therefore give and bequeath to my grandson **A. H. Price** son of said **F. G. Price** only two hundred dollars. 3rd. I give and bequeath the remainder and residue of my property of all kinds to my two daughters **M. E. Price** and **S. T. Price** to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. 4th. I hereby nominate and appoint my said daughters **M. E. Price** my executrix and give her full and ample power to sell and dispose of any property belonging to me for the purpose herein before mentioned. I have full confidence in the capacity of my said daughter and desire and direct that no security be required of her as my executrix by the Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 10th day of March 1875.

Attest

J. W. Gorin
L. L. Bacon

Alex Price

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct March Term 1875

This last will and testament of **Alex Price** decd was produced in open court and proven by thee oaths of **J. W. Gorin** and **L. L. Bacon** two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **Adeline Blewett** wife of **Charles E. Blewett** of Warren County Kentucky having authority so to do under and by virtue of a deed conveying to me two parcels or tracts of land which bears date the 6 day of February 1860 and which has been duly recorded in the Clerks office of the Warren County Court make this my last will and testament. Having the utmost confidence in my husband the said **Charles** and the strongest love and affection for him I do hereby and in the presence of the authority vested in me by the said deed give will and devise to my said husband **Charles E. Blewett** the two tracts or parcels of land mentioned and described in the said deed one of them containing according to said deed sixty four acres and the other twenty acres and refer to said deed for the boundary of each tract. Upon my death it is my will even if I should leave a child or children or grandchildren surviving me that the said **Charles E.** Shall have hold and possess a fee simple estate in said two tracts or parcels of land on testimony of all which I have hereto set my hand name this 23 day of July 1862. The word "leave" interlined before signed, signed sealed and published by **Adeline Blewett** as for her last will and testament in our presence and we witnessed the same at her request and in her presence.

James H. Rose
S. H. Gee

Adeline Blewett

I **Adeline Blewett** wife of **Charles E. Blewett** of the County of Warren State of Kentucky do make constitute, declare, and publish the following codicil to my last will and testament dated 23 day of July 1862. To wit I hereby ratify and confirm the provisions and bequest of said will and whereas since making said will I have sold or exchanged a portion of this land in said will mentioned to Col. **John H. Grider** and said **Grider** has by deed dated the 1st day of November 1866 conveyed to me eight acres and 82 ½ poles of land and I hereby will and devise unto my husband **Chas E. Blewett** said eight acres and 82 ½ poles of land and it is further

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my will and devise that in the event that I should hereafter sell said lands named in said last will and testament or in this codicil during my life my said husband is to have all said notes claims or demands for said land or any part thereof that my be due or which may become due for same. It being my will and intention and devise to devise to my said husband all the real personal and mixed estate I may own or posses and in which I may have an interest at my death signed and sealed and published as a codicil to my last will and testament in our presence and we witness the same at the request of and in the presence of the said **Adeline Blewett**.

James H. Rose
S. H. Gee

Adeline Blewett

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

This last will and testament of **Adeline Blewett** decd together with the codicil thereto annexed was this day produced in open Court and said will together with the codicil thereto annexed was proven by the oaths of **James H. Rose** and **S. H. Gee** the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being witnesses thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied it is ordered that said will together with the codicil thereto annexed was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

In the name of God Amen, I **James Dillingham** of Warren County and State of Kentucky being weak in body strength but of sound mind and knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die makes this my last will and testament in the absence of my wife **E. D.** 1st I will that all my just debts and liabilities be paid. 2nd. That my beloved wife **Eliza Dillingham** shall have the entire estate left after the payment of all just demands.

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3rd. That she shall have the entire use of all my lands homestead and all to rent and use as she sees proper. 4th. If **Idar Bell Davis** lives to be 14 years old I will that she shall have a twenty dollar saddle out of my estate but if she should die nothing over and above her proportionable part. 5th. At the death of my beloved wife **Eliza Dillingham** I want the entire estate left equally divided between my nine heirs **Sarah C. Patillow Martha F. Barrack Permelia I. Duvall Wm H. Dillingham Jacob W. Dillingham Susan E. Thomas Ann E. Mottley Nancy E. Shive Ida B. Davis**. 6th. I will that my beloved wife **Eliza Dillingham** shall act as executor to wind up my business without giving any bond of any kind. Given under my hand this the 8th day of March 1875.

Attest

Wm Wright
John Hudson

Jas Dillingham

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Aug Term 1875

This last will and testament of **James Dillingham** decd was produced in open court and proven by thee oath of **Wm Wright** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proven the attestation of **John Hudson** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

James B. Clark CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **N. P. Lucas** of the city of Bowling Green County of Warren and State of Kentucky, knowing the uncertainty of life, and now enjoying my usual good health and being possessed of a sound mind and memory and having a desire to dispose of such worldly property as I may possess at my death. I do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills that I may have heretofore made. Item first. It is my will and desire that all of my just debts should I be owing any including my funeral expenses be first paid. Item second. It is my will and I hereby will and bequeath to my sisters **Sarah A. Lucas Mary Ellen**

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Lucas and Martha Thomas Lucas if living at my death or to such of them as may be then living jointly all of my property of every kind, real personal and mixed. Item third. I appoint my said sisters **Sarah A. Mary Ellen** and **Martha Thomas Lucas** or such of them as are living at my death the executors of this my last will and testament and request the County Court to permit them or any one of them to qualify as such without requiring them or either of them to give security. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and signature this day of September 1874. Acknowledged in the presence of

W. H. Rochester

L. L. Cooke

N. P. Lucas

State of Kentucky sct Warren County Court August Term 1875

This last will and testament of **N. P. Lucas** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **L. L. Cooke** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **W. H. Rochester** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

James B. Clark CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

In the name of God Amen, whereas it is appointed unto all men to die and knowing that owing to disease that is now praying on me I cannot live but a short time and feeling that my mind is sound and wishing to leave some direction in reference to my worldly matters. Therefore I make this my last will and testament. 1st. I leave my lands and farms to my wife for the benefit of herself and my children until my youngest child becomes twenty one years old. I wish no division sooner unless in case of the death of my wife it should really become necessary and in said event I want my youngest children to have provisions made for them to make them equal to the older ones. 2nd. I want all my just debts to be paid and

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as I hold a policy in the Kentucky Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Co. I hereby order and wish that after my death all or so much of the proceeds of said policy as will be necessary to pay my debts be used for that purpose and wish it to be paid as soon as collected. 3rd. I furthermore order and desire that as **William Taylor W. A. Goode** and **Thos H. Miller** are holding mortgage on my land that they be paid out of the first money that is collected out of the proceeds of said policy and mortgages released. 4th. I wish all my household and kitchen furniture to be repaired and kept by and for the benefit of my wife and children. 5th. And if there should be any other personal property that my wife and her advisers should think best to sell or dispose of after my death that a sale be ordered and said property be sold and disposed of. 6th. I hereby appoint and leave my wife **Louisa Miller** as my executrix to carry into effect and execute this my last will and testament except so far as to the payment of my debts. I leave **Thos H. Miller** and **W. A. Goode** to receive and pay out the money arising from the policy above referred to according to articles 2nd and 3rd in this will I also appoint them as advisors for my wife believing they will be of advantage to her in settling up my estate. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25 day of June 1875. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of

W. A. Goode

T. H. Miller

S. H. Miller

J. L. Taylor

W. E. Miller

[Seal]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court August Term 1875

This will of **W. E. Miller** was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **W. A. Goode** and **T. H. Miller** and **J. L. Taylor** the subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardiner DC

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I **John Edward Johnson** of Bowling Green Ky do make and publish this my last will and testament bing in sound mind and disposing memory. First I give and devise and bequeath unto my beloved half sister **Catherine Hisson** of Bowling Green Ky all my interest in and to the real estate in said town embracing my interest in the house and lot on

Green Street in said City which was owned by my father now dead and which is now occupied by my mother **Margaret Johnson** the said apportioned hereby devised being my half interest in said property given under my hand this 28th day of October A. D. 1875. Acknowledged in the presence of

John M. Porter
Patrick Guinan
R. C. Thomas

John Edward Johnson

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set Oct Term 1875

This last will and testament of **John E. Johnson** was produced in open Court and proven in full by the oath of **Patrick Guinan** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **R. C. Thomas** and **Jno M. Porter** the other subscribing witness the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Vivion Crosthwait** of the County of Warren State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and conscious of the uncertainty of life and certainty of death and desirous not to die intestate do make publish this as and for my last will and testament. I hereby give and bequeath

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to my wife **Margaret** as Trustee in trust of and for the use and benefit of herself and our children during her life all the estate real and personal and mixed that I may own at my death or have title to law or equity with power and authority herein and hereby given to my said wife as trustee aforesaid to sell and convey to my purchaser any or all of said estate for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds of same for the use and benefit of herself during her life and after her death to pass and descend to our children equally. It is further my will and desire that our minor children be raised and educated out of the common estate free of charge and that my aforesaid wife and trustee may make such advancements to any one or all of our aforesaid children as she may deem prudent and proper and that at her death an equal division of said estate be had and made amongst our said children any one of them so advanced according for such advancements upon a final division of said estate in the event of any one of our children dying having a child or children such child or children are to represent such deceased parent in the final division of my aforesaid estate. In addition to the appointment of my afd wife as Trustee aforesaid I hereby also appoint her Executrix of this my last will and as I am not in debt at all counts have ample means to pay any indebtedness of mine. I hereby release my aforesaid wife, Trustee and executrix as aforesaid from giving any security in qualifying in any capacity under this will and respectfully request the court in which this will may be tendered for record not to require security of her as I am willing to trust her. In the event my son **Samuel** now in California should return and reside in the vicinity of my wife and family I desire that he should cooperate with my aforesaid wife in the sale and disposition of the estate herein already authorized to be sold and the proceeds

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reinvested or in other words that my son **Samuel** shall approve and sanction in writing any sales and transfers of said Estate when made by my afs wife of the estate when sd sales if made are made. July 2 1852. We the undersigned do acknowledge this will as our Fathers last will and testament and asked the Court to record the same.

Nannie M. Garrison
Mag Crosthwait
Maria M. Crosthwait
Belle Crosthwait
Samuel M. Crosthwait

V. A. Crosthwait

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set Oct Term 1875

This last will and testament of **V. A. Crosthwait** decd was produce in open Court and proven by the oath of **L. L. Cooke** to be wholly in the handwriting of **V. A. Crosthwait** decd. The same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest James B. Clark CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

The last will and testament of **John Petty** in the name of God amen I now revoke all wills heretofore made by me and declare and publish this my last will and testament I first and foremost of all things commit my sprit to the God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came. I then desire all my just debts to be paid out of my personal estate by my executor or executrix and to collect all that may be owing to me. I then give to each of my children one dollar each to come out of said personal estate to paid by my executor or executrix hereinafter mentioned in a reasonable length of time after they have qualified as such I then give devise and bequeath to my wife **Yarddeah Petty** all the remainder

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of my estate both personal and real to have and control the same so long as she remains a widow and in case of her marriage then all of my estate that she may control of both personal and real to be equally divided between all of my heirs according to the statutes laws of Kentucky. I now appoint my wife **Yarddeah Petty** my executrix and **J. W. Underhill** executor to act in conjunction with her to carry out the intentions of this will without being required to give any bond to the County Court before entering upon there duties as executrix and executor of this will. In testimony of all I have subscribed my name this Oct 6th 1875.

Attest **R. H. Morris**
J. P. Martin

John Petty
[His Mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Oct Term 1875

This last will and testament of **John Petty** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **R. H. Morris** and **J. P. Martin** the subscribing witnesses thereto the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest James B. Clark CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Lewis Moore** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament. First I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid if any debts which I think are but few. Second I desire and bequeath all my property both real and personal to **Mandy Covington** wife of **Hart Covington** for her sole use and benefit. Second I desire that if the said **Mandy Covington** should die and leave children then I desire that the

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property herein devised go to them to be equally divided amongst them but should she die without children then I desire the property devised to her to go to **Hart Covington** husband of **Mandy Covington** if living at her death if not then to her nearest of kin. Third I desire that **Charles C. Smith** be appointed executor of this my last will and testament and I desire that the Court require no security of the said **Smith** In witness whereof I have this the 27th day of May 1875 set my hand.

Witness **S. M. Matlock**
Ben F. Gardner

Lewis Moore [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Oct Term 1875

This last will and testament of **Lewis Moore** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **S. M. Matlock** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Ben F. Gardiner** the other subscribing witness Thereto whereupon the Court being satisfied the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest James B. Clark CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Walter Lawrence** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make and declare this my last will and testament and dispose of all my property as follows. That after my burial and funeral charges are paid together with my just debts of all description it is my will and desire that as my son **Johnson Lawrence** has already recd from me one hundred acres of land one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf eight head of sheep one feather bed and furniture some table furniture and cooking utensils and I desire he shall have \$50.00 from my estate in cash and no more. I have already given to my son **Willis Lawrence** 126 acres of land one horse saddle and bridle

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one cow and calf and head of sheep one feather bed and furniture some table furniture and cooking utensils and I desire that he shall have from my estate \$50.00 in cash and no more. I give to my son **Franklin Lawrence** say 66 acres of land being a part of the tract of land I purchased of **Jonathan Thomas** I have given him already one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf and in place of 8 head of sheep hath given him one feather bed and furniture. Some table furniture and some cooking utensils and desire him to stay on the land where he now lives so long as he may think proper but when he leaves said place he has no further control of it and no more from my estate. I desire that my two grand daughters **Mary** and **Martha Lawrence** daughters of **Willis Lawrence** have \$50.00 each from my estate in cash all the balance of my property of all descriptions it is my will and desire that my daughter **Conna Lawrence** shall have it and dispose of it as she may think proper and I wish my sons together with my daughter to select an executor to make sale of any property of my estate that may be necessarily sold in testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 22nd day of June 1867.

Test

Willis Lawrence

Walter Lawrence [His mark]

C. Duff

Woodford Lawrence

Ahmid Lawrence

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set

This last will and testament of **Walter Lawrence** was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **Almid Lawrence** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Wm Lawrence** one of the other subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest J. B. Clark CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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In the name of God Amen I **Samuel Childers** citizen of Warren County Kentucky being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling into mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of All mighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial and etc. As touching such Worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following form and manner. First of all after my funeral expenses are paid I wish all my just and honest debts paid. Second I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife **Susan Childers** all of my lands tenements and etc together with all of my household goods, debts and moveable effects who I likewise constitute make and ordain the sole executrix of this my last will and testament by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed so long as she may live then to be divided as she may think proper and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disavow all and every other former will legacies and bequests and Executors by me in any wise before named willed and bequeathed satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine signed, sealed, published, pronounced and delivered by the sd **Samuel Childers** as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presents of each other have hereunto set our hands and seals.

Attest **Jas Wilson**

John W. Hill

Samuel Childers [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sept 28 1874

This last will and testament of **Samuel Childers** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of **Jas Wilson** and **Jno W. Hill** two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. F. Gardner DC

Whereas a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of my deceased husband **Wm E. Miller** was probated and admitted to record at the August term 1875 of the Warren County Court and recorded in Will Book No 4 page

169 in the office of said Court now this is to witness that I do hereby and by these presents relinquish and renounce the provisions of said will I being the widow of said **Miller**.

Nov 22, 1875

Louisa Miller

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I James B. Clark Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that this release of **Louisa Miller** to be her act and deed and that I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1875.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By B. J. Gardiner

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Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the tenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three **Harriet B. Delafield, Albert Delafield, Susan P. Delafield, Juliet C. Delafield, Emma Delafield, Laura Delafield** and **H. Cecil Delafield** the widow only heirs and next of kin of **Richard Delafield** late of the County of New York deceased appeared in open Court before **Robert C. Hutchings** Surrogate of the County of New York and made application to have the said last will and testament which relates to both real and personal estate proved and on such application the Surrogate did ascertain by satisfactory evidence that said applicants were the widow and only heirs and next of kin of said deceased and all of full age an on that day no one appearing to oppose the probate of said will such proceedings were thereupon had afterwards that said Surrogate took the proofs of said will hereinafter set forth and upon this twentieth day of November in year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three he adjudged said will to be a said last will and testament and proofs are as follows that is to say.

By the Grace of God Amen. I **Richard Delafield** a Brigadier General of the Corps of Engineers of the Army of the United States now retired from actual service and at present residing in the city and living in Washington D. C. Do make, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament. After payment of my just debts I give and dispose of my estate as follows. Imprimis I give and devise to my wife **Harriet B. Delafield** in fee simple all the real estate at

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or near Bowling Green Kentucky of which I may die seized and I bequeathed to her during her natural life the interest on a bond of \$550.00 of the city of Bowling Green to be applied to the payment of the taxes on said real estate. Item. I give and bequeath to my six children to wit **Susan P. Delafield, Juliet C. Delafied, Emma Delafield, Laura Delafield, Albert Delafield** and **Cecil H. Delafield** all the stock belonging to me and standing in my name in the Michigan Central Iron Company equally between them. Item. I give and bequeath to my son **Albert Delafield** such annual allowance out of my estate as maybe necessary to provide him with board and lodging in the city of New York during the time my wife on condition that he gives his services to my estate in the collection and management of the income and in the care and investment of my estate as far as such services are to be rendered in that city as one of the Executors and Trustees of this my last will. I also give and bequeath to him my gold watch and restore to him the watch I now use received by him from the estate of his aunt, Mrs. **Susan Parish**. Item. I give and bequeath and restore to my dear children all the presents of utility and household ornaments all furniture which they have from time to time given to me as offerings of their love and affection to each of my said children the respective articles which they have given to me. Item. I give and bequeath to my son **Albert Delafield** all my law books public documents maps and plans in sheets both printed and manuscript and all my professional and scientific books and upon the death of my wife I

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give and bequeath all the rest of my books to my daughters to be divided equally among them the division to be made by themselves if possible otherwise to be made by some one of their cousins who may be selected for that purpose by their brother. Item. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of every description and wheresoever situated I give and devise and bequeath to my executors and trustees hereinafter named in trust to apply and manage the same for the benefit support and comfort of my wife and children in the manner following. To wit. In the first place to provided during the life of my wife a furnished house as a home for my wife and children and out of the income of my estate to provide the expenses of keeping said house so as to enable my said family to live in the manner they have been accustomed to said house and the keeping of the same to be under the control and direction

of my wife as the head of the establishment. Secondly to keep the house and furniture in good repair and from time to time to renew the worn out furniture. Thirdly to pay all taxes and assessments on the property. And fourthly either semiannually or quarterly to make a dividend of the residue of the income after satisfying the objects hereinafter provided for equally between my wife and six children aforesaid so as to give each of said children and my wife an equal share of the whole and each one is to defray out of his or her share of said income his or her personal expenses such as wearing apparel, traveling etc. Item. Upon the death of my wife I direct that my executors and trustees shall make an

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equal division of my whole estate not herein specifically otherwise disposed of among and between my children then living and the descendants of any deceased child who may have married and died leaving issue so that such descendants of any deceased child will receive the same share which their parent would have received if living. Item. I hereby declare that the provisions herein made for the benefit of my wife is intended by me and is to be accepted by her in lieu of her dower in my real estate and of her legal share of my personal estate. Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my wife **Harriet B. Delafield** my son **Albert Delafield** and my daughter **Susan P. Delafield** executors and trustees of my last will and direct that upon the death of any one of them my next oldest daughter, then living shall succeed the one dying as executor and trustee and to enable them to carry into effect the trust of this will I give and bequeath and devise the residue of my estate as aforesaid to them their heirs executors and administrators according to the nature of the property with full power to sell and dispose of any of the real estate stocks bonds or other effects at public or private sale when and as may seem meet to them and reinvest the proceeds of any and every such sale in such manner as they may deem best subject to the trusts hereinbefore set forth. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and seventy three.

Richard Delafield [Seal]

Signed, sealed, published and declare by **Richard Delafield** the above named

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testator as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request in his presence and in presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Thomas M. Vincent	No 1221 N Street NW Washington, DC
Thos Lincoln Casey	No 1419 K Street NW Washington, DC
John G. Parkes	No 16 Lafayette Square Washington, DC

County of New York. To wit. **Thomas M. Vincent** stationed at Washington DC being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter and examine on behalf of the applicant to prove said will says. I was well acquainted with **Richard Delafield** now deceased. I knew the above named decedent for ten years and upwards before his death. The subscription of the name of said decedent for to the instrument now shown to me and offered for the probate as his last will and testament and bearing date the 17th day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three was made by the decedent at the city of New York in the presence of myself, **Thomas L. Casey** and **John G. Parkes** the other subscribing witness. At the time of such subscription the said decedent declared the said instrument so subscribed by him to be his last will and testament and I thereupon signed my name as a witness at the end of said instrument at the request of said decedent and in his presence. The said decedent at the time of so executing said instrument was upwards of the age of twenty one years and of sound mind memory and understanding and not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to devise real estate. I also saw said **Thomas L. Casey** and **John G. Parkes** the other attesting witnesses sign their names as witnesses at

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the end of said will and know that they did so at the request of said decedent and in his presence.

Thomas M. Vincent

Sworn this 12th day of November 1873 before me.

Copy

Robt. C. Hutchings

County of New York. To wit, **Thomas Lincoln Casey** stationed at Washington D. C. Being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said will says: I was well acquainted with **Richard Delafield** now deceased. I knew the above named decedent for twenty years before his death. The subscription of the name of said decedent to the instrument now shown to me and offered for probate as his last will and testament and bearing the date 17th day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three was made by the decedent at the city of New York in the presence of myself **Thomas M. Vincent** and **John G. Parks** the other subscribing witnesses. At the time of such subscription the said decedent declared the said instrument to subscribed by him to be his last will and testament. And I thereupon signed my name as a witness at the end of said instrument at the request of decedent and in his presence. The said decedent at the time of so executing said instruments was upwards of the age of twenty one years and of sound mine, memory and understanding and not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to devise real estate. I also saw said **Thomas M. Vincent** and **John G. Parks** the other attesting witnesses sign their names as witnesses at the end of said will and know that they did so at the request of said decedent and in his presence.

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Thos Lincoln Casey

Sworn this 13th day of November 1873 before me.

(Copy)

Robt C. Hutchings

Surrogates Court County of New York

In the matter of proving the lawful will and testament of **Richard Delafield** decd.

As a will of real and personal estate. Examination of witnesses, sworn and examined in the above entitled matter. County of New York, to wit: **John G. Parks** stationed at Washington D. C. Being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said will says I was well acquainted with **Richard Delafield** now deceased. I knew the above named decedent for over fifteen years before his death. The subscription of the named of said decedent to the instrument now shown to me and offered for probate as his last will and testament and bearing date the 17th day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three was made by the decedent at the city of New York in the presence of myself **Thomas L. Casey** and **Thomas M. Vincent** the other subscribing witness. At the time of such subscription the said decedent declared the said instrument so subscribed by him to be his last will and testament. And I there upon signed my name as witness at the end of said instrument at the request of said decedent and in his presence. The said decedent at the time of so executing said instrument was upwards of the age of twenty one years and of sound mind memory and understanding and not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to devise real estate.

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I also saw said **Thomas L. Casey** and **Thomas M. Vincent** the other attesting witnesses sign their names as witnesses at the end of said will and know that they did so at the request of said decedent and in his presence.

John G. Parks

Sworn this fifteenth day of November 1873 before me.

(Copy)

Robert C. Hutchings Surrogate

State and County of New York Surrogates Office, SS

I **Peter V. Burtsill** Clerk to the Surrogate's County do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of last will and testament of **Richard Delafield** decd with the probate thereof and the letters testamentary granted therein, with the original record thereof now remaining in this office and have found the same to be a correct transcript

therefrom and of the whole of such original record, in testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office of said Surrogate, this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six

Peter V. Burtsill
Clerk to the Surrogate's Court

State and County of New York Surrogate's Office SS

I S. D. Van Schaick Surrogates of said County and presiding magistrate of said County and presiding magistrate of the Surrogate's Court do hereby certify that the annexed publication of the last will and testament of **Richard Delafield** decd with the probate thereof and the letters testamentary granted thereon is authenticated in due form and by the proper officer. In testimony whereof I have hereunto my hand affixed the Seal of the Surrogate Court this 19th day of January in the

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year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

S. D. Van Schaick Surrogate

The people of the State of New York by the Grace of God free and independent Know ye that at the county of New York on the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three before **Robert C. Hutchings** Esq Surrogate of our said County, the last will and testament of **Richard Delafield** deceased was proved and is now approved and allowed by us. And the said **Richard Delafield** being at or immediately previous to his death an inhabitant of the county of New York, by means whereof the proving and registering said will and the granting administration of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said Testator and also the auditing allowing and final discharging the account thereof doth belong unto us the administration of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his will is granted unto **Harriet B. Delafield, Susan P. Delafield** and **Albert Delafield** all of the city of New York. The executrix and executor in the said will named they being first duly sworn faithful and honestly to discharge the duties of such executors. In testimony whereof We have caused the seal of Office of Surrogate of said County at the City of New York, the 20th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three and of our Independence the ninety eighth.

(Copy)

Robert C. Hutchings Surrogate

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County of New York

Recorded the preceding last will and testament of **Richard Delafield** deceased as a will of real and personal estate together with the proofs and examinations taken and had in the court of the Surrogate of the County of New York relating to the said last will and testament which said record is hereby signed and certified by me pursuant to the provisions of the revised statutes the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and seventy three.

(Copy)

Robert C. Hutchings Surrogate

Examined State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court February Term 1876

This instrument of writing purporting to be the copy of the last will and testament of **Richard Delafield** deceased and the several certificates of probate were exhibited in Court for record which has been accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC
By Lucien D. Potter DC

In the name of God Amen, I **Judith Hodges** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being in good health and sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and Calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say I give all the interest or share that I have in and to the tract of land on which I now live being the same that descended to me by will from my father **Andrew Hodges** decd to my sister **Martha Hodges** together with all and every

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other species of property of which I am possessed. During her natural life and at her death I desire that all my estate both real and personal shall descend to my beloved Nephew **Andrew H. Kellis**. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved sister **Martha Hodges** my nephew **Andrew H. Kellis** executors of this my last will and testament and desire that the Court shall not require security of them in witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of August in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two.

Attest **Jesse Bunch**

J. H. Franceway

Judith Hodges [Her mark]

Whereas one of the subscribing to the within has departed this life since the within was assigned therefore and for that reason I hereby acknowledge that the within contains my last will and testament and still desire that all its provisions may be carried out given under hand and seal this 17 day of August Eighteen hundred and fifty six

Jesse Bunch

D. E. Smith

Judith Hodges [Her mark]

Examined State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court March term 1876

This last will and testament of **Judith Hodges** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **Jno A. McCool** who proved the signature of **Jesse Bunch** and by the oaths of **J. E. Chapman** who proved signature of **Jesse Bunch** and **D. E. Smith** and by the oath of **S. J. Smith** who proved the signature of **D. E. Smith, Jesse Bunch** and **J. H. Franceway**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **Mary E. Lewis** being of sound mind and knowing that life is uncertain and death certain do by this witness present make this my last will and testament. 1st. After my decease I want all my just debts and burial expenses paid off. 2nd. I devise to **S. T. Jackson** the sum of \$75 seventy five dollars. 3rd. I devise to **James Berlay** and **N. P. Jackson** \$35 thirty five dollars each. 4th. I give to **S. T. Jackson** my bed and bed clothes and bed stead and my room and all the furniture in it. 5th. Then after all my expenses is paid I want the balance of my effects equally divided between **S. T. Jackson** and **Mary E. Jackson** this the 7 day of February 1874.

Test

M. L. Jackson

Isaac H. Lewis

Mary E. Lewis

Examined State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court March Term 1874

This last will and testament of **Mary E. Lewis** decd was produce in open court and proven by the oaths of **M. L. Jackson** and **Isaac H. Lewis** and was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By Lucien D. Potter DC

I **Thomas Ray** of the County of Warren State of Kentucky do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills heretofore made by me. To wit. Item 1st. I will to my wife **Elizabeth M. Ray** Four thousand dollars to be first paid to her by my executors out of my estate I also will to my said wife two beds stead and sufficient bed clothing one Bureau one table one candle stand one safe ½ dozen chairs and one rocking chair one cooking stove and appurtenances one looking glass and as

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much of my cupboard and table furniture as she may wish to keep and big wheel and one flax wheel for and during her life and at her death to be distributed amongst my heirs hereinafter named in the same proportion that I devise to them. Item 2nd. I will to my daughter **Henrietta Frances Cowles** wife of **Henry Cowles** one thousand dollars to be paid to her by my Executors to make her equal to what I have heretofore given my other children. Item 3rd. I will all the residue of my estate to be equally divided between all my children as hereinafter named to wit that of my estate which my be coming to my daughter **Macaline Jones** I will to my son **William E. Ray** in trust for my said daughter **Macaline Jones** to hold for her use and benefit to be distributed by said trustee to my said daughter as she may stand

in need and if she should die before the full distribution of her portion the remainder to be equally distributed amongst her children my said son **W. E. Ray** trustee before named after retaining enough of my daughters portion to meet her current necessities to place the residue on interest of the use of my said daughter. He to have reasonable compensation for his services. That part of my estate which may be coming to my son **Benjamin P. Ray** I will equally to him and his four children by his first wife **Diana Ray**. The residue of my estate to be equally divided amongst my other children to wit **S. K. Ray Wm. E. Ray Ann Eliza Smith** wife of **Henry Smith** the three living children of **Harriett Hudson** (counting as one share) **Marcea Ann Duvall Henrietta Frances Cowles**. I have sold to my daughter **H. F. Cowles** the tract of land on the north and east side of big road including some five or six acres on the south side of road including the barn for three

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thousand dollars one thousand of which is the same willed to her in the foregoing part of this will. Two thousand I hold her note for which not paid to me during my life time she is not to be charged any interest on. I appoint **William E. Ray** and **Henry Cowles** Executors to this my last will and testament Witness my hand this 29th day of September 1865.

Witness **Saml Murrell**
Thos. J. Jones

Thomas Ray

I **Thomas Ray** whose name is signed to the foregoing will being desirous to change that portion of my said will which makes my son **B. J. Ray** an equal heir with his four children do hereby make this codicil as a part of my said will and desire the same to be considered published and recorded accordingly viz. I desire my said son his share equal with the balance of my heirs from this time on in the distribution of my estate yet to be divided and hereby declare the item making his four children equal with him null and void. I further desire that my grandson **Thomas J. Smith** assist my two executors in the management of my estate and for that purpose I hereby appoint him as one of my executors to my will. I further desire that my said executors become trustees for my wife, that is to say I desire that they act as trustees for her and take charge of the money and legacy devised to her in the foregoing will and to her in the that they see to the loaning and collecting of the same and to see that they see that the wants and necessities of my said wife be administered to properly and to see at the same time that no unnecessary waste

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take place with said legacy. It is my wish that they keep said money at interest which interest I desire to be used for her benefit or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose and should said interest from any cause prove insufficient to take care of my said wife then my said Executors are empowered to use so much of the principal as may be necessary for that purpose. It is further my wish and will that at the death of my said wife **E. M. Ray** the remaining portion of said legacy after her maintenance burial expenses & c be divided equally among all of my children. And I now declare this to be my last will and testament including the foregoing will and codicil hereby revoking all other wills and codicils heretofore made by me given under my hand May the 12th day 1874.

Witness **J. C. Cullin**
Carter Allen
G. L. Curd

Thomas Ray

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Feby Term 1876

This last will and testament of **Thomas Ray** decd was this day produced in open court and the body of said will was proven by the oath of **Saml Murrell** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Thos J. Jones** another subscribing witness thereto and the codicil thereto annexed was proven by the oaths of **J. C. Cullin** and **Carter Allen** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By Lucien D. Potter DC

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Know all men by these presents that I **Nancy C. Walters** being of sound mind but conscious of my mortality & wishing to dispose of my business myself while able to do so make and ordain this my last will and testament viz: I wish and will that whenever it is or shall be thought advisable by a majority of my then living children (or bodily heirs) to sell my land that they proceed to do so such terms and credits as may be thought by them or a majority of

them most conducive of the interest to of the heirs. It is further my wish and will that the proceeds be equally divided among my living children or their heirs & the heirs of my decd children viz Mrs **Mary More & Marshal & Felix, Judge and Forest Colbert** sons of my late daughter **Harriett Colbert** it is however understated that any of their (Colberts) share there is be paid to Dr. **Thomas** for services rendered to **Harriett Colbert** forty dollars it is further my understanding that out of **Mary Morehead's** interest Dr. **France** is to be paid ten & 40/100 dollars with interest for services rendered her family. It is further my will that whatever I may have outside of my land be equally divided among my heirs.

Witness
M. C. Feland
J. H. France

Nancy C. Walters [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County April Term 1876

This last will and testament of **Nancy C. Walters** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. H. France** who also proved the signature of the other subscribing witness thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

J. B. Clark CWCC

By Lucien D. Potter DC

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Will made Feb 28th 1876

I **Easton Claypool** being of disposing mind and memory do by these presents make this my last will and testament after the following manner. To wit. 1st. I herein request and desire that my son **S. M. Claypool** and my son-in-law **I. F. Lee**, Shall be my Executors to carry out the contents of this will and hereby revoking all former wills that I have heretofore made. 2nd. I also will and desire that my beloved wife **Mary Ann Claypool** and my son **S. M. Claypool** shall at my death carry out the obligation or contract of copartnership hitherto intended or contract into between myself and son **S. M. Claypool**. 3rd. I furthermore will that all my just and personal debts be paid out of my estate and in the event that my son **S. M. Claypool** should be at any expense thereby or have to pay out any money for the estate that he shall have proper interest thereon until his land notes amounts and become due and then said amount on amounts and interest shall be deducted from said land notes as partial payment therein. 4th. I also then bequeath all the household and kitchen furniture to my wife and all the remainder of my personal possessions and effects (after the conveying out of part 3^d as expressed above) that she is to have and to hold the same to be disposed of as she may choose while she lives with this exception that I want **I. F. Lee** to take at \$12.00 per acre a certain boundary of land lying on the East of this home survey (that I have sold to **S. M. Claypool**) Beginning at the River and running South with **S. M. Claypool** line to the corner of the fence next to the woods, thence East with said fence about half way then to run South through woods to the back line at the big road the number of acres to be determine by surveying & c. 5th. In conclusion I request that the county court shall not exact of My Executors any security that they shall

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act in this business carrying out my last will and testament.

Witnessed by
W. W. Durham
S. W. Claypool

Easton Claypool

State of Kentucky Warren County Court

At the May term of said court on the 22nd day of the month the foregoing last will and testament of **Easton Claypool** deceased late resident of this county was produced in open court and proven to be the last will and testament of said **Claypool** by the Oaths of **W. W. Durham** and **S. W. Claypool** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and the Court being sufficient advised order the same to be recorded which with this certificate is truly recorded in my office.

Witness my hand as clerks of said court this 22nd day of May 1876

H. T. Clark CWCC

By J. A. Hanley DC

Know all men by these presents **Willis Hinton** of the county of Warren and state of Kentucky being in good health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God for the same and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my will and testament that is to say first bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust and my will is that all my just debts and

funeral expenses shall by my executors hereafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient. I then gave devise and bequeath to my beloved wife **Eliza J. Hinton** all the property of which I am possessed both real and personal or mixed whatever.

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It is my will also that at the time or after decease that there being more property than she may wish to be encumbered with that she dispose of it in any manner she may wish. It is my will that at the decease of my wife that all the property belonging to the estate whatever may be disposed of as follows, to wit: I gave devise and bequeath to **Mariah Hinton** colored formerly my slave the sum of Three hundred dollars in money provided that she shall have lived with my wife and behaved herself the money to be placed in the hands of **Joseph Hinton** my brother to be gave to her as she needs it, if she should die and leave all or part of the money in his hands it is his. I gave and devise and bequeath to **Joseph Hinton's** legal heirs my nieces and nephews all of my land except my store house and lot at **J. R. Madison's** mill my land to be valued by two disinterested men and when the valuation is ascertained gave to **J. R. Madisons** legal heirs the same amount that the land may be valued at it is my will and wish if **Bird Madison** wishes to become the owner of my store house and lot and goods, he is to have them at first cost and the remainder of my entire estate one half gave to **Joseph Hinton's** legal heirs and the other half to **J. R. Madisons** legal heirs and it is my will and do hereby appoint **John I. Goodrum** and **John H. Hinton** jointly sole executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and seventy three.

Signed sealed published and declared

by said **Willis Hinton** as and for his
last will and testament at his request
and in his presence have subscribed our
names as witnesses hereto

Willis Hinton

John Massey

J. R. Goodrum [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court

At the May Term of said court on the 22nd day of the month the foregoing last will and testament of **Willis Hinton** decd was produced in open court and proven to be the last will and testament of Said Hinton by the oaths of **Jno Massey** and **J. R. Goodrum** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22nd day of May 1876.

H. T. Clark CWCC

By Jerry A. Hanley DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Benjamin S. Hampton** of Warren County State of Kentucky in the year of our Lord August the thirty first One thousand Eight hundred and seventy five being weak in body but sound in mind do hereby make and constitute this my last will and testament revoking all others In the name of God amen it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid of my property both debts and funeral expenses shall be paid of my property both real and personal of every kind real personal or mixed I will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Elizabeth M. Hampton** during her natural life for her sole use and benefit to manage for her support as she may think best and she is not to be held responsible for any mismanagement of said property by her heirs hereafter mentioned. After her death it is my will that all her debts and funeral expenses shall be paid also if not done during my life by myself. I wish my hereinafter appointed Executrix if she feels that she is able to pay to my daughter **Mary** late **Newland** and **Eliza O. Hampton** a horse bridle and saddle each to be worth one hundred and fifty dollars each if not paid by her my Executrix after her death it is my will and wish for them to have one hundred and fifty dollars more than either of my named heirs for their Extra attention to myself and their mother during our long protracted illness the remainder of my estate be it real personal or mixed to be equally divided between all of my children now living it is my will that my Grandson

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Erasmus P. Smith to have an equal share with my heirs hereafter named with the exception of the above Special divisions to wit **James M. Hampton Ruth A. late Potter Mary Helen late Newland Thomas V. Hampton Alzira O. Hampton Caroline R. late Smith Benjamin O. Hampton** all to share equal with exception of the special devises made to **Mary Helen Newland and Alzira O. Hampton** and it is my wish and desire and my will that my beloved wife **Elizabeth M. Hampton** after my death take full control of my effects collect all dues and pay off all my debts and in order for her to do so I here appoint her as my executrix to perform all the duties incumbent upon her as such without her being required to give bond and security for the same which is required by law. Whereas I hereunto affix my hand and required seal the day and date above written.

Attest

H. T. Arnold
A. J. Hampton

B. S. Hampton

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct July Term 1876

At the July Term 1876 of the Warren County Court held on the 24th day of the month the foregoing last will and testament of **B. S. Hampton** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **H. T. Arnold** and **A. J. Hampton** the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as clerk of said Court this 25th day of July 1876.

H. T. Clark CWCC
By John Allison DC

I **Eliza J. Hinton** of Warren County Kentucky widow of the late **Willis Hinton** hereby relinquish the provision of the will of said Hinton made on the 28 day of June 1873 and recorded on the 22 May 1876 in Will Book 4 - page 196 and hereby renounce the provisions of the said will.

August 15th 1876

Attest **J. E. Halsell**

Eliza J. Hinton
[Her mark]

State of Kentucky County of Warren Sct

I H. T. Clark clerk of the County Court for said County do certify that on this day Mrs. **Eliza J. Hinton** this day appeared in my office and presented the foregoing renunciation of the will of her husband **Willis Hinton** and acknowledge same to be her act and deed whereupon same with this certification hereby recorded in my office Aug 15 1876.

H. T. Clark Clerk

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I **Joseph Rogers Underwood** of Warren County Kentucky, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me. It has been my intention thro life never to appropriate to myself any property which might obtain by marriage, I have paid the children of my first wife the full value of all the property I received by their Mother without charging them as advancements therefore In execution of the same intentions I have conveyed to Trustees for the separate use of my present wife **Elizabeth** a square of lots in the town of Bowling Green in consideration of money of hers used by me; I leased to said **Elizabeth** for the term of twenty years a lot in Bowling Green on which with her own money she has erected three store houses I hereby confirm said lease in every respect as tho she had been a feme sole when I made it said square of lots the store houses built on the ground leased to her and the money she laid out in the purchase of **Wm D. R. Trotter's** interest in certain lots of ground devised to him by **Thomas Rogers** embraces all the money which came to me in consequence of our marriage except some small sums which she has laid out from time to time in the purchase of furniture books and perhaps some other articles. Now it is my will that all the furniture books and other articles which she has purchased from time to time with her own money shall belong to her absolutely and in her own right forever. It is further my will that she shall select all the furniture books and articles which she says were purchased with her money and the same after my death shall be delivered to her by my executors and she shall have and hold the same for ever as her own property and her word is to be taken and not questioned as to the personalty thus purchased with her money. In like manner she is to retain as her own any money which she may have on hand at the time of my death and which she claims to be hers. My said wife has always cheerfully united with me in conveying to others large quantities of land in which she was entitled to dower now therefore in consideration of her having thus parted with her right of dower in many cases and in lieu of all her interest in any real and personal estate and chose in action which I may leave and in lieu of her right of dower

in any lands I may have conveyed to others in which she has not heretofore united with me in the conveyance or in which she has not heretofore relinquished her right of dower I give and devise to her for and during her natural life the following estate to wit: Six hundred acres of land including the dwelling house in which I now reside and embracing the island in the river opposite the Double Springs be the same more or less and which is to be including in the following boundary Sct Beginning on the river where a ford formerly crossed the same and to run thence with the ravine thro which the river runs in high rises to the river below the big spring now mostly covered with back water thence up the River to

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the place of beginning. She is also to have and hold during her natural life my interest in any boats or water craft used in crossing the river and the right of way over my land on the south side of the river below **Lucas's** Pork House I also give and bequeath to my said wife during her natural life all my household and kitchen furniture, the best riding carriage I may have on hand at the time of my death and the bridles and harness used therewith. My wagon and the gear used therewith, my cart and steers, all my farming and garden tools and implements in which **B. A. Miller** has no interest and all the fixtures and tools necessary to keep the cistern and in house in repair and to fill the same. It is my will that my said wife shall have and hold as her absolute property my old mare Blaze and her two colts now living and all colts she may hereafter have and two good work horses or mares not over eight years of age and four good milck cows and calves and if my stock of horses and cattle cannot furnish such work horses or mares and milk cows and calves then my executors are directed to purchase the same for my said wife. She is also to have the plate & c obtained from her parents or any donor the articles purchased from **Robt. M. Cox** with her money and the lady's saddle and bridle called hers, the bed bedstead and bedding in which we have slept and the crib in which all our children have been nursed as her own absolute property. All the provisions groceries corn wheat oats hay and vegetables on hand, if I die in any year prior to the 1st of July are to belong absolutely to my said wife and if they are not sufficient to support her and her daughters during the remainder of that year then it is my will that my executors furnish enough of these things for the use of my wife and her daughters for the remainder of that year. If I die on or after the 1st of July in any year then it is my will that my wife and daughters living with her be furnished by my executors with suitable food such as they have been accustomed to for and during the year ensuing that in which I die and for all food furnished them no charge shall be made against them or either of them by my executors; provender shall also be furnished by my executors for the support of my wifes horses and cows during the year next ensuing my death in case I die on or after the 1st of July in the preceding year and no charge shall be made there for against her. In case my wife chooses to inclose by cedar posts and plank or paling some ground around the dwelling house and garden, in that even she is at liberty to have cedar posts cut and taken from any part of land I own at my death, to be used in making the enclosure and no charge is to be made against her by anyone for the cedar posts so cut and taken. To prevent unpleasant questions in respect to the commission of waste it is my will that my executors shall lay off not less than one hundred nor more than one hundred and fifty acres of wood land part of it eastwardly

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and part of it westwardly of my dwelling house. My wife shall be at liberty to cut use and sale as she pleases, all the trees except such as are fit for rail timber growing on the land devised to her out side of the two tracts of parcels to be laid off as aforesaid and she may use and dispose of as she pleases all the trees which my die or be blown down on said two tracts or parcels so to be laid off she may also use any said timber growing on said two tracts or parcels to make improvements of a lasting character upon the land devised to her and to keep existing improvements in repair. She may also destroy the paw paw bushes and spice wood on said two tract or parcels and burn the dead trees so as to convert each or either of said tracts into grass and pasture lands and take fire wood from said tracts for her own use. It is my will that all my children should share equally in the fruits of my labor. Women I think should hold property for their separate use and over which their husbands should not desire to exercise control further than to make it useful and profitable to the wife and her children under this opinion I have acted in respect to the property acquired by my wives and I shall therefor place what I intend to give my daughters in the hands of trustees for their separate use I have heretofore advanced my children of full age and have opened accounts in my books showing the amount advanced to each. I shall continue to charge them severally for sums advanced and for all property given already or which I may hereafter give. Now it is my will that whatever sums may be found charged as advancement upon my book in my hand writing against anyone of my children or the husband of any of my daughters shall be brought into holepot by the child or his or her heirs so charged all charges against the husband to be accounted for by his wife in the final settlement division and distribution of my estate so that no one child or his or her representatives

may receive more than any other. My daughter **Eliza** is dead but she left four children and it is my will that her children alive at the time of my death and the children of those of them who may be then dead in case any of them die before I do shall have and take that portion of my estate which their mother said **Eliza** would be entitled to if she had survived me but in case any of said **Elizas** children die before I do leaving children then such children are only to have the share or portion to which their parent would be entitled to if living up to the date this will I have made to my children of full age respectively the following advancements to wit to my son **Eugene** five thousand dollars, to my daughter **Julia** and her husband eight thousand three hundred dollars and forty to dollars sixty to cents to my daughter **Eliza** five thousand and thirteen dollars seventy five cents to my daughter **Jane** five thousand and fifty one dollars, to my son **John** two thousand nine hundred dollars and to my son **Robert** two thousand five hundred dollars these and all other charges which I may hereafter make upon my books to or against any one of my children or grand

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children are to be taken into consideration in the final settlement and division of my estate. In making advancements to my daughters **Julia**, **Eliza**, and **Jane** I endeavor to secure to them homes in Bowling Green of equal value but owing to the change of the currency and other circumstances the property which I gave them respectively and only charged each therefor the sum of \$2500 would now sell for much more than that sum. I have given my son **Robert** a house and lot and charged him greatly less than its present selling value to equalize him and his half sisters. I have also give my son **John** lots or the proceeds of their sale with the same sum But in regard to my daughters **Elizabeth** & **Josephine** it would be great injustice to them to give them each only as much property as would sell for \$2500 in currency at this time and I shall not so act I do therefore with a sum to make them equal to their half sisters give and devise to each of them the one half of a square of lots in the town of Bowling Green known as my apple orchard square which shall be equally divided between them to each of them twenty five shares of stock in the Louisville and Nashville Rail Road Company and to both of them jointly twenty five shares of stock in the Bank of Bowling Green to be equally divided between them and without any right of survivorship but for all this property so devised and given to my said daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** it is my will that they shall be respectively charged in the final settlement and division of my estate twenty five hundred dollars cash and no more. I have given my sons and adult daughters first rate educations without making any charge as an advancement therefor. My young daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** must be educated in like manner without charge in case I die before it is time to give them such an education my executors are directed to use the rents and profits of the square of lots devised to them and the dividends on the rail road and bank stock given and if these be insufficient then to use any other money of any estate in their hands the education of my said two daughters may be completed at home or at a boarding school as their mother if living may decide best and if she be dead before the girls have completed their education respectively then the executors must exercise their discretion. My daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** must be clothed as well as educated out of profits of their own estate after I am dead and if these profits are not sufficient then my executors are authorized to sell any of my estate not specially devised to raise funds for that purpose or to use any money belonging to the estate which may be in their hands until they are fully educated. Item third upon my death it is my will that my wife shall be the guardian of her two daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** until they respectively reach the age of twenty one years or marry and that my executors pay over to her all profits arising from the real and personal estate of each

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of my said daughters and if these profits be insufficient to educate and clothe my said daughters as aforesaid then such other sums in addition as shall be sufficient my said daughters are to live with their mother without charge for board until they marry upon my death my executors are directed to pay all my debts as soon as practicable and to that end they may sell any property I own except that specifically devised and given as herein before mentioned and except also the connection of land contain about 1600 hundred acres more or less whereon I now live My executors will of course collect the fees and other debts which may be owing to me and the money thus collected will constitute a fund to pay debts and charges against my estate my books and memoranda will show what debts I owe and my books and memoranda may be implicitly relied on as containing the truth whenever they appeal upon any subject. I may have omitted in the hurry of business to enter in my books all that I should have entered but what ever I have entered and put down is true where my debts and funeral charges are paid then or even before they are all paid I wish my executors to have my estate first divided among all my children so as to make the division as nearly equal as possible by first making all equal to the one who has received most by way of advancement and when that is done should there be any estate left then to have it equally divided among my living children and the children and

grandchildren of those of my children as may be then dead such children and grandchildren of any of my children who may be then dead. To have and take only such share of any estate as their ancestor if living would be entitled to and the grandchildren to have and take only such portions of the share as their immediate parent would be entitled to if living. It is further my will that upon such division being made the share or portion which falls to my daughters **Julia** and **Jane** shall be vested in my son **Eugene** as trustee for his sisters said **Julia** and **Jane** respectively but with power by and with the consent of his sister **Julia** to sell and convey to the purchaser any or all the property which may be allotted to said **Julia** in the division and reinvest the proceeds of the sale or sales in other property which he and his said sister **Julia** may deem more advantageous to her and from time to time as he and his said sister **Julia** may think it best for her to sell and convey to the purchaser any property he may acquire by such reinvestment and the rents and profits of the property so allotted in the division to said **Julia** and of my property purchased by reinvestment he said **Eugene** shall hold for the separate use and benefit of said sister **Julia** during her natural life and shall pay her the same from time to time to said **Julia** as she may require and at her death or thereafter said **Eugene** shall convey all such property as he holds in trust for said **Julia** during her life to any one or more of her children and grandchildren as she may direct by last will and testament and for such use purposes and limitations as said **Julia** by her will may direct and appoint

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& if she makes no such will then to convey the same to her heirs at law to hold as tho they had inherited from her the property allotted to said **Jane** in such division shall be held by said **Eugene** as trustee for the separate use and benefit of said **Jane** during her life in all respect and with the same powers over it as is given him in regard to the property which in said division as allotted to said **Julia** and the same powers are given to said **Jane** in respect to the property which may be allotted to her as are given to said **Julia** in regard to the property allotted to her it being my intention to place my said daughters **Julia** and **Jane** precisely upon the same footing in valuation to the property which may be allotted to them respectively out of my estate both as it relates to the powers of said **Eugene** as their trustee and likewise as to the powers given to them in disposing of the property by last will and testament should said **Julia** or **Jane** be entitled to any money in the division of my estate the money which they may be so entitled to shall rest in said **Eugene** as trustee respectively for his sisters and invested in case it exceeds one hundred dollars in such stocks or property as he and his sisters respectively may agree on to be held and used by him as the land and with the same power of sale and reinvestment as he is authorized to exercise over the lands but if the money to which said **Julia** and **Jane** respectively is less than one hundred dollars then he is directed to pay over to each the sum she may be entitled to. The property heretofore given by this will in lots and stocks to my daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** and all the property which may be allotted to them respectively on the settlement and division of my estate among my children and grandchildren as herein before provided for. The title thereof shall rest in their brothers **John** and **Robert** and the summons of them as trustees or trustee for the separate use and benefit of said **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** respectively with the same power over it in respect to sales and reinvestments with the consent of their said sister **Josephine** or **Elizabeth** as it is given to my son **Eugene** over the property which may be allotted to my daughters **Julia** and **Jane** or either of them and my said daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** respectively shall have the same power by last will and testament to dispose of the property so as aforesaid devised and given to her as is rested in their half sisters **Julia** and **Jane** even the property which may be allotted to them or either of them it being my intention to place the property which my daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** obtain from me precisely upon the same footing with that of their half sisters derived from me, except **Eugene** as trustee is to act for **Julia** and **Jane** and **John** and **Robert** or the survivor of them is to act for **Elizabeth** and **Josephine**. In making the provisions by which the property intended for my daughters pass into the hands of trustees during the life time of my daughters respectively and then to be conveyed by such trustees to the heirs at time of the deceased

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daughter my sole object is to secure my daughters a comfortable support notwithstanding their husbands may be unsuccessful in business and be unable to supply their wants the man who objects to such an arrangement made by an affectionate father is unworthy of confidence. To my son **Robert** I give all my law books and documents furnished me in consequence of my having been a member of the general assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and a member of each House of the Congress of the United States but my son **Robert** must account for the value of these books and documents as so much received for the value of these books and documents as so much received of my estate. My other books shall be divided and distributed among my other children each accounting for the value of the

lot assigned to him or her as so much received of my estate. In case two or more of my children should desire to have the same book or lot of books they shall decide by lot who shall have the books or lot of books desired. In the division of my estate the children or lineal descendants of my daughter **Eliza** or of any of my now living children who may die before such division is made shall represent my dead child and their parent and shall receive the share to which their father or mother would have been entitled if living. In place of the improvements upon the lot which I leased to my wife for twenty years she expended about three thousand dollars. It is my wish that out of the rents she should be fully reimbursed said three thousand dollars but so far she has used her rents mostly for household and other purposes greatly to the relief of my purse. Now therefore to do her full justice it is my will that in case she dies before the expiration of her said lease my executors shall continue to keep the improvements therein during her natural life believing that the stocks given to my daughter **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** shall each receive in stock in the Louisville and Nashville Rail Road five shares more than I have hereinbefore given to each of them and if the Rail Road Stock I own at the time of my death is not sufficient to supply thirty shares of stock in said rail road for each of my daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** then my executors are directed to make up the deficiency by purchase for them which additional five shares for each are to be held by their trustees precisely as the twenty five shares already mentioned and for which additional shares and the stock and lots herein before given them they are each

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to be charged in the final settlement and division of my estate two thousand five hundred dollars and no more. After the death of my wife the property which I have herein given her for life must be equally divided among my heirs at law giving to each such portions as he or she may be entitled to according to the laws of decent but no one of my children, grandchildren or great grandchildren or living descendant shall participate or share in the division of the property I have given my wife for life who is not alive and in being at the time of my wifes death and any one or more of my heirs or living descendants who shall sell alienate or convey their interest in the property given to my wife for life before she dies shall be excluded from all interest in the property so given my wife and in the division thereof after my wifes death the property shall be divided among such of my heirs or living descendants as have not sold their interest therein to the entire exclusion of these who have sold and their vendee or vendees according to the laws of descent. It being my intention to prevent speculators from profiting out of the possible necessities of any of my heirs or descendants who might for money in hand be induced to sacrifice their property before they were entitled to possession. I have now disposed of my property acquired by a long life of energy and sobriety. Once I was utterly insolvent rendered so by suretyship. The blessing of God the assistance and confidence of friends and untiring perseverance on my part enabled me to overcome very great difficulties. I can not transmit to my children by devise those qualities and endowments of body and mind by which I have achieved success. I can however say to them and to their children, Love God and man, acquire as much knowledge as possible, be faithful truthful and honest in all your engagements and transactions, be sober industrious and economical and bravely encounter difficulties and dangers by resolute action with such principles you can place yourselves above want and occupy respectable positions in the world. Item fourth I appoint my sons **Eugene John** and **Robert** trustees to succeed me in the management and disposition of the estate devised to me and others in trust by the will of the late Doctor **John Croghan** of Jefferson County, Kentucky but they are not to act jointly I appoint them to act separately and in succession. **Eugene** is first to succeed me and when he dies resigns or can act no longer then **John** is to succeed him and when **John** is dead or resigns or cannot act then **Robert** is to succeed him and my said sons or successors are hereby vested with all the rights powers and titles to the estates which I as sole acting trustee possess under the will of said **Croghan**. Lastly I appoint my sons **Eugene, John** and **Robert** executors of this my last will and I request the County Court to allow them to

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qualify as such upon the execution of separate bonds each for himself without security the concurrence of any two of my executors shall enable them to do any act allowed or required by this will notwithstanding the dissent of the other executors. All monies received or collected for my estate I direct the executors who collects it to deposit the same to his credit as executor in some good bank and to use and appropriate the same for no other purpose whatever than those specified in this will any other course is dangerous to the executors and if the money be lost in consequence of such deposit it is my will that the loss shall fall on my estate and not upon the executors making the deposit. The whole of this will or three sheets of similar paper has been entirely written by myself and I have made marginal notes

showing what interlineations I have made and the number of the page in testimony of all which I hereto subscribe my name this 4 day of April 1868.

J. R. Underwood

The marginal notes referred to in this will is as follows viz First page of my will in which thee word me is interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Second page of my will in which the word “during her natural life” & “her” & “in or on” interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Third page of my will in which the word on or are interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Fourth page of my will in which the letters “n” and word “Robert” are interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Fifth page of my will without interlineation.

J. R. Underwood

Sixth page of my will in which these word “ & if she makes no such will thereto convey the same to her heirs at law to hold as though they had inherited from her” are interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Seventh page of my will in which the word “Will” and “or trustee” are interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Eighth page of my will without interlineation.

J. R. Underwood

Ninth page of my will in which the word “each” and “among” age interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Tenth page of my will in which the words “by” and “by my self” are interlined.

J. R. Underwood

Codicil 1st Upon further reflection I am satisfied that the stock I have given in the foregoing will to my daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** will not be sufficient to make improvements upon the lots I have given them equal in value to those which were in the lots given to my other daughters I therefore do hereby devise to them the ground and lot heretofore leased

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to my wife on East Street in Bowling Green after the termination of their mothers interest therein to be held in trust for them by their brothers **John** and **Robert** and the survivor of them in the same manner and with the same power in all respects both on the part of said trustees and my said daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** as are given them over the lots devised to them in the body of my will in witness where of this codicil has been wholly written by me and signed this 9th day of April 1868.

J. R. Underwood

Codicil 2nd Since the foregoing was written I have executed a deed bearing date the 15th day of December 1870 by which I have conveyed the above mentioned property situated on East Street or more properly on Main East Street and other lots in Bowling Green to trustees for the use of my daughters **Elizabeth** and **Josephine** and have charged them for advances in amount of the property so conveyed twenty four Hundred dollars each from which it may possibly be inferred that it was my intentions to make them account in the final division of my estate for what ever Rail Road Stock and Bank Stock they may get under the will in addition to the \$2500 each which I have charged them for advancements. Now to explain and make things certain and clear I declare and will that my said daughters shall have all the Bank Stock and Rail Road Stock devised to them in the body of my will as well as the property conveyed in the deed and shall only be charged therefore in the final division of my estate twenty five hundred dollars each. The lot on Plain and Clay Streets mentioned in the deed was given to them in consideration of trousseaus and other things which their older sisters have had and which I think it very probably I may never give my younger daughters. In testimony whereof I have wholly written this 2nd codicil with my own hand and hereto subscribe my name this 10th of January 1871.

J. R. Underwood

This codicil made to my will this 7th of April 1870 witnesseth that I have this day given to my son **Robert** one hundred acres of land described on an instrument of writing bearing date this day and executed and delivered by me to said **Robert** said hundred acres being a portion of the land which by my will I had devised for and during her natural life to my beloved wife and which she suggest I should give to our son **Robert**. Now as by this gift to our son **Robert** my wife will loose a part of the provisions I deemed proper to make for her in my will and which I think was no more than reasonable I do hereby for the purpose of compensating her for such loss devise to her for and during her natural life all the land

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including within the following boundary to wit. Beginning at a white oak my upper original corner upon the bank of Big Barren River near and below **Van Meter** ferry thence down the river with its meanders to the slough which is the boundary of the land devised for life in the body of my will to my wife thence with said slough across the bend to the river thence down the river to a black oak ironwood and elm on the bluff being an original corner of a survey of 100 acres made for **Andrew McFadden** assee of **Wm Croghan** thence with a line of said survey N 18 E 140 poles to a sugar tree another corner of said survey on or near a line of a tract of land patented in the name of **Wm Croghan** for 350 acres on the 29th November 1794 thence with the line of said tract N 82 E to a white oak hickory and ash original beginning corner of said 350 acres tract thence with a line of the same to the beginning including what is now called the **Henry Field Carter** place and **Anthony Field** my beloved wife **Elizabeth** and to whom this devise is made for life may get fire wood upon the land thus devised to her in case there should be a deficiency upon the land and land she retains under the provisions of the original will and also posts and rails to enclose her field and lots but I wish the timber and young trees which will be fit for timber carefully preserved and only used as it may be needed for repairs and to make improvements on the lands devised to her for life. In case I do not convey to my son **Robert** the hundred acres for which I have this day given him my bond in life time there by this codicil I give and devise to him the same in fee simple and require him to account for it as an advancement in the division of my estate among my heirs devisees of the value of six thousand dollars. In testimony of all which I have wholly written every word of this codicil with my own hand and affix my signature the date above.

J. R. Underwood

State of Kentucky Warren County Set September Tern 1876

This last will and testament of **Joseph Rogers Underwood** deceased was produced in Court by **Robert Underwood** and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto **George C. Cooksey A Sims** and **J. A. Ray** being sworn testified that the said will and codicils thereto were wholly in the handwriting of the deceased and there upon the same was ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of said deceased which is recorded accordingly.

Test L. L. Cooke CWCC

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In the name of God Amen I **Frances Lewis** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life do make and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills that I may have made. I give and bequeath to my daughter **Elizabeth Meadows** the sum of one dollar to

my daughter **Lousie Hendrick** the sum of one dollar to my son **Jno. R. Lewis** the sum of one dollar to my son **Abner Lewis** the sum of one dollar. I give and bequeath to my daughter **Ellener** all the residue of my estate both real and personal of all and every description. In witness of all which I hereby set my hand and seal this 19th day of September 1876.

Witnesses **C. B. Donaldson**

Frances Lewis [Her mark]

E. T. Roberts

J. A. Roberts

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct October Term 1876

This last will and testament of **Frances Lewis** decd was produced in open Court and proven by the oath of **C. B. Donaldson** and **E. T. Roberts** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of the aforesaid **Frances Lewis**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. G. Hines DC

I **A. B. Gardner** of Warren County Kentucky being old and feeble in body but sound in mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament revoking all others. Having advanced to **Samuel D. Gardner S. A. Jones I. D. Smith Angeline McIntire** and **A. B. Gardner** their full share of my estate do want the following distribution made of the remainder wit: I will that a good bed and furniture be set apart for **M. P.** and **E. E. Gardner** each all the rest of my household and kitchen furniture and etc I leave to my wife **A. R. Gardner** during her natural life with a sufficiency of provision for that year. All the rest of my personal property of every kind I wish my executors hereafter named to have appraised and my said wife take one third part of same at appraised value such as suits her all the balance I wish sold on six months credit. I wish all

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my outstanding debts collected and all my just debts and funeral expenses paid. I desire that my farm where on **Manly** lives known as the **Tygret** place be sold on credit of 6 and 12 and 18 months after my debts is settled I wish an equal division between **M. P. Gardner Rachel G. Williams** and **Ella E. Gardner** I will and desire that the encumbrance be removed off of the **Doss** land out of my estate and the same I give to **M. P.** and **E. E. Gardner** as their lands is very scarce of timber I do hereby constitute and appoint **James M. Williams** my lawful executor to carry out this my last will. Witness my hand this 3rd day of April 1876.

E. B. Parker

A. B. Gardner

James R. Dearing

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct October Term 1876

This last will and testament of **A. B. Gardner** was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **E. B. Parker** and **James R. Dearing** to be the last will and testament of **A. B. Gardner** decd whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. G. Hines DC

Know all men by these present that **Charlotta Stephens** being in my sound and proper mind and memory and fully realizing the uncertainty of life and being desirous that my property shall be disposed of according to my present wishes and intentions do make declare and publish as my last will and Testament the following bequests and request. 1st I desire that all my just debts be paid and especially my note and mortgage to **M. F. Moore** for fifty dollars now assigned to **Absolum Upton**. 2nd I will and bequeath to my daughter **Louisa Baker** all of my property both real and personal said real estate consisting of two houses and lots in the city of Bowling Green, Kentucky and personally consisting of my household and kitchen furniture etc. I desire Mr. **Will Ragland** and **M. F. Moore** to act as my executors without giving bond. In witness where of I hereby set my hand this 7th day of October 1876.

Attest **M. F. Moore**

Charlotta Stephens

Signed in the presence of

[Her mark]

H. M. Chapman

James Aden

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct January Term 1877

This last will and testament of **Charlotta Stephens** was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **H. M. Chapman** and **James Aden** to be the last will and testament of **Charlotta Stephens** decd whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. G. Hines DC

In the name of God Amen. I **Edwin Reavis** of the county of Warren and state of Kentucky being in usual good health and of sound mind and disposing memory but conscious of my mortality and desirous not to die intestate do make and publish the following as my first and only will and testament. Item 1st I do hereby make and provide ample means for the maintenance of my loving wife **Katherine Reavis** do set apart the old homestead mansion house barn cribs garden and half the spring embracing the following boundary of land beginning on a stone northwardly of the Spring thence N 75 W 44 1/3 poles to a stone on the original line. Thence with same S 21 3/4 W 37 1/2 poles to a stone corner to lot No 3 thence with a line of same S 77 1/2 E 70 poles to a stone 90 feet from the south east corner of the barn and corner to lot No 3 4 and 5 thence with a line of lot No 5 N 21 3/4 E 38 poles to a stone on a line of the **Stice** house survey thence with said line S 65 3/4 W 27 poles to a red oak that stands on the rock that projects over the spring thence N 7 W 15 poles to the beginning. Containing 14 3/4 acres. I also set apart for her use one sorrel horse buggy and harness one cow and calf one sow and pigs one yoke oxen one wagon one bed and stead bolster and pillows bed clothing such as she may select sufficient to keep her warm and comfortable summer or winter one bureau set chairs looking glass one table and table ware one stove and cooking utensils all the poultry and one years provisions and dividends arising on five hundred dollars in bank at six per cent semiannually. If she should survive me and at her death all the personalty and household property to be divided equally among my three daughters **S. F. H. A. Margaret L. Reavis**. And the tract of land designated in said bounds set apart to my wife and at her death said 14 3/4 acres I will and bequeath unto my son **Joseph L. Reavis** with the mansion house barn crib garden and spring and all there unto belonging. Item 2nd I hereby give

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and bequeath unto my daughter **Mary I.** who has intermarried with **James E. Rankin** 13 Bbls of apple brandy estimated at 40 gallons pr Bbl making 520 galls at \$2.00 pr gallons amounting to \$1,040.00 dollars and what I have given them heretofore in small sums amounting to two thousand three hundred and forty nine and 55 cts total amount \$3389.55 Item 3rd I hereby give and bequeath unto my son **Benjamin H. Reavis** 15 bbls of apple brandy estimated at 40 gallons pr bbl making 600 gallons at \$2.00 pr gallon sum total \$1200 hundred dollars and what I have heretofore given him in small sums and paid off three notes for **A. B. Reavis** one note 500.00, one other note 500.00 also one other note for 875 dollars with two credits in it one for \$100.00 dollars one for \$77.50 making the sum total with credits off that you have received \$3000.00 dollars. Item 4th I hereby give and bequeath unto my son **Edwin M. Reavis** 14 bbls of apple brandy estimated at 40 gallons pr bbl making 560 gallons at \$2.00 per gallon amounting to \$1120.00 dollars and what I have heretofore given him in small sums amounting to \$1980.63 dollars amount total \$3100.63 dollars. Item 5th I hereby give and bequeath unto my son **Alexander B. Reavis** \$1000.00 cash and what I have heretofore given him and paid off a note that **Edwin M. Reavis** held against him for \$325.00 dollars dated February 13, 1859 and one other note give to **Benjamin H. Reavis** for \$500.00 dated 29 April 1871 also one other note for \$500.00 given same date also one other note for \$375.00 all four notes paid off without interest two credits on the last note one for \$100.00 dated February 15 1873 one credit given you for \$77.50 March 1st 1873. Summing up all together what I have give you \$1993.64 dollars and what I paid on the notes \$1522.50 dollars making the amount total of \$3626.14 dollars. Item 6th I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter **Sarah F. Reavis** a certain tract of land laid down in the plan made by **G. W. Staten** on the west side of Drakes Creek at the one end of hog fish Island Lott No 1 beginning on a beach on the bank of Drakes creek running thence N 9 1/2 W 120 poles to a stone and hickory thence S 64 1/4 W 6 3/4 poles to a stone thence N 32 W 91 poles to a stone with a red oak pointer thence S 63 1/2 W 120 poles to two hickories **Lewis Potters** corner thence S 31 1/2 E 211 poles to the creek thence down the same to the beginning containing 143 acres which is to be estimated to my said daughter **Sarah F. Reavis** at the price of two thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars said land to be for the separate use and benefit of my said daughter **Sarah F. Reavis** and her lawful bodily heirs and in case she should die without bodily heirs then said land or the proceeds thereof shall revert to my estate and be equally divided among my heirs and in addition to the

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bequest I above I will and bequeath 7 bbls of apple brandy estimated at 40 gallons pr bbl making 280 gallons at two dollars pr gallon making \$560.00 dollars. Also I will her one mare mule four years old one sow and pigs one two year old white speckled heifer one bedstead bed bolster two pillows blankets sheets to keep her warm summer or winter estimated to her at \$80.00 total amount 3400.00 dollars. Item 7th I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter **Harriet A. Reavis** a certain tract of land near the old homestead beginning on a stone 90 feet from the south east corner of the barn and third corner to lott No 3 thence with said line of lot No. 3 S 21 3/4 W 138 1/3 poles to a stone on the original line thence with said line S 77 1/2 E 40 poles to a stone thence with another original line N 54 E 180 poles to a double hickory an original corner thence S 47 1/2 E 7 2/3 poles to a stone thence N 59 1/6 E 112 1/4 poles to a stake thence S 1 W 48 poles to a stake thence S 20 E 30 poles to a stone thence N 60 E 9 poles to the creek thence down same with it meanders until opposite the line of N 59 1/6 E thence S 59 1/6 W 15 poles to a stone on the original line thence N 31 W 45 poles to a stake thence S 63 E 106 poles to a stake thence N 37 1/2 poles W 56 1/4 poles to a stone thence S 63 E & 2/3 poles to a stone in the center of old Scottsville thence S 60 1/2 E 32 3/4 poles to a stone N 78 W 22 poles thence hence S 45 3/4 W 14 poles to a stake then S 21 3/4 W 38 po which is to be estimated to my said daughter **H. A. Reavis** at the price of two thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars said land to be for the separate use and benefit of my said daughter **H. A. Reavis** and her lawful bodily heirs and in case she should die without bodily heirs then said land or the proceeds thereof shall revert to my said estate and be equally divided among my heirs and in addition to the above I give and bequeath unto my said daughter 7 bbls of apple brandy to be estimated at 40 gallons pr bbl making 280 gallons at \$2.00 per gallon making \$560.00 also I will her one horse mule three years old one sow and pigs one two year old steer one bedstead feather bed bolster and 2 pillows & blankets sheets quilts sufficient to keep her warm winter or summer which is estimated to her at \$80.00 dollars total amount \$3400.00 dollars. Item 8th I hereby give and bequeath unto my son **William H. Reavis** 15 bbls of apple brandy estimated at 40 gallons pr bbl making 480 gallons at \$2.00 pr gallon making \$1200.00 dollars and what I have heretofore given him in cash and checks to the amount of \$2778.00 with a credit off of one thousand dollars leaving \$1778.00 dollars he has received adding all together total amount \$2978.00. Item 9th. I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter **Margaret L. Reavis** a certain tract of land on the east side of said Scottsville road and bordering therein bounded as follows on

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a stone in the center of the old Scottsville road running thence with same N 25 1/3 W 102 1/2 poles to a stone thence N 63 1/4 E 176 1/2 poles to a black walnut on line of No 1 thence with said line S 31 1/2 E 172 1/2 poles to the middle of the creek thence up the creek to the line of N 59 1/6 E with said line 15 poles to a stone thence N 31 W 100 poles to a stake thence S 121 W 63 poles to the beginning containing 151 acres which is to be estimated to said daughter at the price of two thousand seven hundred eighteen dollars said land to be for the separate use and benefit of my said daughter and her lawful bodily heirs and in case she should die without bodily heirs then said land or the proceeds thereof shall revert to my estate and be equally divided among my heirs and in addition to my bequest above I will and bequeath 8 bbls of apple brandy estimated at 40 gallons pr bbl at \$2.00 per gallon making the sum of 640 dollars also I give said daughter **Margaret** one year old mare mule one sow and pigs and two year old speckled steer one bedstead feather bed bolster two pillows blankets sheets quilts sufficient to keep her warm winter and summer estimated to her at \$80.00 dollars amount total \$3438.00 dollars. Item 10th I hereby give and bequeath unto my son **Joseph L. Reavis** a certain tract of land beginning on three post oaks corner to **Frederick Potter** deed an original corner thence N 21 3/4 E 13 1/3 poles to a stake on the original line thence S 77 1/2 E 70 poles to a stone 90 feet from the south east corner of the barn thence S 21 3/4 W 133 1/3 poles to a stake on an original line thence with same N 77 1/2 W 70 poles to the beginning containing sixty acres I further bequeath unto the said **Joseph L. Reavis** the 14 1/4 acres with the boundaries of said tract set apart to my wife **Katherine Reavis** including mansion house barn cribs and garden and half the spring and all that appertains to said tract of land also I give and bequeath unto said **Joseph L. Reavis** one other tract of land including the still house and bounded as follows beginning on a stone in the old Scottsville Road thence S 60 1/2 W 32 3/4 poles to a stake thence N 78 W 59 4/5 poles to a stone thence S 9 W 11 4/5 to a stone thence S 7 E 15 poles to a red oak standing on the rock that projects over the spring thence N 45 3/4 E 41 poles to a stone thence parallel with 2nd line herein and 2 poles from it S 78 E 22 poles to a stone thence N 60 1/2 E parallel with the first line 32 3/4 poles to a stone thence N 63 E 7 2/3 poles to a stone parallel with a line of lot No 2 and 2 poles off. Thence N 25 1/3 W 2 poles to the line of lot No 2 thence with said line N 63 W 112 poles to a stone thence S 31 E 55 poles to a stake. Thence N 63 W 106 poles to a stake thence N 37 W 56 1/4 poles to a stone thence S 63 E 7 2/3 poles to a stone 2 poles off thence N 25 1/3 W 2

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poles to the beginning containing 55 acres adding of 4 tracts together making 134 acres which is to be estimated unto my son **Joseph L. Reavis** at the price of \$4690.00 dollars also I give him credit for \$1000.00 which I hold in my hands deducted from the \$4690.00 leaves him \$3690.00 dollars. Further more I will and bequeath unto my three daughters with my son **Joseph** viz **S. F. H. A. M. L.** and **Joseph L. Reavis** all the personal property household and kitchen furniture except what I have given to my three daughters aforesaid and all of my surplus brandy except what I have given to my four absent children viz **Mary L. Rankin Benjamin Edwin** and **William Reavis** to take it a dispose of same to the best advantage as they have license so to sell. And I give them three years to retail out the same and at the expiration of that time said three daughters and son is to pay unto **Mary L. Rankin** \$300.00 dollars cash unto **Benjamin H. Reavis** \$300.00 dollars unto **Edwin M. Reavis** \$300.00 dollars unto **William H. H. Reavis** \$300.00 dollars and unto my son **Alexander B. Reavis** \$100.00 dollars and the remainder to be equally divided among said three daughters and my son **Joseph L. Reavis**. I do not want any executors or administrator appointed to carry out my will as I have given to each one that portion of my estate that I intend for them and no more. Signed and sealed with my own hand January 1st 1877.

Edwin Reavis

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct February Term 1877

This last will and testament of **Edwin Reavis** was produced in court by **Moses Hess** and there being no subscribed witnesses thereto **Moses Hess** and **Margaret L. Reavis** being sworn testified that the said will was wholly in the handwriting of the deceased and thereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of said deceased which is recorded accordingly.

Test L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. G. Hines DC

Last Will and Testament of **R. A. Smith**

I **Ruben A. Smith** in the name of God amen, do make my last will and testament in the manner following: I will to my wife **Margaret A. E. Smith** my house and lot

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in Rich Pond together with all moneys notes and accounts and all my personal property of whatsoever kind it may be after my just debts are paid. To be hers forever and subject to her control to use as she pleases. Amen. This 20th of December 1876.

Witnesses

John W. Potter

Ruben A. Smith [His mark]

T. Read

Mrs. **K. Smith** [Her mark]

B. F. Rogers

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County February Term 1877

This last will and testament of **R. A. Rogers** was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Jno W. Potter**, **T. Read**, and **B. F. Rogers** to be the last will and testament of **R. A. Rogers** deceased. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

State of Kentucky County of Warren

I **C. E. Hays** wife of **William J. Hays** of the said Warren County being of a sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength so to do, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore by me made. Item 1st I will my soul to the God who gave it. 2nd I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. 3rd I give bequeath and devise to my beloved husband **William J. Hays** all the personal and separate estate real and personal or mixed that I may die possessed of or entitled to the possession thereof together with all and singular the rights members and appurtenances to the same in any manner belonging free from all charges or limitations whatever in fee simple to dispose of as he may wish. I also give and bequeath to my beloved husband in the same unreserved manner any entice and full interest in and to the estate of my father **John Tygart?, Jr.** Also my full and complete interest in and to the estate of my grandfather **Samuel Hays** decd estate in the same unreserved manner as

the aforesaid property. 4th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved husband **William J. Hays** sole executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this 28th day of March 1876.

C. E. Hays

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Signed declared and published by **C. E. Hays** as her last will and testament in the presence of us the attesting witnesses who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of said **C. E. Hays** at her special instance and request this 28th day of March 1876.

H. P. Barner

Lucien D. Potter

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct March Term

This last will and testament of **C. E. Hays** was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **H. P. Barner** and **Lucian D. Potter** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **C. E. Hays** decd whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. G. Hines DC

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A certificate of membership in the Kentucky Masonic Mutual Life insurance Company, Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. This is to certify that **Samuel M. Kinnaird** a master Mason in good standing and a member of Elijah Upton Lodge No. 377 located at Green Castle, Warren County, Kentucky of which **Jas Heard** is the present Master. His residence is Green Castle, Warren County, Kentucky, who was 26 years of age at his last birth day and who now enjoys good health has paid his membership fee of six dollars in full and has signified his willingness and intention to abide by the constitution and bylaws of this company, is in good consequence there of now a member of the same and entitled to all the privileges and benefits of said institution as such under the constitution and by laws of the same. It is agreed in issuing this certificate to **S. M. Kinnaird** that he is to pay to the treasurer one dollar and ten cents upon the receiving notice of the death of any member of this company and it is further agreed that in consideration of the said **S. M. Kinnaird** paying into the treasury the above named amount of six dollars membership fee and the one dollar and ten cents upon each notification, that this company will pay to his heirs or as he may direct in his will the sum of one dollar for each and every member belonging to the company at the time of his death. If however the number of members should exceed five thousand at the time of his death his heirs are only to receive

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five thousand dollars which is the maximum amount this company will pay upon the death of any of its members. It is further agreed that if the said **S. M. Kinnaird** fail to pay the one dollar and ten cents upon the notification of the death of one of the members of this company or if he should be expelled from his lodge for unMasonic conduct he forfeits all of his interest and claims upon this company for anything whatever. Signed by the president and secretary but not to be valid until countersigned by an authorized agent of this company this 26th day of October 1869.

Countersigned by **J. G. Danice** Agt

L. A. Graham President

J. L. McLure Secretary

Being financially embarrassed and unable to keep alive the within policy, now in consideration of one hundred dollars to be paid to the company by **C. P. Snell** and **James D. Alexander** and in consideration of the said **Snell** and **Alexander** pay to said company the future calls and assessments we will and assign to **Snell** and **Alexander** the within policy to the extent of fifteen thousand dollars and to bare eight per cent interest until my death. This 11th day of September 1876.

Test **T. L. Stephens**

R. Harvy Shelton

S. M. Kinnaird

Lizzie Kinnaird

State of Kentucky Warren Count Sct March Term 1877

This last will and testament of **S. M. Kinnaird** and **Lizzie Kinnaird** was produced in open court and the signatures of **S. M. Kinnaird** and **Lizzie Kinnaird** his wife proven by the oath of **R. H. Shelton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. G. Hines DC

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In the name of God amen. I **R. J. P. Marshall** of the county of Warren State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say Item 1st. It is my desire after my decease that all my just debts and funeral expenses be payed. Item 2nd. Having full confidence in the capacity of my beloved wife, **Mary G. Marshall** it is my will and desire that she my aforesaid wife have the exclusive control and management of my whole estate (viz) land slaves and chattles or any other property I may die seize and possessed with to her use and benefit to be managed by her for thee use of herself and her children in that way which she may think proper and right and lastly I do hereby constitute my beloved wife **Mary G. Marshall** my executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me made and further it is my special desire that my aforesaid executors be not required to give security as such to this my last will and testament. In witness I have hereunto affixed my seal this 16 day of June 1849.

Attest **W. T. Fant**
J. C. Atchenson
D. B. Browning
Q. Browning

Robert J. P. Marshall

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct April 23rd 1877

This last will and testament of **R. J. P. Marshall** was produced in open court by **Mary G. Marshall** and proven by the oath of **John C. Atchenson** and **D. B. Browning** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **R. J. P. Marshall** whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By W. G. Hines DC

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Bowling Green, Warren County Ky May 7 1877

I **Sam Graves** about to part dis life I make my will. I **Sam Graves** will my land and house to **Chora Grae** my wife her lifetime and when she deceases dis life then my sed land and house fall to my tooe douters **Mary & Patsy**. I **Sam Graves** I want **Mary** my dotter to live with my wife **Clorra Grae** her life time. I **Sam Graves** I want **William Briggs** and **Martin Ivin** to sed my two 2 horses and harness and wagin and wagion biede and my farmin utensil plows dubel trees & swivell trees houses and harrow and 9 hoges to pay my dets and after my dets is pade if any money left it gose to my wife **Clorra Graves**.

I **William Briggs** [and] I **Martin Ewin** Doe Ecnollege
sed will of **Sam Graves**. May 7 1877

Sam Graves [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court June Term 1877

This last will and testament of **Sam Graves** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **William Briggs** and **Martin Evans** to be the last will and testament of **Sam Graves** Whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By W. R. Burnam DC

State of Kentucky, Warren County

I **James Doughty** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory make and constitute this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. Article 1st. It is my wish and desire that all my just debts be paid. Article 2nd. It is my wish and desire that my estate be wound up and divided among my wife **Mary A. Doughty** and my children **Stephen Thomas Doughty**, **Daniel William Doughty**, **Susan Elizabeth Doughty**, **John Morgan Doughty**, **James Preston Doughty**, **Eddie Tucker Doughty**, **Melvin Doughty** & **Malcum Doughty** according to the laws of Kentucky in every particular and I hereby constitute and appoint Judge **Kiah Thomas** and **Nathan Dillingham** my executors to do as heretofore named in this my last will and testament. In testimony thereof I assign my name and affix my seal this

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10th day of July in the year of our Lord 1877.

Witness **J. H. Smith**
Wm W. Woodward
T. W. Ewing

James Doughty

State of Kentucky Warren County Court July Term 1877

This last will and testament of **James Doughty** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. H. Smith** and **Wm H. Woodward** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is now accordingly done.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

I **Aurelia A. Perkins** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. First after the payment of my funeral expenses and the erection of a plain but neat monument over my grave, I give and bequeath to my niece **Virginia S. Yates** all of my personal property and real estate of every kind and description. My real estate consists of forty acres of land next to the Pleasant Hill Church and joining the farm on which **George T. Yates** now lives. It is my will that the said **Virginia S. Yates** have power to sell the lands herein bequeathed if she desires so to do and use the proceeds as she may deem proper. If at the death of the said **Virginia S. Yates** if there should be any of the above named property or the proceeds of the property remaining it shall be used or given to her children. It is further my will that the above named property go immediately into the hands or possession of the said **Virginia S. Yates** after my death. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 12th day of June 1877.

Attest

J. C. Moss
J. O. Lewis
J. A. Fuqua

Aurelia A. Perkins

State of Kentucky Warren County Court July Term 1877

This last will and testament of **Aurelia A. Perkins** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **J. A. Fuqua** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the signature of **J. O. Lewis** one of the other subscribing witnesses Whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded

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which is done accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

In the name of God (Amen) I **Martin Duncan** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky Being of sound and disposing mind and being desirous of arranging my business do hereby set forth my last will and testament. Names First I give and bequeath to **Robert Duncan** and his heirs one track of land containing fifty acres more or less joining **B. R. Walthal** and **Alfred Justice** also one track of twenty seven acres being a track allotted to **Atwood Willoughby** also one Soft one Bureau one rifle gun one cooking stove. I also give to **Garry F. Wilson** one bed and furniture also one hundred dollars in money there being some house furniture belonging to my wife **Rebecca Duncan** to wit one bureau one bedstead one table one small trunk one leafboard which I give to her brothers and sisters. Witness my hand and seal this December 10 day 1872.

Witness **M. P. Holland**
J. A. Justice
Alfred Justice

Martin Duncan [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court August Term 1877

This last will and testament of **Martin Duncan** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **M. P. Holland** **J. A. Justice** and **Alfred Duncan** the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Duncan**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. D. Burnam DC

I **William H. Porter** of Warren County Kentucky being very weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of human life do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. Item first. It is my will and I so direct that as soon after my death as practicable all my just debts be paid. Item second. It is my will and I direct that as soon as convenient after my death that the tract of land containing about sixty acres which

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I purchased from **J. M. Halsell** and adjoining my home place be sold and so much of the proceeds arising from said sale as is necessary be applied to the purchase of the two remaining shares which I do not own in the place known as the **Vance Porter** farm on the Russellville Road, providing said shares can be purchased at a reasonable price and the deed or deeds to be taken to my wife **Pauline** and our children to said shares of said land. Item third. It is my will and I give to my beloved wife **Pauline** the home place where I recently resided known as the **Vance Porter** farm including the time land lying in the knobs to do with as she sees proper for the benefit of herself and my children **Minnie Jennie Frank Harrel** and **Charlie**. Item fourth I have a policy in the Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company. I desire and do direct that an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars of the proceeds of said Insurance policy shall be expended in purchasing a house and lot in the city of Bowling Green, Kentucky as a home for my said wife and children and it is further my will and I direct that the deed to said house and lot shall be made to my beloved wife **Pauline**. Item fifth. It is further my will and I hereby give to my said children **Minnie Jennie Frank Harrel** and **Charlie** the balance of the proceeds of said insurance policy after deducting the said one thousand five hundred dollars for the purposes aforesaid of purchasing said house and lot said amount to be equally divided between my said five children and so much of same shall be expended in their education as will be necessary. Item sixth. It is further my will and I give to my beloved wife all moneys or property not herein specifically devised to use in any manner which she may think proper for the comfort of herself and our said children. Having implicated confidence in her that she will use same to the best advantage of herself and the children aforesaid. Item seventh. It is my will and I hereby appoint my beloved wife **Pauline** the executor of this my last will and testament and request the judge of the Warren County Court not to require her to execute any bond and it is further my desire that my friend and brother in law Dr. **J. S. Miller** advise with and assist my wife in the management of the estate herein devised. In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand this the 22nd day of August 1877. Signed and acknowledged in our presence

J. E. Halsell

Edwin Dickerson

J. S. Miller

W. H. Porter

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This last will and testament of **W. H. Porter** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. E. Halsell Edwin Dickerson J. S. Miller** the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **W. H. Porter** whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. G. Hines DC

I **William Sublett** of Warren County, Kentucky do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. 1st I will to my wife **Nancy D. Sublett** of my perishable property as the law directs. My dwelling house and all of my out houses and enough of my farm to make her a good support and she shall have access to any timber on my land for rails or fire wood during her life. The perishable property that I herein give my wife, after her decease shall be sold and the proceeds of the same shall be equally divided between my five children **William P. Richard W. and Samuel B. Sublett, Mary F. Roberts and Henrietta E. McGinnis** and what my wife was possessed of at our marriage I will to her and she shall have the right to dispose of the same as she may think proper. 2nd It is my will that all of my perishable property not given to my wife shall be sold after my decease and after my funeral expenses and just debts are paid the remainder is to be equally divided between my five children before named. 3rd. I have given to my son **William P. Sublett** his portion of my home tract of land, he is therefore to have no farther interest the same since this I have bought a portion of the **Palmer** tract of land, now it is my will that my son **William P. Sublett** be paid fifty dollars out of my estate for his interest in the same. 4th. I have given to my son **Temple J. Sublett** five hundred dollars for which I hold his receipt. Besides this I have paid for him as

security two thousand dollars or more, this I will to him and it being more than I will have to give my other children, it is my will that he shall have no further interest in my estate whatever. 5th. It is my will that my land remain undivided during my wife's lifetime and if my sons **Richard W.** and **Sam'l B.** think proper to cultivate that portion of the farm that their mother will not want they can do so by paying each

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of their sisters twenty five dollars a piece annually during their mothers life. After the death of my wife it is my will that my land be divided between my four children **Richard W. & Sam'l B. Sublett** and **Mary F. Roberts** and **Henrietta E. McGinnis**. It is my will that my son **S. B. Subletts** portion of my said land shall be fifty acres including my dwelling house and all of my out houses, running east and west with the line between me and **James H. Taylor** to the line between me and **William Runner** thence running so as to make it nearly square including all of my buildings. The remainder to be divided between my son **Richard W.** and my two daughters before named according to improvements and quality. What portion of my land that falls to my daughter **Mary F. Roberts** at her death shall go to her son **James P. Taylor**. She may sell it if she thinks proper and use the interest in the money but not the principal and at her death if sold the principal is to go to her son **James P. Taylors**. 6th. What I have given to my children up to this date I have endeavored to make them equal except my son **Richard** I have given him one Gray Mule more than I have given the others, for which he is to account for to my estate at one hundred and twenty five dollars. 7th. My cash and cash notes when collected shall be equally divided between my five children **William P. Richard W. and Sam'l B. Sublett Mary F. Roberts and Henrietta E. McGinnis**. 8th. It is my will that my library books shall not be sold but to be divided between all of my children. I wish **Bensory** lot to include my family Bible and **Bensory** Commentary. I give to my son **Richard** my Royal Arch Masonry apron and sash. I give to my son **Benson** my gold watch. I give to my son **William** my gun. 9th I reserve one quarter of an acre of ground including my family grave yard and my children and their heirs shall forever have access to the same. 10th and lastly I appoint and constitute my sons **William P. and Sam'l B. Sublett** and my son in law **James A. McGinnis** executors of this my last will and testament or any one of them can act hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me afore made. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord 1876.

Witness **John T. Sweatt**
W. H. Taylor

William Sublett

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court October Term 1877

This last will and testament of **William Sublett** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **W. H. Taylor** one of the subscribing witness thereto who also proved as to the attestation of **Jno T. Sweatt** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. D. Burnam DC

In the name of God Amen. I **Theodore Jordan** of Warren County Kentucky being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with though it is but little, I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say. First I desire that enough of my perishable part of my estate be immediately sold after my decease to satisfy all my just debts, and funeral expenses. Second after the payment of my funeral expenses I give to my wife **Sally Jordan** the remainder of my estate during her natural life then my real estate to be divided equally between my surviving children. Furthermore say in my last will that my executor hereafter named will and it is my desire to see that my wife and children in a law suit now pending about my land are not swindled and that they get what is just and due them. I furthermore appoint my friend **James R. Dearing** executor of this my last will and testament. Given under my hands this the 20th day of October 1877.

Witness **J. W. Collins**

E. B. Parker

Theodore Jordan [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court November Term 1877

This last will and testament of **Theodore Jordan** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **J.**

W. Collins and **E. B. Parker** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of said **Jordan** and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of November 1877.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By W. D. Burnam DC

In the name of God amen I **Prudy D. Smith** of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament. First I desire that after my death my remains be decently

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buried in my family grave yard and my soul saved. I then bequeath to my son **Jonathan G. Smith** all of my estate both real and personal after paying my burying expenses accept the property herein after mentioned viz: I give to **Martha A. Smith** wife of **M. M. Smith** half of my dishes and glass ware and preserves stands. I want **Moses M. Smith** to have one bed and six quilts and two pillars and my trunk. I give to my son **Wm Thomas** one lowinge and its bed and one quilt. I want **John J. Smith** to have my safe and half of my cooking vessels, **Wm S. Smith** the other half. I want **Artymissey Cotten** my daughter to have my press. I want **Elizabeth Spock** to have two dollars. I want **Mary F. Edwards** to have by bureau. I want all of the balance of my estate with all of my accounts etc outstanding debts to vest in my son **Jonathan G. Smith** in order to compensate him for his care and support of me during my life. I want him to lot out the property mentioned to my heirs and pay my debts. Given under my hand the date above mentioned.

Attest **W. J. Hendrick**
J. W. Petty

Prudy D. Smith
[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court November term 1877

This last will and testament of **Prudy D. Smith** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of said Smith. Whereupon the same was ordered to record. Which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of November 1877.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By W. D. Burnam DC

I **John S. Hunt** of Warren County, Kentucky now being afflicted in body but sound in mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me. Article 1st. I will and desire that my executors hereafter appointed by me pay off all my debts and liabilities out of any money that may be on hand at my death and also out of any part of my personal estate that may be necessary to discharge said debts and liabilities fully and I desire that these debts and liabilities be discharged as soon as possible under the circumstances. Art. 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Martha J. Hunt** all my homestead containing 235 acres until my son **Martin R. Hunt** shall have attained to the age of twenty one years. Then I will and desire that my homestead shall be divided in manner as follows by commissioners appointed by the Warren County Court (to wit) One half of my said homestead in value to be laid off by said commissioners

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to my beloved wife **Martha J. Hunt** to include the house orchard and other necessary buildings but the value of said house and other buildings are not to be estimated in said division. The other half of said homestead I desire and direct that when my son **Martin R. Hunt** shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years to be divided among my five children to wit but if this division is not desired by the parties it may be left off til the children are all of age **Martha R.** *[Take note that this child appears to be later listed as Martin R.]* **Price George W. Sarah J. and Luella B. Hunt**, but should any of these children die before twenty one years of age leaving no child or children the share of the deceased is to be divided equally between those that are living of the five children above named and at the death of my wife **Martha J. Hunt**, I will and direct that the land that I have willed to her be equally divided among her five children or their children if any are dead. Art. 3rd. I give and bequeath to my three sons **John, Harmon S. & Sampson Hunt** the tract of land adjoining the residences of **James & Warner Phillips** and also the tract of land on Mud River in Logan County lately purchased of **F. G. Cox** (and these two tracts to be equally xamong these sons named in this article) but the title of the tract of land in Logan County purchased of **F. G. Cox** is not perfected should said title fail and those three sons named in this article not hold said tract of land on Mud River in Logan

County. I give said three sons the money to be recovered off of said **Cox** on his warrantee on said land. These three sons to have a cow and equipage or the value thereof. Art. 4th. I have given my daughter **Mandy M. Phillips** about eight hundred dollars and taking into consideration the age of my other children and the time I gave my daughter the eight hundred dollars named above I think I have done as much for her as I can do for my other children, therefore I will her nothing more. Art 5th I give and bequeath to my wife **Martha J. Hunt** and her five children to wit: **Martin R. Price, G. W., Saray J. and Luella B. Hunt**. After my executor herein after appointed by me takes out of my personal estate a sum sufficient to pay all the debts I now owe and a sum sufficient to pay my burying expenses and the expenses arising from the administration and call the personal estate which I may have at the time of my death including cash, cash notes, stock crop and household and kitchen furniture and all personal property except the mules now claimed and owned by my sons, I desire and direct that my executors shall at any time he and my wife may think proper sell any of my personal property privately and

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use the proceeds of said sale for the benefit of my wife and her five children as they may think proper in their discretion. Art. 6th. It is understood and I hereby declare that all the lands that I have given willed and bequeathed in this my last will and testament to my children are only given willed and bequeathed to them during their natural lives and at their death to their children. Art 7th I constitute appoint and make my friend **James Cole** executor of this my last will and testament.

Signed in our presence

Witnesses

Joseph Shrive

Wesley W. Hunt

John S. Hunt

State of Kentucky Warren County Court December Term 1877

This last will and testament of **Jno S. Hunt** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Joseph Shive** and **Wesley W. Hunt** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of said **J. S. Hunt**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be record which is recorded accordingly Given under my hand this 24th day of December 1877.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. T. Burnam DC

I **Harriet F. Bates** late wife of **James P. Bates** decd of Warren County Kentucky this January 10th 1879 do make and ordain this my last will and testament it is my desire after my death and my burial expenses has been paid that the residue of my property be divided among my three children as herein set forth. It is my desire that my son **James P. Bates** have four hundred dollars in money. I desire that my daughter **Nancy Virginia Edmonds** have five acres of land with the appurtenances thereto said land is a part of the **Edmonds** tract being in Warren County, Kentucky the land on which I now live and in connection with said house and land I give my daughter **N. V. Edmonds** all the household furniture save one bed which I give to **Elizabeth Ferguson**. I there should be a surplus of property at my death not embraced in this will it is my desire that my executors have the same sold and after paying the expenses of sale and to divide the remainder equally among my three children above mentioned. I appoint **George W. Myers** as my executor it is my desire that he carry out this same immediately after my death signed day and date above written.

Witness **John C. Cosby**

George M. Myers

Harriet F. Bates [Her mark]

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This last will and testament of **Harriet F. Bates** deceased, was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **John C. Cosby** and **George W. Myers**, the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of said **Harriet F. Bates**. Whereupon the same was ordered to record which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 28th day of January 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By G. W. Cooke DC

I **Sarah Chapman** of the county of Warren State of Kentucky do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all former wills that I may have made. I give and devise my clock to my baby **Alvis** and the stove I want him to have also for he helped to pay for it, and I want him to have one fine quilt and then an equal divide with

the others except three quilts that **Dick** has here that I want him **Dick** to have for he **Dick** bought them. The remainder of my property I want equally divided among all my children. All my hogs and my cow and household and kitchen furniture I want it equally divided among my children **Dick & And Leander & Luis**. I do hereby constitute and appoint **Z. H. Finney** executor of this my last will and testament. In witness I have set my hand this October 27th 1877.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence

William Philips
James W. Harris

Sarah Chapman [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court January Term 1878

This last will and testament of **Sarah Chapman** deceased, was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **William Philips** one of the subscribing witness thereto (**James W. Harris**). Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly. Given this 28th day of January 1878 under my hand.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By G. W. Cooke DC

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I **Henry W. Goode** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky on this the seventh day of September eighteen hundred and seventy seven, do make and publish this to be my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. First it is my will that after my death all my just debts be paid. Second it is my will that **Sarena C. Goode** my wife shall have my entire estate of real and personal property. Third it is my will and I hereby appoint **Sarena C. Goode** my wife to execute this my last will and testament and I request the court of said county not to require any security of my executrix. Given under my hand this the day and ate above.

Attest

John W. Lay
R. D. Floyd

H. W. Goode

State of Kentucky Warren County Court January term 1878

This last will and testament of **Henry W. Goode** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **John W. Lay** and **R. D. Floyd** the two subscribing witness thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Henry W. Goode** whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 28th day of January 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By G. W. Cooke DC

I **Peter Musser** of Warren County State of Kentucky do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First it is my will and desire that my wife **Mary Musser** shall at my decest have all of my real and personal estate after all of my just debts and funeral expenses are paid. To have and to hold the same during her life or widowhood. At her death or if she should marry my estate then must be equally divided between my bodily heirs by my executor here and after mentioned it is also my will and desire that my wife **Mary Musser** be appointed by the court executrix of this my last will and testament. It is also my will and desire that at the death of my wife or if she should marry that **James Skaggs** be appointed executor of this my last will and testament to sell to the highest bidder on such credit as he may think proper

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all of my real and personal estate and make an equal division of the money it may bring when collected with all of my bodily heirs giving all an equal share of the proceeds of my entire estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 8th day of February 1878.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presents of

John Massey
Henry Kelly

Peter Musser

State of Kentucky Warren County Court February Term 1878

This last will and testament of **Peter Musser** deceased was this xproduced in open court and proven by the oath of **John Massey** and **Henry Kelly** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Peter**

Musser. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded and filed. Which is done accordingly. Given under my hand this 25th day of February 1878.

L. L. Cooker CWCC
By W. Q. BurnamDC

I **Jas Young** of Warren County Kentucky on this the 13th day of February 1878 make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. I direct first that all my just debts together with funeral and burying expenses be paid. I have given to all my children, except my sons **Pleasant H. Young** and **Henry E. Young** and my daughter **Susan E. Young** property amounting in value to one hundred dollars for which I have their receipts acknowledging same. I have given my son **Pleasant H. Young** seventy five dollars worth of property for which I have his receipt in acknowledgment. I have given to my daughter **Susan E. Young** fifty Dollars worth of property for which I have her charged. I have given to my son **Henry E. Young** twenty dollars worth of property for which I have him charged. It is my direction that these three be made equal with the rest, receive in addition to what I have herein mentioned to the amount of one hundred dollars. I direct that **Mary** (Col girl) living with me shall have my large bureau, small cloths, chest and loom. I direct that my grand daughter **Emily Francis** shall

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have a bedstead with bed and furnishings and a book case. I direct that my three grands sons **William G. Ulisses G.** and **James A. Dunn** shall have a lounge and two small bedsteads siting up stairs with beds and furnishings. Those three boys are indebted to me more or less for their raising over and above that came into my hands as guardian for the children of **Jas Dunn** decd, it is my direction that this indebtedness be canceled and not charged to them. After this it is my direction that the proceeds of my personal and landed estate be divided into fourteen equal parts each of my children receiving a part except my daughter **Mary M.** late wife of **James Dunn** decd, and **Emiline** late wife of my son **Matthew P. Young** Each of them these two I direct shall be given one half of one of those fourteen equal parts and the remaining half of each to be placed in the hands of a trustee to be given to their children by their first husbands on their coming of legal age. I direct that **Mary** (Col. Girl) living with me receive one of those fourteen equal parts which I think is due her for services rendered me in my old age. Lastly I direct that **Adam Cherry** and **Bluford Miller** be appointed my lawful executors. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

Signed and acknowledged in presents of
S. R. Cherry
Geo W. Sandford

James Young

State of Kentucky Warren County Court March Term 1878

This last will and testament of **James Young** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **S. R. Cherry** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Young** who also proved the attestation of the other subscribing witness thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By W. Q. BurnamDC

I **Polly Berryman** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory and not wishing to die intestate do make and publish this my last will and testament

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revoking all others and former wills heretofore made by me. First I give to my sister **Marthy Hoss**'s heirs (viz) **Maryann Henry W. Eliza & Marthy Hoss** one half of all of my estate consisting of household and kitchen furniture cash and cash notes. 2nd I give to my sister **Jerusha M. Masters** and her heirs all of the balance of my estate. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend **George W. Bass** executor of this my last will. Signed and sealed this 8th day of September 1868.

Attest

James Byrum
Wm B. Lanier

Polly Berryman

State of Kentucky Warren County Court March Term 1878

This last will and testament of **Polly Berryman** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **James Byrum** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Berryman** and also proved the attestation of the other subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. Q. Burnam DC

I **Nancy Williams** of Warren County and State of Kentucky this May 25th 1877 do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following; that is to say: 1st I give to my sister **Martha Williams** after all of my debts and expenses is paid one fourth of my estate. 2nd. I gave the remainder of my estate to my sister **Emily J. Franklin** and which I give to them their heirs executors and assigns forever. 3rd. And lastly I do hereby constitute my friend **Wiatt Whitlow** executor of this will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I here unto set my hand and seal this day and date above written. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of

J. A. Carter

Nancy Williams [Her Mark]

A. Whitlow

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court April Term 1878

This last will and testament of **Nancy Williams** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **J. A. Carter** and **A. Whitlow** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of said **Nancy Williams** and ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 22nd day of April 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. Q. Burnam DC

I **John E. Robinson** a resident in the city of Bowling Green, Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others. First I will and direct that my executor herein after named shall as soon as practicable after my death out of the assets of my estate pay all my funeral expenses and have erected and pay for same out of the assets of my estate, neat and substantial tomb stones over the grave of myself and wife. 2nd. I will and direct and hereby give full power to my executor hereafter named to sell and convey all my real and personal estate that I may own at my death upon such terms as he in his judgement may decide right and proper for the interest of my estate. Third. I give and bequeath unto my esteemed friend **L. A. Graham** five thousand dollars in cash or the currency of the country to be his absolutely and he must have the same out of the first money after the payments are all made as directed by me in the first clause of this will. Fourth I have been fortunate by an observance of economy in acquiring some of this worlds goods and after discharging and satisfying the bequeath and directions heretofore made in this will there will still be a remainder of my estate and feeling a deep interest in the success and prosperity of Ogden College situated in Bowling Green, Kentucky and desiring the moral and mental success and advancement of the boys of the whole country and especially of

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those in the community in which I have lived and acquired my property do hereby give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate unto my said executor hereinafter named to be held by him in trust and kept by him invested in good securities at a good interest the annual interest of said fund to be used by him in paying the salary or salaries of a teacher or teachers in Ogden College in Bowling Green, Kentucky and as a representative of said fund I desire that the teacher or teachers in Ogden College in Bowling Green, Kentucky and as a representative of said fund I desire that the teacher or teachers that the interest may be sufficient to employ shall be known and called the **John E. Robinson professorship**. The said teacher or teachers to be employed by the Regent and Trustees of said Ogden College and be under the control of said Regent and Trustees and subject to all the rules and regulations that govern other teachers of said College and the salary of said teacher or teachers must be paid by the executor hereinafter named to the Regent of said College and by said Regent paid to said teacher or teachers, and if the annual interest arising from said fund is not sufficient to pay the salary of one teacher for a collegiate year then I direct that said annual interest be used as far as it goes to pay same, and if said annual interest is more than enough to pay the salary of a teacher for the collegiate year and not enough to employ two then I direct my said executor to loan out whatever surplus there may be left after paying the salary of one teacher to be based on good securities bearing good interest and so kept until the interest on it together with the interest on the principle fund is sufficient annually to employ two

or more teachers in said college. It is my will and direction to my executor that if at any time there is a surplus of interest after paying the salary or salaries of the teacher or teacher that said surplus whatever it may be shall become a part of the principle fund and must be so treated and regarded by said executor. Now having disposed of my property according to my will wish and desire I hereby nominate and appoint my friend **L. A. Graham** of Bowling Green, Kentucky my executor of this my last will and testament with power

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given to him to name his successor by will and having the utmost confidence in him I hereby direct that he be allowed to qualify as such and give bond without security. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name this 5th day of February 1878. On the 3rd, page on twelfth line from bottom of said page these words were interlined before signed to wit: After paying the salary of one teacher to be.

Signed and acknowledged by

J. E. Robinson

John E. Robinson in our presence as witnesses

Jos I. Younglove

Peter Fuselli

State of Kentucky Warren County Court April term 1878

This last will and testament of **John E. Robinson** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Joseph I. Younglove** and **Peter Fuselli** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of said **John E. Robinson**. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded and that I have recorded same and this certificate in my office. Given this 23rd day of April 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By W. Q. Burnam DC

Bowling Green, Kentucky, April 7, 1877. Being aware of the condition of my health and knowing that life is uncertain and sooner or later death is a fixed fact and a certainty I have determine to make this my first and last will. First that all my perishable effects that my wife **Mary Fisher Arnold** can spare and do without and turn over to my administrators or executors hereinafter mentioned shall be sold on such terms as they may decide best for the interest of my estate and the proceeds to be appropriated to the payment of my debts in the event that this fails to meet all my indebtedness then my administrator or executors will proceed to sell such of my real estate as they may think best to meet the balance of my indebtedness with full power to give general warrantee as though made by myself the remaining portion of my effects both real mixed or personal it is my

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will that wife **Mary Fisher Arnold** shall for her sole use and benefit during her natural life or widowhood but in the event of her marrying it is my will that all the property that has passed into her hands after she gets what the law gives her as my widow shall be equally divided between my five children to wit **Wm Eugene Arnold Fannie Pearl Arnold** now the wife of **Geo D. Ogden Mattie Lou Arnold Elma Morgan Arnold** and **Clyde Arnold**. In this division between my children I wish it to be equal I make no charge against any of my children for anything I have done for them with the exception of **Wm Eugene Arnold** I have paid in cash for him \$428.00 besides this I have given him more than all the rest of my children which I make no charge for this \$428.00 I wish him to account for in the division of my estate between my children above named without interest. I also hold his note two thousand dollars for two thirds interest for a tract of land near Woodburn which he now lives upon the other one third interest I deeded to his wife **Elizabeth Arnold** for which I hold her note for \$289.00 balance due. It is further my wish that in the event that **Wm Eugene Arnold** should not be ready to pay the \$2000.00 that my administrator or executor will be as lenient in extending to him as much time as circumstances will permit they being the judge he paying interest from the time of demand until paid I have selected and appointed **W. W. McNeal** and **H. L. Arnold** as my executors to the foregoing it being my last will and testament.

Attest **W. L. McNeal**

J. M. Arnold

T. P. Smith

State of Kentucky Warren County Court June Term 1878

This last will and testament of **J. M. Arnold** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **W. L. McNeal** and **T. P. Smith** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of said **J. M. Arnold**.

Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded that I have recorded same and this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 25th day of June 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By G. W. Cooke DC

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Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and wishing to provide amply for my wife I make this my last will and testament to wit. I give unto my wife **Louisa M. Robertson** all of my estate both real and personal after paying my just debts and appoint her my executrix and require no security of her and it is also my will that she has a write to dispose of this property as she may think proper as witness my hand and seal this 5th day of March in 1860.

Attest **P. M. Bunch**

Jos. G. Fletcher

A. E. Nicoll

J. L. Nicoll

E. M. Robertson

State of Kentucky Warren County Court August term 1878

This last will and testament of **E. M. Robertson** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **A. E. Nicoll** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **P. M. Bunch Jos. G. Fletcher** and **J. L. Nicoll** the other subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of **E. M. Robertson**.

Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same and this certificate in my office Given under my hand this 26th day of August 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By G. W. Cooke DC

I **Woodford Dulaney** of Warren County and State of Kentucky, do whilst in a sound state of mind, memory and discretion, make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form follow to wit: Item 1st All my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid first. Item 2nd. All the balance of my estate it is my will shall be equally divided among my four children as follows. To the heir of my daughter **Ann Elizabeth** decd who intermarried with **Joseph C. Barclay** one equal fourth part. To my son **William L.** one equal fourth part. To my son

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Hiram one equal fourth part. To my son **Robert** one equal fourth part. Item 3rd. I do nominate and appoint my three sons **William L. Hiram W. & R. F.** My executors of this my last will and testament hereby empowering them to sell and convey all the real estate in such manner as in their opinion appear to be for the best interest of the legatees and to make and execute to purchasers deeds in fee simple I hereby revoke all former will by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of June 1867.

W^d Dulaney

State of Kentucky Warren County Court August term 1878

This last will and testament of **Woodford Dulaney** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **L. L. Cooke** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Woodford Dulaney**. Whereupon said will was ordered filed and recorded. Which is now done accordingly. Given under my hand as clerk of said county this 26th day of August 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC
By W. Q. Burnam DC

In the name of God. Amen. I **Thomas C. Groves** of Warren County, Kentucky being of sound mind and memory do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First I order and direct my executors as soon after my decease as practicable to pay off and discharge all debts, dues and liabilities that may exist against me at the time of my decease. Second I hereby nominate and appoint **J. N. & W. F. Groves** as executors of my above will vesting them with power to purchase for my beloved Family a small tract of land as their best judgement shall direct and stock and implements to cultivate same. In witness where of I have hereunto subscribed my name this 10th day of June A. D. 1878.

T. C. Groves

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The above and foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed sealed published and declared by the said **T. C. Groves** as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names

Witness **G. M. Morris**

J. T. Prather

Warren County

State of Kentucky Warren County Court August Term 1878

This last will and testament of **T. C. Groves** deceased, was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **J. T. Prather** one of the subscribing witness thereto to be the act and deed of **T. C. Groves** decd who also proved the attestation of the other subscribing witness **G. M. Morris** thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 26th day of August 1878.

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By G. W. Cooke DC

July the 19th 1878. In the name of God amen, I **Barnett Barthick** of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament. First I desire to be happy and that my body be decently buried. Second I give all of my lands to my two sons **Clay Thomas** and **Jacob Westley** by them paying to my son **James Casuel** fifty dollars out of their own means. Third I want all of my perishable property sold and after paying my just debts and burial and funeral expenses the remainder to be divided among my children after deducting the amount each of them owes me I want **Clay Thomas** and **Jacob Westley** to have the amount that each of them owes me over and above the rest the remainder to be equally divided among them all. I appoint my two sons **Clay Thomas** and **Jacob Westley** my executors of my will and ask the court not to require of them bond. It is understood that my son **Griffen** owes me fourteen dollars and fifty cents this amount to be deducted from his part. Witness my hand and seal this date above. I want

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my daughter **Marah** to have twelve dollars (seal) for her services in washing for me two years.

Attest **W. J. Hendrick**

W. H. Tolbert

Barnett Barthick [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court August Term 1878

This last will and testament of **Barnett Barthick** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **W. J. Hendrick** and **W. H. Tolbert** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of **Barnett Barthick** decd. Whereupon said sill was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same and this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 26th day of August 1878

L. L. Cooke CWCC

By G. W. Cooke DC

The last will and testament of **Elizabeth Hunt** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky. I gave and bequeath to my beloved son **Henson Hunt** my bay mare and all of my household furniture beds and bedding and all of the personal property I possess cash and cash notes and accounts if there be any at my decease. In consideration of the above my son **Henson Hunt** agrees to take care of me during my life and pay my funeral expenses at my decease. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this the 13th day of October 1876.

Elizabeth Hunt [Her mark]

Signed and sealed by said **Elizabeth Hunt** as and for her last will and testament in the presents of **J. M. Galloway** and **B. C. Herrington** in the presents of her and in the presents of each other and at the request subscribe our names as witnesses to the same.

James M. Galloway

B. C. Herrington

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This last will and testament of **Elizabeth Hunt** Decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **B. C. Herrington** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of **Elizabeth Hunt** decd and who also proved the attestation of **James M. Galloway** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office Given under my hand this 23rd day of September 1878.

B. F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **John Hill** of Warren County, Kentucky do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First it is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the proceeds of my real and personal estate. Second after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as above mentioned. Third I give to my beloved wife **Dorinda H. Hill** all my land except as may be disposed of to pay my debts while she remains my widow. I also give her my household and kitchen furniture and a sufficiency for a years provision and two head of horses or one horse and yoke of oxen and wagon and cow and calf and stock hogs sufficient for another year and ten head of sheep. Fourth I now want the remainder of my personal estate sold and authorize my executors to sell a boundary of land and convey title to the same. The boundary of land to be sold beginning at **J. B. Motley's** corner at the West end of the land and run North to **Corbittes** line all east of the line to be sold if there is not enough to satisfy all my debts I want the remainder of the **Martin** survey sold if that does not satisfy my debts I want my farm on the creek rented for money rent and the rent used to satisfy the balance of my debts. After the death of my wife I want what remains of my personal estates sold and equally divided between my three children to wit. **James Yewing Hill, Amanda Susin Hill and Isaac**

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Paschal Hill and all and I want my land equally divided between my three children as above named without sale. I also give to my wife farming tools and statute sets apart to a widow and lastly I do hereby constitute my friends **John B. Motley** and **Hardy S. Willoughby** my executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of September 1878.

John J. Hill

James W. Weaver

Attest

John Hill

[His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct October Term 1878

I B. F. Gardener clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **John Hill** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **John J. Hill** and **Jas W. Weaver** the two subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 28th day of October 1878.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Allen Taylor** of Warren County and state of Kentucky on this the 8th day of July 1873 make and publish this to be my last will and testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. First it is my will that my executors pay to **Etnaann Taylor** my daughter three hundred dollars for services rendered me. Second it is my will that all of my household and kitchen furniture which amounts to all I own except cash notes shall be equally divided between my son and daughter **Joseph Taylor** and **Etnaann Taylor** for services rendered me. Third it is my will that my executors collect all the cash notes in my favor understanding that I owe no debts while living and divide equally between eight of my children to wit: **William Taylor Henry Taylor Jane Davenport Alfred Taylor Samuel Taylor John Taylor Robert Taylor and Joseph Taylor** and if my five twenty bond against the United states should be paid I want **Etnaann Taylor** my daughter to have her equal part of it. And it is also my will

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and I hereby request **William Taylor & Alfred Taylor Joseph Taylor** to execute this my last will and testament and I pray the court of county to take them without security. Given under my hand this day and date above written.

Witness

James H. Otey
John N. Edrington

Allen Taylor

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct October Term 1878

I B. F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **Allen Taylor** was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **J. H. Otey** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. N. Edrington** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office Given under my hand this 28th day of October 1878.

B. F. Gardner CWCC

Know all men by these presents that I **Andrew Rabold** a resident of Bowling Green Warren County, Kentucky, of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament. Item 1st I will and direct that my executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts including my funeral expenses out of my personal estate and from the rents of my real estate. Item 2nd I will and direct that my executor shall rent my real estate annually to good and reliable tenants from my death until my daughter **Josephine** shall arrive at 21 years of age and hold and use the proceeds of the rents of same as hereinafter directed. Item 3rd. I will and direct that my executor shall after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses out of the money arising from the rents of my real estate pay to my mother in law Mrs. **Rosaline Rohmer**, five hundred dollars to be paid her in fifty dollar installments the first due and payable six months after my death and the others in every six months thereafter but if she should die before I do then this devise is void or if she should die before she receives all of said five hundred dollars then this devise is void as to such parts as she had not

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received at her death. Item 4th I will and direct that my executor shall out of the balance of my personal property and the rents of my real estate apply and use same in boarding, clothing, and educating my daughter **Josephine Rabold** until she arrives at 21 years of age unless she should marry in which case the rents shall be paid to her. Item 5th I will and bequeath to my daughter **Josephine Rabold** the lot of ground situated in Bowling Green, Kentucky, upon which is situated my livery stable this lot and its appurtenances shall be delivered to her when she arrives at 21 years of age but if she should die before she arrives at the age of twenty one and leaves no child nor children then the title to said lot and appurtenances shall vest in my brothers and sisters or their representatives but it is my will and desire that if she reaches the age of twenty one before she dies that the absolute title shall vest in her to do as she pleases with it. Item 6th it is my will and desire that my said daughter **Josephine** shall have and hold and enjoy the lot of ground on the Corner of Main and Green and houses thereon situated in the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky, during her life and at her death the same shall go and pass to her children or child if any should be born unto her but if none then I desire that said lot and appurtenances shall go and pass to my brothers and sisters or their representatives, but if my said daughter at her death should leave a husband who should be living with her then he shall have a live estate in said lot and its appurtenances and have the right to enjoy the use of same during his life. Item 7th Any other real estate that I may own at my death not specially referred to above I give unto my said daughter absolutely and lastly I hereby appoint **George Lehman** my executor also appoint said **Lehman** guardian of said daughter and he must assume care and control of her upon my death with request from me that he sees her well cared for and boarded in a good family and out of the devise heretofore mentioned afford her the opportunity to acquire a good education and see that she is put to a good school in the event that said **Lehman** refuse to act or from any cause cannot as executor and guardian aforesaid then I appoint **D. Roncher** executor and guardian aforesaid with same powers and instructions as given said **Lehman** and in the event that said **Lehman** or **Roncher** cannot act from any cause then I request the Warren County Court shall appoint a good man as my executor and as guardian aforesaid, one that will

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guard and protect the interest and welfare of my said daughter until she arrives at 21 years of age or marries. In witness whereof the said **Andrew Rabold** signed his name this 7th day of April 1876.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence by **Andrew Rabold**.

Witness

Frank C. Gerard
Patrick Guinan

Andrew Rabold

I **Andrew Rabold** make this as a codicil to my will made and signed by me on the 7th day of April 1876, and witnessed by **Frank C. Gerard** and **Patrick Guinan** and by Item 3rd I direct that my executors to pay Mrs. **Rosaline Rohmer**, I therefore by this revoke that clause in said will and give her nothing except good will, as it was only a voluntary bounty and as to all the other clauses and provisions of said will I reaffirm them. Witness my hand this 1st day of November 1876.

Witness

Saml Bissitt
T. J. Armstrong

An Rabold

I **Andrew Rabold** make this as an additional codicil to my will of date 7th day of April 1876 and instead of giving the care and custody and control and education of my daughter **Josephine Rabold** to **George Lehman** or **D. Roncher** do hereby change my direction therein given and hereby give my said daughter **Josephine** to my niece Mrs. **Columbia Leonard** of Nashville, Tennessee and I hereby give to said **Columbia Leonard** full and complete control of said **Josephine** of her raising education clothing and the said **Columbia** is directed and requested to see that the said **Josephine** is well boarded well educated and well clothed and the executors are directed and ordered to pay to said **Columbia Leonard** the board and clothing and school bills of said **Josephine** and to be paid when called for by the said **Columbia Leonard** upon them or either of them out of my estate and if the rents and interest arising from the proceeds of my estate are not sufficient then I direct that my said executor shall raise same from my real estate October 24, 1878.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence

Patrick Guinan
Frank C. Gerard

Andrew Rabold

[His mark]

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I B. F. Gardner clerk of the Warren

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County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament and the codicils thereto annexed of **Andrew Rabold** decd, were produced in open court and the will proven by the oaths of **Frank C. Gerard** and **Patrick Guinan** the subscribing witnesses thereto and the codicil dated the 1st of November 1876 was proven by the oath of **Saml Bissett** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **T. J. Armstrong** the other subscribing witness thereto and the codicil dated October 24th 1878 was proven by the oaths of **Frank C. Gerard** and **Pat Guinan** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 25th day of November 1878. Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **John Atkinson** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory, make and constitute the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore by me made in the following words and figures to wit. (1) I will and bequeath unto my wife **Jane Atkinson** one half of all my estate of every kind. 2. I will and bequeath the other half of my estate to my three sisters and two brothers in the following manner. I have heretofore advanced to **Robt. Atkinson** my brother one thousand dollars, to **Thomas Atkinson** my other brother I have heretofore advanced \$1,000.00. To my sister **Jane Fort** I have advanced \$1,000.00. To my sister **Margaret Collet** I have advanced \$500.00. To my sister **Agnes Wilkinson** I have advanced \$300.00. Now it is my will and desire that my brothers receive no more until my sisters be made equal with their brothers and then all are made equal out of the estate will to them then the balance of any is to be equally divided between my two brothers and three sisters but with the distinct intention and desire that they shall all be made equal taking into consideration the aforesaid advancements in making the division. 3. **W. H. Blewitt** and **William Fort** are indebted to me the sum of \$6,490.00 being the price given by them for real estate conveyed to them by deed dated 17th of

January 1870 and \$3,275.00 for personal property. They have executed me their notes for the aforesaid sums. These notes were respectively due on the 17th

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January 1871 and 17th January 1872, 17th January 1873, 17th January 1874 & 17th January 1875. These parties want further time to pay said notes and not wishing to have them pushed or troubled for the aforesaid sums, now it is my will and desire and I so direct that the time and notes shall run shall be doubled that is in the place of being paid as they fall due, each note shall be payable as follows. The first note to be due on the 17th January 1876, and the second note due and payable on the 17th January 1877, and the 3rd note due and payable 17th January 1878, 4th note 17th January 1879 and the 5th note on 17th January 1880. Upon the following conditions to wit that said **Blewitt** and **Fort** during that time are committing no waste acting prudently and industriously and that the interest shall continue to run on up to the last named day and until paid and no lien is to be effected by the provisions of this will other than the above named stay on said notes. It is further my will that in the event that suits shall have to be brought to enforce the lien for the payment of said notes at the times herein above named on the property for which they given and there should be a balance left unpaid then it is my will and desire and I so direct that said **Blewitt's** individual property shall be bound for only his own half of such balance as may be left unpaid after the sale of the property for which they given and to be in no way individually liable for **Fort's** one half of such balance if there should be any. Lastly I hereby appoint **Larkin F. Baker** executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 18th day of April 1872.

Attest

John Atkinson

James H. Rose

T. W. Campbell

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December Term 1878

I B. F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **John Atkinson** decd was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jas H. Rose** and **T. W. Campbell** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon I have recorded same with this certificate in my office Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1878.

B. F. Gardner CWCC

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In the name of God Amen. I **Jerry O'Dea** of the City of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky, being in sound mind and disposing memory but weak and feeble physically and being admonished of the certainty of death and being moved to do ample justice in reference to the disposition of my property after death do hereby make publish and ordain the following my true last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills and parts of wills made by me. First, I will my body have a genteel Christian burial, after death, Secondly I will all my just debts be paid out of my personal property if such can be done. Third I having heretofore on sundry occasions made advancements to my son **Edmond O'Dea** in various ways to do justice between my children now I will after the payment of my said debts all of my property of every description, real personal and mixed to my beloved daughter **Annie O'Dea** and ask the County Court of Warren County to let her qualify as my executrix without security of any kind and I do hereby appoint her the said **Annie O'Dea** executrix of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and in the presence of the subscribing witness this 23 day of November 1878.

Witness

A. J. Newton

Wm. W. Smith

Jerry O'Dea [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December Term 1878

I B. F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will and testament of **Jerry O'Dea** decd was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. W. Smith** one of the subscribing witnesses who also proved the attestation of **A. J. Newton** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1878.

B. F. Gardner CWCC

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I **Burrel P. Claypool** of the Town of Bowling Green, County of Warren and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory but conscious of my mortality and desirous to make disposition of my property do hereby bequeath to my wife **Sarah M. Claypool** after paying my burial expenses and just debts all of my property of every description personal real and mixed to have and control in any respect as she wishes to sell and convey titles to any or all real estate that I may own to collect and use as she think best the money on my life policy and from all other sources that may be coming to me. I desire that at her death if there should be any property that my children shall be made equal in what each one receives. I appoint my wife **Sarah M. Claypool** my executrix to carry out this my last will and testament. I request the judge of Warren County Court not to require any surety on her bond written by my own hand this sixteenth day of July 1874.

Witness

W. S. Ragland

Burrel P. Claypool

A. J. Claypool

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December Term 1878

I B. F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **B. P. Claypool** decd, was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. S. Ragland** and **A. J. Claypool** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which together with this certificate has been duly recorded in my office. Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1878.

B. F. Gardner CWCC

The last will and testament of **John Bracken**, being of sound mind and disposing memory but in feeble health. I first and foremost of all things commit my spirit to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came. I secondly desire all my just debts to be paid by my executrix or executor hereinafter mentioned. I then give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Francis Jane Bracken** all my property both personal and real to have and hold and manage and control the same while she remains my widow and in case of her marriage again then she is to take a child's part of my property to be divided according to the statute law of the state of Kentucky. I then give **Sarah Ann Snow** the sum of one dollar and **Julettee Bunch** the sum of sixteen dollars, and **John Bracken** son of **Thomas Bracken** one dollar and **Robert Founting Bracken** one dollar which is all that he is to have out of my estate either personal or real or any of the rest of the above named heirs except **Julettee Bunch**. I then give **Maudey E. Smith** sixteen dollars the balance of her advancement. I then give **John J. Bracken** and **George B. Bracken** and **Calvin P. Bracken** and **Edward E. Bracken** and **Faney Bracken** and **Mosuria Bracken** one hundred and fifty dollars each to be paid in property or money by executrix or executor as they become at the age of 21 years and at the death of my wife **Francis Jane Bracken**, I desire my real estate equally divided amongst and between **Julettee Bunch** and **Maudey E. Smith** and **John J. Bracken** and **George B. Bracken** and **Calvin P. Bracken** and **Edward E. Bracken** and **Faney Bracken** and **Mosuria Bracken** and I constitute and appoint my wife **Frances Jane Bracken** my executrix or executor to carry out my last will and testament and that she may be allowed to inter upon and carry it into effect without any bond but her own. In witness whereof I have here unto subscribed my name this January 15th day 1878.

Attest

J. W. Underhill

John Bracken

J. H. Tygret

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct February Term 1879

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last

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will and testament of **John Bracken** deceased was produce in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. W. Underhill** and **J. H. Tygret** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 24th day of February 1879.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Anne E. Cooke** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all others heretofore made. 1st I desire all my funeral expenses and just debts paid. 2nd I give to my son **Wm Cooke** \$25.00. 3rd I give and bequeath to **James V. Ross** my house and lots including household and kitchen furniture situated on Water Street between State and Bridge Streets in the city of Bowling Green, Kentucky, to him and his heirs forever. It is my wish and I now so direct my debts to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of my lot on Shanks Street in Bowling Green, Kentucky. After this the residue to be equally divided between my sister Mrs. **Jane Weaver** and my niece Mrs. **Catharine Whalin**. I also give to my niece Mrs. **Catharine Whalin** my jewelry and wearing apparel. Witness my hand this 24th day of December 1878.

Signed in presence of

Geo R. Gorin

L. C. Porter

R. C. Thomas

Anne E. Cooke [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct February Term 1879

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Anne E. Cooke** deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Geo R. Gorin**, **L. C. Porter** and **R. C. Thomas** the three subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded and I have recorded same

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with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 11th day of March 1879.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Thomas J. Jenkins** of Warren County Kentucky Being of sound mind and disposing memory but weak in body do make, declare and publish the following to be my last will and testament. First wish my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses. Second I will and bequeath to my brother **William Jenkins** and my sister **Nancy Cox** and **Missouri A. Ramsey** and my father **Steerman Jenkins** the sum of one dollar each. Third I will and bequeath to my brother **Sampson Jenkins** all the rest and residue of my estate of every description and kind all my cash on hand cash notes choses in action real estate if any and personal estate of every kind and description. I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Sampson Jenkins sole executor of this my last will and testament and hereby request the Warren County Court to permit him to qualify as such without requiring him to give security in his bond as such executor. In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this 14th day of March 1879, in the presence of **Wm Quisenberry** and **C. E. Blewett**. Signed and acknowledged by **Thos J. Jenkins** as his last will and testament in our presence and we have subscribed and witnessed the same in the presence and at the request of the said **Thomas J. Jenkins**.

C. E. Blewett

Wm Quisenberry

T. J. Jenkins

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct April Term 1879

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **T. J. Jenkins** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **C. E. Blewett** and **Wm Quisenberry** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which

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is accordingly done.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By Sam M. Matlock DC

In the name of God Amen, I **Nancy Watts** being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all forever wills by me at any time made and first as to my worldly estate and all the property real or personal of which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise bequeath and dispose of in the manner following to wit. My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall by my executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate. Item I give devise and bequeath to my grandson **Robert Martin** one hundred and twenty three dollars to be paid out of my estate and paid to my executor hereinafter named in trust for the sole use and benefit of the said **Robert Martin** and my executor is hereby directed to loan out or invest the same

and soon as it comes to his hands for the use and benefit of said **Robert Martin** as aforesaid. Item I Give devise and bequeath to my grandson **Henry Martin** one hundred and twenty three dollars to be paid out of my estate and placed in the hands of my executor hereinafter named in trust for the sole use and benefit of the said **Henry Martin** and my executor is hereby directed to loan out or invest said sum for the sole use and benefit of the said **Henry Martin** so soon as the same comes to the hands of my said executor for use and benefit of said **Henry Martin** as aforesaid. Item It is my will and desire that if either the said **Robert Martin** or **Henry Martin** should die before attaining full age that the sum willed as aforesaid shall go and descend to the survivor if they the said **Robert** and **Henry Martin** should both die before attaining to full age then and in that event it is my will and desire that the devises herein made to said **Robert** and **Henry Martin** shall go and descend to the surviving brothers and sisters of the said **Henry** and **Robert Martin**. Item My other children having received from their father

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Bennett S. Watts a much larger part of his estate than my daughter **Sallie D. Peden** wife of **E. H. Peden** and by reason of her care and attention and kindness to me and on taking care of and providing for my comfort and with the view of assisting and in some degree compensating her for the trouble and care bestowed on me, it is my will and desire that after paying my just debts and funeral charges and the specified devises herein made that all the rest and residue I shall die seized and possessed of to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I give devise and bequeath to my daughter **Sallie D. Peden** wife of **E. M. Peden**. Lastly I do constitute and appoint **E. M. Peden** executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this 9th day of March 1875.

Witnesses

Nancy Watts

Attest **M. S. Reynolds**

W. J. Bradford

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **Nancy Watts** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **W. J. Bradford** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **M. S. Reynolds** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly. Given under my hand this 28th day of July 1879.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Know all men by these presents that I **Silas Davis** colored in the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, gentlemen, being in ill health and 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. Ist I hereby constitute and appoint **Alfred Justice** to be sole executor of this

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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 payments of my said debts and funeral expenses I give to **Mack Davis** one two year old bay filly bridle and saddle and one judgement on **Isaac Davis**. Third the remainder of my estate personal and real I give to my wife **Mariah J. Davis** during her natural life or widowhood for her use and benefit in the event she should marry again I give her only half of my estate. Fourth at my wife **Mariah J. Davis** death I direct my said executor to sell all my estate collect the money and build a church in the neighborhood of **David Lothrige** and procure the land for a church and burying ground free for all denominations that is now common on amongst us to preach at and have there day this the 19th day of March 1879.

Witnesses

J. A. Justice

Silas Davis [His mark]

William Morgan

Elias Morgan [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **Silas Davis** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. A. Justice** and **Elias Morgan** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of July 1879. Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Robert W. Lucas** of the City of Bowling Green County of Warren and state of Kentucky, knowing the uncertainty of life and now though afflicted in body but of sound mind and memory, and having a desire to dispose of such worldly property as I may possess at my death I do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby

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revoking all others and former wills that I may have heretofore made. Item first It is my will and desire that all of my just debts should be owing any at my death including my funeral expenses be first paid. Item second it is further my will and desire that my obligations entered into before the Warren County Court in reference to the two colored children named **William** or **Billy** and **Fannie C. Lucas** be fully complied with as though I was living and that said **Billy** and **Fannie** remain with my sisters, **Sarah A. Mary Ellen** and **Martha T. Lucas** until their indenture expires just as they have been living heretofore. Item third It is further my will and desire and I hereby will and bequeath to my three sisters **Sarah A. Lucas**, **Mary Ellen Lucas** and **Martha T. Lucas** jointly if living at my death or such of them as may be living at my death or such of them as may be then living all of my property of every kind real personal and mixed after the bequest above spoken of in the first and second items are fully complied with. Item fourth I appoint my said three sisters, **Sarah A.**, **Mary Ellen** and **Martha Thomas Lucas** or such of them as are living at my death the executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby request the County Court to permit them or any one of them to qualify as such without requiring them or either of them to give security. I have one other sister who has grown sons to provide for her and therefore leave her nothing preferring to provide for these sisters who have no one to provide for them when I am gone and who have cared for and waited upon me during several years of my bodily affliction. I have also several brothers living to them I leave nothing as I have heretofore aided them so far as I was able to do. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and signature this 15th day of August 1875.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of

R. W. Lucas

L. L. Cooke

Jno. E. Younglove

T. W. Campbell

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **R. W. Lucas** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Jno. E. Younglove**, **T. W. Campbell** and **L. L. Cooke** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of May 1879. Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **W. M. Rector** of Warren County State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made. First I order and direct my executor as soon after my decease as practicable to pay off and discharge all the debts dues and liabilities that may exist against me at the time of my decease. Second I give and bequeath to my son **Charles** eighteen acres of land on east side of a tract now owned by him. Third I order and bequeath to my daughters **Harriett Gott** and **Sarah A. Demitt** 53 acres of land being the same land purchased by me of **R. G. Potter** my daughters **Sarah** and **Harriett** heretofore mentioned are to have the use of said 53 acres of land but should they become dissatisfied and leave said land, I order that it be equally divided among my heirs. I furthermore desire that at the deceased of my daughters **Sarah** and **Harriett** the said 53 acres of land be equally divided among my heirs. I further more order and desire that should my son in law **J. G. Demitt** live longer than his wife **Sarah A. Demitt** heretofore mentioned that said **Demitt** is to share equally in the division with my heirs. The within heirs mentioned in this will are to take care of and support me during my life however I am to have possession of the homestead during my life.

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I furthermore desire that my son **Charles** act as my executor. I also desire that this be recorded at my decease. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 18th day of July A. D. 1877.

W. M. Rector [His mark]

The above and foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed sealed published and declared by the said **W. M. Rector** as and for his last will and testament in presence of us and at his request and in the presence of each other in witness whereof we have subscribed our names.

John Thomas

J. T. Tygret

State of Kentucky Warren County Ct. Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **W. M. Rector** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **John Thomas** and **J. T. Tygret** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of August 1879.

Ben F. Gardner

I **John R. Hill** of Warren County Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. Item 1st. It is my will and I so direct that as soon as practicable after my death that all of my personal property of every description be sold subject to the reservations hereinafter mentioned and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts said sale I desire to be made on a credit of six months at public auction. Item 2nd It is my will and I so direct that if I should die before the hogs which I am now feeding for market are fatted that they be not sold until they are fatted. Item 3rd. It is further my will and I so

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direct that if I should die before the time for putting up pork for another year that enough meat be reserved out of the hogs mentioned in Item 2nd as will be sufficient for my family for one year. Item 4th It is further my will and I so direct that none of my household and kitchen furniture be sold but that it remain for the use of my family so long as my beloved wife **Addie** shall live and at her death if any of it remains is to be equally divided between my two children **Eva** and **Bradley** that is I mean for my beloved wife's use and benefit during her natural life and for such of my children as may remain with her and at her death said household and kitchen furniture to be equally divided between my said two children if any of it should remain. Item 5th. It is further my will and I so direct that the brown mare mule which is my buggy mule shall be reserved for the use of my beloved wife **Addie** and my daughter **Eva** and also one mare named Sylva and a colt of the mare Sylva and what wheat is on hand be reserved for bread and to sow and a sufficiency of provender to do for my said family one year and a further reservation I direct shall be made for the use of my said wife and family and that is two heifers and their calves and one small speckled heifer. Item 6th It is further my will and I so direct that out of my hogs which I may own at my death there shall be about ten head set apart for the use of my said wife and daughter as stock hogs. Item 7th It is further my will and I give to my grand son **Joseph Smith** son of **Charles Smith** and of my deceased daughter **Lelia Smith** the tract or parcel of land which I purchased at Commissioners sale of the lands of **B. C. Smith** decd containing about one hundred and twenty six acres and enough of other of my lands adjoining said one hundred and twenty six acres as will make including the one hundred and twenty six acres one hundred and thirty acres the lands which I desire to be added to said one hundred twenty six acres so as to make out the one hundred and thirty acres is an extension of the line of

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Mrs. **Fannie Covington** and myself of the **Smith** lands running through my woods to the corner to **C. C. Smith's** land and **B. C. Smith's** land near the gate on the lane between **Charles Smith** and my woodlands and if my said grandson **Joseph Smith** should die before his father **Charles Smith** without Children then in that event I desire and so direct that **Charles** (his father) shall have said lands during his natural life and at his **Charles Smith's** death said lands to revert to my said son **Bradley** and my daughter **Eva** equally if either one of them should not be living without any children then the whole to go to the survivor and if both be dead leaving no children then said land to go

their children and if said **Eva** and **Bradley** and **Joseph Smith** should all die without any heirs of their body then I desire after the life estate of said **Charles Smith** in said one hundred and thirty acres of land shall in that event go and descend to my next of kin. Item 8th. It is further my will and I give to my beloved wife **Addie** one third in value of the remainder of my land after taking out the one hundred and thirty acres above mentioned including the house and garden and out houses for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between my two children **Bradley** and **Eva**. Item 8th It is further my will and I give to each one of my said Children **Eva** and **Bradley** all the balance of my land equally. Item 9th. It is further my will and I so direct that the lands which I have given as above to my said daughter **Eva** shall vest in her for her separate use and benefit, free from any husband she may have but in the event she should marry and die without any children and leave a husband surviving her then I desire that such husband shall have said lands so given as above to said **Eva** for and during his natural life and at his death to go to my son **Bradley** if living or if he be dead then to his children if any and if none then to go to my grandson **Jo. Smith**. But if my said daughter **Eva** should die leaving children then I

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desire same to go to said children but if it should so turn out that said grandson **Joseph Smith** should get said lands and he should die without child or children then I direct that said lands go to the next of my kin. Item 10th It is further my will and I so direct that before any of the lands before mentioned shall be divided I desire and so direct that all of same shall be rented out for the space of five years for the purpose of raising a sufficient amount of money to pay all my just debts that may remain after the proceeds of the personal property shall be applied thereto except the house and about five acres for garden purposes for my wifes family but out of the proceeds of said renting a sufficiency shall be applied for the comfortable support and maintenance of my beloved wife and daughter **Eva** during said five years. Item 11th. It is further my will and I direct that out of the lands I have above disposed of that a space of fifteen feet wide out of the lands given to my grandson **Joseph** shall be appropriated for a pass way commencing on the old Nashville road at the corner between my lands and Mrs. **Fannie Covington** and running on between Mrs. **Covington** and the land given to my said grandson to Mrs. **Covingtons** corner adjoining my home place and another space of fifteen feet wide I direct to be appropriated for a road beginning at the south corner of my land and Mrs. **Fannie Covington** and running north with the line of Mrs. **Covington** and my lands until it reaches the land given to said grandson thence with the line of the land given to my said grandson until it reaches the corner of **Charles Smith** and my own near the gate in the lane between said **Smiths** and my own woodlands. Item 12th It is my will and I so direct that my spring wagon shall not be sold but that it remain for the use of my beloved wife **Addie**. Item 13th It is further my will and I appoint my friend **A. M. Ellis** executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand this the 10th day of September 1879. Interlineations and erasures made

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before signing.

Subscribed and acknowledged in the presence of

John R. Hill

J. E. Halsell

G. C. Cooksey

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct. October Term 1879

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **John R. Hill** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **G. C. Cooksey** and **J. E. Halsell** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1897.

Ben F. Gardner

Monday February 24th 1879

I **Daniel Rhodes** being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament. To my wife **Catharine W. Rhodes** I do bequeath the farm on which I reside with all its appurtenances the farm lying in Warren County Kentucky. And do also bequeath to her all cash notes house and kitchen furniture and all stock in my possession.

Witness

J. M. Lesuern

Daniel Rhodes [His mark]

W. F. Lawrence

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct. October Term 1879

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **Daniel Rhodes** deceased was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. M. Lesuern** and **W. F. Lawrence** the subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 27th day of October 1879. Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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In the name of God, Amen. I **Harmon B. Elrod** being of sound mind and although my age is over three score years and ten and in the enjoyment of usual health, yet knowing that all must die and I being desirous of leaving my worldly matters in a situation to give as little trouble as possible to those I leave behind me do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and setting aside any and all other wills heretofore made by me. Item 1st. It is my will and desire and I do hereby will and desire to my well beloved wife **Jane Elrod** with who I have lived in wedlock for over fifty years my entire estate of every kind and description whatever to have and to hold and enjoy during the period of her natural life should she survive me. Item second At and after the death of my said wife and after my decease it is my will that **John Elrod** (Son of **Tom Elrod**) shall have and receive of my estate the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. Item Third I have heretofore executed to **Jane Travis** my obligation for the sum of twelve hundred (\$1200) dollars as a gift which amount I desire to be paid to her out of my estate. Item Fourth I further give and bequeath to my friend **James A. Mitchell** the sum of eight hundred (\$800) dollars exclusive of a reasonable and fair compensation for legal services he may hereafter render for me, and exclusive of compensation for his services as executor and legal advisor in the winding up of my estate and the carrying out of this my will. Item Fifth I give and bequeath to my friend and former pastor Rev. **R. R. Smoot** the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars. Item Sixth I give and bequeath to my friend and pastor Rev. **John L. Caldwell** the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars. Item Seventh I give and bequeath to my friend **Lewis Milligan** the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars. Item Eighth. I give and bequeath to **George Sweeney** (a colored man) the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to him by my executor only upon the condition that he continues to live with me and my wife until the death of both. This bequest is to be in addition to

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any sum which may be owing to him by me or my wife at our death for wages. Item Ninth I give and bequeath to my nephew **Harmon Elrod Rogers** of Washita County Arkansas the sum of one thousand dollars. His post office is now Woodlawn Arkansas, and he is a son of **John R.** and **Rachel Rogers** and his mother, my sister was buried in this county. Item tenth. It is further my will and I desire that the bequest of three hundred dollars to **John Elrod** in the second Item of my will be first paid in full and if my estate should not be sufficient to pay the other legatees in full then I desire that each should be paid prorata in proportion to the amount given to each. Item Eleventh It is further my will and desire that both my wife and myself at our death be decently buried and our funeral expenses and just debts be first paid out of my estate. Item Twelfth, It is my will and desire that if after the payment of funeral expenses and foregoing legacies there should be any of my estate still remaining that such residue shall be paid to **Nancy Robinson** widow of **John Robinson** deceased. Item Thirteen That there may be no misunderstanding about my meaning I repeat that none of the legacies hereinbefore named are to be paid until after the death of both myself and wife. She is to have all my estate as long as she lives if she survives me. Item Fourteenth I nominate and appoint my friend **Jas A. Mitchell** executor of this my will and testament and I hereby authorize and empower him to sell and convey all my real estate and property of every kind for the purpose of making distribution of my estate as directed in this will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of November 1876.

Witnessed in the presence of the testator **H. B. Elrod** and at his request

B. J. Ellis

Harmon B. Elrod [His mark]

J. L. Millican

I **Harmon B. Elrod** being of sound mind and disposing memory make ordain and publish this codicil to my foregoing last will and

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testament to wit. It is my will and desire and I hereby revoke and cancel the eight (8th) Item of said will which contains a bequest to **George Sweeney** colored and in lieu of said item I hereby will and bequeath to **Thomas L.**

Roberson who now lives with me the sum of Four Hundred (\$400) Dollars to be paid to him by Executor only upon the condition that he continues to live with me and my wife till the death of both. This bequest is in addition to any sum which may be owing to him by me or my wife for wages at our death. Given under my hand this Oct 15 1878.

Witnessed by

B. J. Ellis

Harmon B. Elrod

J. L. Millican

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **Harmon B. Elrod** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **B. J. Ellis** and **J. L. Millican** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Harmon B. Elrod** deceased. Which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22nd day of December

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Warren County Kentucky, August 15th 1878 In the name of God Amen, I **Mary Porter** widow of **Vance Porter** decd. of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, being of disposing mind and memory conscious of my approaching mortality an desiring to dispose of my little effects do hereby make and ordain the following my last will and testament. Viz. Item 1st I give unto my daughter- in- law **Paulina Porter** my large looking glass 6 of my parlor chairs and my rocking chair also my bedstead now at **Wm Ellis'**. Item 2nd I give unto my grand daughter **Maud Jones** 6 of my silver knives and forks, one bureau and looking glass one washstand, one bed bedstead and bed clothing said furniture is now in her room and all other furniture now in her room that may belong to me. Item 3rd After paying my funeral

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expenses just debts and etc. I give unto my daughter **Jane V. Parks** all the rest may be owing me not named in the above. Item 4th I appoint my friend **Vance Smith** my executor to carry out this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name the day and date above written and in presence of

Charles Asher

W. E. Talbot

Mary Porter [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the last will and testament of **Mary Porter** decd., was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. E. Talbot** and **Charles Asher** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22nd day of December 1879.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Bowling Green Kentucky, September 5th 1878

I **James M. Kirby** [sic] of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and setting aside all former will made by me. First I desire my body to be decently buried. Second I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. 3rd I give and bequeath all my estate both real and personal to my beloved wife **Nancy Kirby** to do with as she may think best. 4th I appoint my wife **Nancy Kirby** executrix of this my last will and testament and request the court not to require any security of her on her bond as executrix. In presence of **Ben F. Gardner** and **S. M. Matlock** and request them to sign their names as witnesses to my signature.

Witness

Ben F. Gardner

S. M. Matlock Jr.

Samuel M. Kirby

[His mark]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **S. M. Kirby** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Ben F. Gardner** one of the subscribing

witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **S. M. Matlock** the other subscribing thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 26th day of January 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Pleasant Hines** of Warren County Kentucky, being of sound mind but advanced in age and desiring to make a just disposition of my property, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all others. After my death I desire to be buried by the side of my son **John** at Fair View Cemetery in a nice metallic coffin with such formalities as my family may choose to adopt, having a due regard to economy. I wish a genteel stone monument erected to mark my grave, gotten up in economical style but in such form and manner as to be a suitable monument for my self and my dear wife, when she dies hoping that she may be buried by my side and after the payment of my funeral expenses which I desire shall be economical, within prudent and proper bonds, and after the payment of all my just debts should there be any after my death I then desire my property to be disposed of as herein after directed. I have heretofore give to my seven children **Mary C. Baker, Margaret S. Everhart, George W. Hines, Martha W. South, Hetty F. Hall, Sarah Jane Dishman** and **William H. Hines** each the sum of seven thousand one hundred and ninety five dollars and forty six cents (\$1195.46) it being a division in part of my estate made on the 1st of January 1873, besides between eleven and twelve thousand dollars before given to each of them in money and property, thus making them all equal on the date of the last division aforesaid which will also be shown by memorandums or schedules in my possession as to the last division, showing each note and kind of property, given and allotted

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to each of them. All bonds and notes not mentioned in said memorandums that may be found in my papers and in my possession belong to my estate except such as will be found in envelopes marked with the name of the proper owner thereof which envelopes and their content are in a box containing bonds and papers, belonging to myself and are deposited in the Bank Potter Vivion and Company. I hereby direct that ten thousand dollars of my Warren County Bonds that were executed for the building of the Court House and bearing eight per cent interest per annum the interest payable semiannually shall be kept sacred on deposit in Bank and the interest accruing thereon shall be paid to and drawn by my dear wife **T. A. Hines** as it becomes due and payable, for her special use and benefit as long as she lives and after her death said funds shall be equally divided among my said seven children and if necessary in making said division equal as many of said bonds may be sold as may be necessary for that purpose and the proceeds thereof equally divided among my said children and such portion of said bonds and proceeds as is here given to my said daughters Is given to them to go into their hands respectively as their own separate property and shall not in any event become the money or property of their husband nor subject to their husbands debts or liabilities this gift to my said daughters is made to them during their lives each and after their death the portion going to each shall as they die go equally to her children. All other cash and cash notes and bonds and stock and choses in action that may be on hand and belonging to my estate at the time of my death shall be divided equally among my said children for the same purpose and with the same conditions and restrictions as my other devises are herein before made. Provided however that my daughter **Martha W. South** in taking the portion herein devised to her shall take one half of my bank stock in the Warren Deposit Bank at its market value at the time of my death. I mean half of the forty shares I now own in said Bank and at her death the banks stock hereby give to my said daughter **Martha** shall go to her son **Henry South** who is a cripple, this bank stock going to my said grandson **Henry South** at the death of his mother **Martha W. South** together with five hundred dollars out of the portion herein given to my said daughter **Martha**. I hereby give to my said grandson after

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the death of his said mother and my said grandson shall have this much more than his brother or sister out of my estate herein devised to my said daughter **Martha** and the difference I make in my said grand children because he is a cripple and the youngest child and he had no agency in spending part of the means I have given to his said mother. The other half of my said bank stock now owned by me as aforesaid I give to my daughter **Sarah Jane Dishman** which she shall have during her life as her separate property and shall not to be subject to the control of her husband nor subject to any other debts or liabilities and at her death it shall go equally to her children. The dividends upon said bank stock shall be drawn personally by my said daughters during their lives respectively and shall be for their separate and exclusive use and benefit. I own two lots in Bowling Green between Summer and Green Streets, one of them opposite my old residence containing one half acres on which there is a house purchased of **Dan Curren** and

wife and the other lot containing between 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 acre fronting on Green Street and having a stable on it and which was purchased at sale of **Sally Grider** and deeded by **T. S. Grider** as Comr. These two lots and all other property of mine not otherwise disposed of shall be sold after my death at public auction on a credit of six months the purchaser giving bond and good security therefor bearing interest from date of sale. Said bonds to be made payable to the heirs and the proceeds of which shall be equally divided among them, to wit, my seven children aforesaid subject to the same conditions and restrictions as my other devisees herein made, I wish my said daughters to use during their lives as much of the means herein given them as may be necessary for their comfortable and genteel support and maintenance, it being my desire that while they shall live comfortably and respectably and without embarrassment or "stint". At the death of my daughters the portions going to them and not used by them as aforesaid shall go equally to their children except as provided otherwise in the case of **Henry South**, that is the children of each shall take under their mother respectively. Heretofore I took four shares of stock in the Warren Deposit Bank in the name of my daughter **Sarah Jane Dishman** and paid for same with money. I had given her in one of the aforesaid

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divisions of my estate. This stock is given her as her separate estate free from the debts liabilities and control of her husband during her life with remainder to her children as aforesaid but the dividends thereon shall be paid to her. I will mention here a debt of about \$100 due from her or from her husband to **J. S. Hall** on a note now owned by said **Hall** for negro hire. This debt shall be paid to said **Hall** out of the means herein devised to my said daughter **Sarah Jane**. I will mention further that I am trustee for my said daughter **Sarah Jane** under an order of the Warren Circuit Court representing a fund shown in said order. I desire said court after my death to appoint my sons **George W. & William H. Hines** as her trustees to take charge of and manage said fund after my death I desire my wife in addition to the bonds given her to take her choice of bed bedstead and furniture of bureau and wardrobe and carpet and that she shall select a set of chairs including rocker to suit her taste and pleasure and which shall be paid for out of my estate. I appoint my sons **George W. & William H. Hines** as trustees to see that my said daughters shall get the interest upon their bonds and dividends upon their said bank stock and to see that said bonds be kept on deposit in bank for the purpose herein shown. I do not want any formal administration upon my estate but after the payment of my funeral expenses and debts if any after my death I desire my friend **W. H. Payne** to see that my will shall be carried out, and to see that the bonds herein given to my children, but not yet divided out to them shall be divided out and set apart to them and that all money shall be paid to them to which they may be entitled under this will, and that the division of my property shall be made to them equally according to the stipulations and conditions herein made, that my said bonds notes proceed of sale, and property herein devised shall be divided out and passed over by my said friend to those entitled to same under the provisions of this will desiring that it shall be done as soon as practicable after my death, and in the presence of my family being sure that the ten thousand dollars of bonds set apart to my wife shall be kept on deposit in bank and that the interest thereon shall be paid to her as it becomes due during her life, and after her death I desire that she shall

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be buried by my side with all becoming solemnities and respect and that her funeral expenses shall be paid out of that portion of my estate in bank set apart to her during her life. Having now finished my duties to my dear wife and children as far as is in power, I commend them all to that kind and ruling providence having custody of their eternal destiny and praying for their immortal as well as their temporal welfare. I earnestly hope they will harmonize in their dealings with mankind and especially with each other. Signed by my own hand in the presence of **John M. Porter**, **W. E. Settle** and **L. L. Loving** in whose presence I declare this to be my last will and testament This 20th day of September 1877.

Witness

W. E. Settle
John M. Porter
L. L. Loving

P. Hines

I **Pleasant Hines**, being of sound mind and disposing memory and desiring to make some change in my will attached hereto of date 20th September 1877 add this codicil 1st that instead of ten thousand dollars of the bonds to be kept in the bank, the interest of which to be paid to my wife **T. A. Hines** as it becomes due as long as she lives according to my will of the date aforesaid. I desire that she shall have only three bonds of one thousand dollars each two of them

being road and bridge bonds and one of them a water works bond, all drawing eight per cent interest per annum payable semiannually That the interest on said three bonds shall be paid to my said wife as it becomes due as long as she lives, and in addition to this my seven children **Mary C. Baker, Margaret S. Everhart, George W. Hines, Martha W. South, Hetty F. Hall, Sarah Jane Dishman and William H. Hines**, shall execute their joint note to my said wife binding themselves to pay to her the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars per year should not be enough to support my said wife respectably and in comfort she shall have the right to use as much of the principal of said three bonds as may be necessary

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for that purpose. Since making my will of 20th Sept afsd I have bought the Barnett Livery stable in Bowling Green and if I should not dispose of it while I live I desire my son **W. H. Hines** to advertize it and sell it at public sale on such terms as my said children may by majority determined or it may be sold by him at probate sale if they think proper and if he shall sell it on time he make take bond with good security for the payment payable to my said children equally I further direct that such portion as may be given to my daughter from this or any other of my estate shall be paid to them personally as their separate property with the exception that such as may be going to daughter **Sarah Jane Dishman** shall be paid to and managed by her son **Thomas Dishman** for the sale and exclusive use and benefit of his said mother during her life and at her death to go to her children equally. If any of my children should refuse to pay to my said wife the amount herein provided to be paid by them in that event she shall be paid out of my estate and the children so refusing shall be charged therewith it being my firm intention and great desire that my said wife shall be amply provided for as long as she lives. I expect very little trouble in winding up my affairs after my death as I do not expect to leave much of any unsettled business. Therefore I desire no administration or any formalities about my will It is my wish that my friend **W. H. Payne** shall divide out what I have to be divided according to my will and this codicil if he should be living and if he should not be living I then want my said children and my said wife to select some good and competent friend to make the division signed by myself this 1st day of March 1879.

Test

Will A. Cooke
G. B. Payne

P. Hines

I **Pleasant Hines** being still of sound and disposing mind but old and low and declining health find it necessary to make this codicil to my will 1st Since providence has called my dear wife before me to another and better world I trust, than this, I wish the bonds provided in my will for her to be distributed equally among my children subject to the same management and

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restrictions as to my daughters as made in my will 2nd I wish my son **Geo W. Hines** to unite with my won **W. H. Hines** in disposing of the livery stable mentioned in my will and they shall have equal authority in regard to the same. 3rd In consideration of extraordinary services and attention rendered me in my present sickness I desire that fifty dollars shall be paid my daughter Mrs. **Martha W. South** and forty dollars to my grand daughter **Hetty Everhart** and forty dollars to my daughter in law **Bessie Hines**, these little sums are not to be taken into consideration in the equal division mentioned heretofore but they are gifts to them not to be accounted for in any

way. Signed in the presence of **M. A. Clark** and **Amelia Graham** this 30th day December 1879.

Test

M. A. Clarke
Amelia Graham

P. Hines

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct February Term 1880

I Ben F. Gardner of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **P. Hines** together with the 2 codicils thereto attached was this day produced in open court and the will proved by the oaths of **Jno. M. Porter** and **L. L. Loving** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the 1st codicil was proved by the oath of **Will A. Cooke** and **Geo B. Payne** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and the 2nd and last codicil was proved by the oath of **M. A. Clarke** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Amelia**

Graham the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the Court being satisfied ordered the said will together with the codicils thereto annexed to be recorded as and for the last will and testament os said **P. Hines** which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 23rd day of February 1880

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **James C. McNeal** of the city of Bowling Green County of Warren and State of Kentucky mindful of the uncertainty of life and wishing while possessed of a sound mind and disposing memory to dispose of the property with which a bountiful and merciful providence has blessed me do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament.

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Item First. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife **Ann McNeal** my homestead situated on the corner of Poplar and Chestnut Streets in the city of Bowling Green aforesaid, with all the appurtenances there unto appertaining subject never the less to the right of way over a strip of land ten feet wide off the rear of the lot as a means of ingress to and egress from the adjoining lot and place on the North West also all my household and kitchen furniture, books pictures, beds and bedding, sewing machine and everything in use in and about my house pertaining to housekeeping, including the stock of provisions and supplies which may be in store at the time of decease also the best cow or cow and calf which I may have at the time of my decease and all hogs which may be owned by me at that time. To have and to hold the said real and personal property as her absolute property the same being given devised and bequeathed to her in lieu of her dower in my estate. Item Second All the residue of my estate real personal and mixed of whatever kind or nature and ever situated I give devise and bequeath to my executor hereinafter named. Intrust nevertheless for the following use and purposes and for none other, to wit: 1st To pay and discharge all my just debts including my funeral or burial expenses. 2nd To pay over the rent devised from my real estate and the interest or income derived from money loaned or invested so far as may be necessary and no further to my beloved wife **Ann McNeal** to be expended by her in education and maintenance of my children and support of herself till my youngest child shall attain his or her majority and in the event of the death of my beloved wife aforesaid before the majority of the youngest child as aforesaid then to pay over the said rents profits and income to the extent of their necessities for the education and support of my children in such manner as my said executor shall deem best and most conducive to their welfare and on the youngest child attaining his or her majority then to convert all the property belonging to my estate and herein devised and bequeathed as the residue of my property at the time of my decease into cash except such as may at that time be invested in good interest bearing security equal to cash and divide and distribute the same to my wife and children share and share alike

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provided my wife remain my widow, but if at the time fixed for the distribution of my estate my wife shall have remarried or departed this life then my estate aforesaid to be distributed to and among my children then living share and share alike unless any child shall have in the mean time departed this life leaving child of children in which case it is my will that such child or children of such deceased child shall take the share to which such deceased child would have taken if living, hereby intending to clothe my said executor with full and express authority to sell or exchange any of my real estate and to reinvest the proceeds of any which he may sell at any time before the period fixed herein for final distribution as fully as I might do if living having full confidence in his discretion judgement and fidelity to my family and it being my wish that he shall have full power to lease manage sell or exchange my real estate and invest money's belonging to my estate as his judgement may direct and my said executor is further authorized on the request of my wife or in case of her death of any child who may have attained his or her majority to advance to any such child before the period of final distribution a reasonable sum of money, less that his or her probable distributive share provided he shall concur in the wisdom or prudence of such request and my estate shall be in condition to make such advancement. Item Third. So far as my minor children may need the care custody and direction of a guardian as to any estate or property interest which they may have by reason of the payment of any insurance upon my life or otherwise so far as the authority is vested in me. I appoint and nominate as such guardian my beloved wife and their mother **Ann McNeal** believing her to be clothed by the law of nature and peculiarly fitted by her affection to give their persons such care and nurture as they may need. Item fourth. Reposing full confidence in the judgement probity and friendship of my nephew **William Lawrence McNeal** I nominate and appoint him the executor of this my last will and testament and commend to his supervision and watch care the business and financial

concerns and to his friendly interest the entire welfare of my family feeling that I may safely intrust the first to his discretion and the last

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to his devotion and faithfulness. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

J. C. McNeal

The above instrument consisting of three sheets and five pages and four lines was at the date thereof signed sealed published and declared by the said **James C. McNeal** as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

R. T. McNeal

David Hawes

The above instrument consisting of three sheets and five pages and four lines was on this day acknowledged and delivered by thee said **James C. McNeal** as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at this request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this April the 9th 1878.

Jas M. Herdman

L. A. Graham

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **J. C. McNeal** was produced in open court this day and proved by the oaths of **Jas M. Herdman** and **L. A. Graham** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **J. C. McNeal** which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 23rd day of February 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Daniel Hays** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of bad health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills and codicils heretofore made by me if any. First I give to my son **Thos J. Hays** my furniture and one bureau also one note on **B. P. Shirley Esq. John Thomas** and **John Garrison**

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for thirty six dollars and one on **S. C. Young, Thomas Morris** and **W. W. Johnson** for seven dollars and 50 cents and one other note on **John S. Thomas** and **Martha J. Thomas** for nine dollars and 50 cents. The consideration of the above mentioned property and notes is this, my son **Thomas J. Hays** is to take care of and provide for me during my natural life. Second I give to my son **Thomas J. Hays** my entire undivided interest in the tract of land on which we now live containing about 65 acres more or less it being a tract of land which was deeded by **Saml Hays** to my children. Third I give further to my son **Thos J. Hays** my entire undivided interest in the tract or piece of land which was cut off of home place of **Samuel Hays** decd by commissioners which land my children heired from their grandfather **Saml Hays** decd which land lays along the side and adjoining the land on which we now live. Fourth I give to my three grandchildren **C. E. Thomas, Elizabeth** and **Luley Thomas** children of my decd daughter **Mary E. Hays Thomas** my piece of timberland containing about 29 acres more or less adjoining the widow **John Petty** and **James Thomas**. Fifth I give to my above mentioned three grandchildren my entire intrust in a tract or piece of land lying south of Barren River adjoining **Daniel Claypool** and **Wm Howell** which land my children heired from the grandfather **Saml Hays** decd. Sixth I give to my three grandchildren a note which I hold on **James P. Martin** for one hundred dollars for land bearing date Jan 5 1880 and due the 1st day of April 1882 and bearing interest from date of note. Seventh I give to my son **Thomas J. Hays** a note which I hold on **James P. Martin** for one hundred dollars for land bearing date Jan 5, 1880 and due April 1st 1881 and bearing interest from date of note. Eighth now in consideration of the foregoing gifts and division which I have made between my son **Thomas J. Hays** and my three grandchildren I consider that my son **Thomas J. Hays** will get one hundred and seventy two dollars 33 1/3 cents more than an equal divide. Now in order to make the division equal I desire and will that my son **Thomas J.**

Hays shall execute his note payable to my three mentioned grandchildren jointly or to their guardian which I will hereinafter appoint for

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the sum of one hundred and seventy two dollars and 33 1/3 cents due in five years with interest from its date but payable at said **Thomas J. Hays** option if he desire to pay before maturity of note. Ninth I have kept back one note of one hundred dollars on **James P. Martin** bearing date 5th Jan 1880 and due 1st day April 1880 and some little money out of which I desire my funeral expenses, the sufficiency left I desire it applied in paying for tombstones to be put at my grave and the graves of my children and wife which are dead and if not enough to be applied as far as it will go. Tenth I hereby appoint my son **Thomas J. Hays** to take charge of what I have reserved in the ninth paragraph of this will to pay off and apply the money as I have directed in said ninth paragraph. Eleventh I hereby appoint **Wm Meredith** a guardian or trustee for said three grandchildren to take charge at my death of all the notes and land which I have given them in this will which property is to go into his hand without his giving security. Given under my hand this January 9th 1880. Witness as to **Daniel Hays Mark Jno. S. Gary**

Witness

N. H. Lucas

James H. Lewis

Daniel Hays [His Mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct. March Term 1880

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Daniel Hays** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **N. H. Lucas** and **James H. Lewis** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the court being satisfied ordered the same to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Daniel Hays** decd, Which is recorded accordingly this March 22nd 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Warren County Kentucky

I **Addie Hill** widow of the late **John R. Hill** who lived and died in Warren County Kentucky do hereby renounce the provisions of the will so far

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as I am concerned made by said Hill in his life time and which was proved and admitted to record by the Warren County Court at its _____ Term 1879 and is now of record in the clerks office of said court and desire what the law allows me as the widow aforesaid this the 26th day of February 1880.

Attest

S. M. Matlock

Addie Hill

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing renunciation of the provisions of the will of **John R. Hill** decd by **Addie Hill** was on the 26th day of February 1880 produced to me in said County and acknowledged by **Addie Hill** to be her act and deed and I have this day recorded same with this certificate in my office. Witness my hand this 1st day of April 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **John Hays** knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death this day and date make my will and testament in the following order. First I bequeath my wife **Ann Mariah** all of my estate which consists in real and personal property so long as she remains my wife or widow and it is further my will that she control and manage all of the farm and appurtenances thereto connected and I further will that my son **Henry** which left home and parental care of me when under age to have ten dollars out of all my estate and no more is he to have than the above ten dollars and I will **John Hays** my second son the right to control all of the farm deed everything pertaining thereto provided that my wife should change her name or marry any more and **John** is to have all that he can make on the farm himself and govern and control all that belongs to him and further if **John** should have need to build a house he is to build it convenient to the barn so he will have the privilege of my barn without having to build one himself and further will that **John** is to pay the season of all the mares and he is to have the colt of Puss the bay mare and the proceeds of the gray mare is and shall be kept on the family forever and I further will **Charley** me

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third son his mare which is a roan, and **Charley** is to have his bridle and saddle and colt of the above named mare and further will that **Sam** my fourth son have his colt which is a gray- when he is of age he shall have the right to trade said horse and is hereby restricted until he becomes of age and further will that all of the girls and boys shall be made equal in all of the division except **Henry** and he is to receive only as above mentioned and further will that the land shall not be divided until the youngest child becomes of the age of twenty one years and I further will that my administrators shall be **Asa Hays** and **William L. Haynes** and that they shall associate each other in all of the business that come in there hands and further that neither of them shall be required to give bond as such taking the 2 as Honorable men worthy of my confidence and that no disposal shall be made of any of my personal property without the consent of the administrators or their advise and that the Burial suit shall consist in gray pants and snuff colored dress coat and blue vest with white spects in same and shirt and drawers of bleached -the drawers of drilling and shirt of yellow domestic and bleached bossom and rist bands and pr socks- and no gloves on hands. The coffin shall be made by **Eli Morris** of plain stile not to exceed ten dollars and Morris to bring coffin in hearse and the whole not to exceed fifteen dollars and will that the administrators to see that I am put away in decent order at Loving Union Church and that **William Briant** shall have the picking out of place for my grave and also for the rest of my family to be put away and I further will that **John L. Haynes** take the will and keep the same inviolate until called for by the administrators and my last request is that the funeral shall be conducted by **Ewing Kukendall** the text John the 3rd chapter and 5th verse, "Jesus answered and said unto him verily, verily I say unto you except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Subscribed in the presents of **William L. Haynes** and **John L. Haynes** as being my last will and testament this the 18th day of March 1880.

Witnessed in the presence of

W. L. Haynes

J. L. Haynes

John Hays [His mark]

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And will and request that **William Briant** sing the good song of Zion Must Jesus Bare the Cross Alone etc and **Tom McKay** to sing the song Did Christ over Sinners Weep etc.

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **John Hays** decd was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. L. & J. L. Haynes** the two subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same was examined and approved by the judge and ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of John Hays decd Which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 26th day of April 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

In the name of God amen, I **Bartholomew Grinstead** of Warren County Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say 1st I desire that **W. W. Grinstead & Joseph E. Grinstead** have all my cash that I may have on hand also all my cash notes and accounts that my have on hand at my death also all my household and kitchen furniture also my stock of hogs and my yellow mare also my double barrel shot gun and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son **W. W. Grinstead** executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others and I direct that executor shall pay my daughter **Mary Hays** twenty dollars. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9th day of November 1877. Signed sealed and acknowledged as and for the last will and testament of the above named **Bartholomew Grinstead** in the presence of

H. Y. Gardner

T. S. Elrod

Wiatt Whitlow

Bartholomew Grinstead

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State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **H. Y. Gardner** and **T. S. Elrod** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto on the 3rd day of

May 1880 and the same was this day ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Bartholomew Grinstead** decd, which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 3rd day of May 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

White Stone Quarry. Warren County Kentucky October 29th 1878

Being in sound mind and in good health I du declare this to be my last will and testator. After paying my debts and funeral expenses this his to supersede all other will that has been maid by me. First I give to my beloved wife **Mary Needham** all my real estate and personal stocks, notes, money. Said **Mary Needham** my wife to be my administratrix without security, except I give to my sister **Elizabeth Needham** fifty shares of the stock of the White Stone Quarry. Witness this 29th day of October 1878.

Witness **Jesse E. Sweeney**
Redmon Jenkins

James Needham

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was produced in open Court and proved by the oath of **Jesse E. Sweeney** and **Redman Jenkins** to be the last will and testament of **James Needham**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of April 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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I **John Getty** of Bowling Green Kentucky being feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament as follows to wit. First, I desire all my honest debts to be first and fully paid. Second, I give and bequeath to my nephew **James Cuthbertson** my black saddle mare and saddle bridle, and appendages. Third, after the payment of my debts and the legacy named in the last named clause I desire and direct that all the rest and residue of my estate of every kind and description be equally divided share and share alike among my four sisters Mrs. **Mary Cuthbertson**, Mrs. **Isabella Thompson**, Mrs. **Margaret Wilson** and Mrs. **Eliza Boyce** and my sister-in-law Mrs. **Mary Getty** that is to say one fifth to each and be equally divided between her children. Fourth, I nominate and appoint my said nephew **James Cuthbertson** executor of this my last will and desire and request that he shall not be required to give security on his bond as executor. Fifth, I desire that my said executor shall exercise his own sound discretion and judgement in the winding up and disposition of my estate as herein directed, and I hereby confer upon him full power and authority to sell and convey any part or all of my real estate either at public or private sale as he may deem best for the interest of those concerned. Sixth, I desire that my body be buried by the side of my brother, **Samuel** in Cave Hill Cemetery in the City of Louisville, Kentucky. Signed in our presence this 6th day of June 1880

W. B. Winans
M. Betournay

John Getty

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June Term 1880

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **John Getty** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. B. Winans** and **M. Betounay** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Getty**. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **John Getty** deceased. Witness my hand this 28th day of June 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and feeling myself in perfect state of mind I now make my last will and testament To my daughter **Louisa Moore** I have made a deed of gift to her of my **Overstreet** farm and by said deed and the provisions therein contained she has received her full share of my estate which is all she is to have. To my two sons **William S. Morris** and **David C. Morris Jun.** I will and bequeath all my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between them after the payment of all just debts.

Witnesses **A. E. Moore**
J. W. Moore

D. C. Morris Sen.

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct.

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **D. C. Morris** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **A. E. Moore** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **J. W. Morris** the other subscribing witness to be the last will and testament of said **Morris**. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **D. C. Morris** deceased. Witness my hand this 28th day of June 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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I **Melvill Collett** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and competent, do this the 23 of May 1880 make and establish this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made. 1st I give and bequeath at my death to my beloved wife **Marthy F. Collett** all my lands wherever situated to be hers subject to her use and control during her life time and at her death to be divided equal among my seven children to share equal in value. 2nd I give to my said wife absolutely to have in her own right all my stock of horses mules cattle hogs or other stock also all money and other property that I may be possessed at the time of my death. 3rd I order and direct that at my death my body shall be decently buried and after the necessary funeral expenses are paid and all my just debts are paid the foregoing commands shall be carried into effect. 4th It is my desire and request that the family shall live together on the farm where we now are and work and manage the business as is now being done. 5th I appoint and constitute my sons **Luther R. Collett** and **Melvil J. Collett** as executors of this my last will and testament. In witness I hereto subscribe y name in my own hand writing in the presence of the witnesses whose names are attached this the day and date before written.

Witness

Melvill Collett

Wm Cook

Wm Collett

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June Term 1880

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Melvill Collett** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Wm Cook** and **Wm Collett** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will

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and testament of said **Collett**. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Melvill Collett** deceased. Witness my hand this 28th day of June 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Silas Burten** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky realizing the fact that I am mortal and that life is uncertain and being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others to wit. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Ann Eliza Burten** for and during her natural life one lot 55 feet front and running back 190 feet situated in the city of Bowling Green and adjoining the lot where **Robert Garland** lives also the lot where **Frank Garrison** lives in the Eastern portion of said city near and to the right of the cemetery pike as you go from said city to the new cemetery being the same lot purchased by me of **Fannie U. Grider** also my two cows and calves all my household and kitchen furniture of every character and kind, all my present crop of corn all my farming implements of every kind and description, also all notes and accounts due me of every kind and description, also my burrow hog, also my wagon and the proceeds of the mules that were placed in the hands of my son **James Burten** to keep for me temporarily, in fact it is my will and desire that my said beloved wife shall have all the property of every kind placed by me in the hands of my said son **James Burten** this will is according to the dictates of justice as my said wife has been good and kind to me during my long spell of sickness and in consideration of the fact that she has taken care of and nursed me in my said sickness and is still doing so and she is to take care of me during my sickness. Given under my hand this September the 2 day 1879.

Witness

Silas Burten [His mark]

W. E. Mise

R. B. Holman

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I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Silas Burten** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. E. Mise** and **R. B. Holman** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Burten**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Silas Burten** deceased. Witness my hand this 26 day of July 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

In the name of God Amen, I **C. W. Hanway** of County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity to do so, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made. 1st I will that all just debts owing by me at my death be promptly paid. 2nd After payment of my debts I will and devise my estate of every kind to my wife, during her life or widowhood and in the event that she should marry again she is to be entitled to one third of said estate during the remainder of her life, and that the other two thirds of said estate be equally divided between my two daughters **Catherine** and **Elizabeth** alias **Kattie** and **Betsy**. 3rd. Out of my estate I wish my two daughters to receive a liberal but not fashionable education-that is I will no part of my estate be used employed or expended directly or indirectly to teach either or both of my said daughters instrumental music nor the art of dancing, believing as I do that the former would be of little use or profit in after life and that the latter has irreligious and immoral tendencies and therefore I make this restriction on what is called popular education and hope and believe that my beloved wife will when I am gone respect my wishes and will in this respect especially and that she

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will use all reasonable efforts and means to prevent my said daughters from learning or practicing the art of dancing and the habit of attending balls. 4th. In the event of the marriage of my wife before my daughters arrive at twenty one years of age I wish guardians to be appointed to them and the said guardians take the interest of each of my daughters in my estate and put same at interest well secured and expend the interest for their support and education and should sickness require a greater sum may prudently invade the principal. 5th So now after my death as it can be done I direct that my store and the business connected therewith be closed out and all claims due me there from be immediately collected. 6th. And lastly I appoint my beloved wife executrix of this my last will and testament and request that she employ **E. L. Motley** or some other person competent to assist her in closing out my store and in collecting the debts due me. I also desire that she use care and economy in settling my affairs and in the support of herself and children and be careful in keeping the means of support for herself and family well secured and I would suggest that she loan only small sums to any one party. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 31st day of August 1878. Signed and declared by the above named **C. W. Hanway** as his last will and testament in the presence of us who hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other.

C. S. Allen

V. Armitage

James H. Rose

C. W. Hanway

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **C. W. Hanway** decd, was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **C. S. Allen** and **V. Armitage** two of the subscribing witnesses to be the last will and testament of **C. W. Hanway**.

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Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as such which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Being in extreme bad health and feeling myself in a proper disposing mind I now make my last will. To my son **James S. Dyer** who is now near of age I have this day given and delivered to him his full share of my estate consisting of one horse valued to one hundred and twelve dollars and 50 cents. The balance of his part I have paid him in cash and cash notes which is one third of my estate as follows. One note on **Moses Potter** for four hundred

dollars make his full part of my estate. To my two daughters **Mattie Ewing** and **Rebecca Moore** I will and bequeath all the remaining part of my estate consisting in cash notes to the amount of one thousand and six dollars to be equally divided between them for this purpose I appoint my beloved husband **A. E. Moore** Executor of my will believing he will manage it to the best advantage July 9 1880.

F. J. Morris

S. W. Meador

Mattie A. Moore

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **S. W. Meador** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Mattie A. Moore** decd, and also proved the attestation of **F. J. Morris** the other subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Mattie A. Moore** decd, which is recorded accordingly. Witness my hand this 23rd day of August 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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In the name of God Amen, I **Sidney A. Greathouse** of Warren County, Kentucky being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with though it be but little. First I give to my wife **Josephine Greathouse**, and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say the whole tract of land that I won containing about ninety-five acres as a homestead as long as she remains my widow and when she shall dispose of it in any way or moves off of it then it shall fall to my surviving children. Second I bequeath to my son **Perry A. Greathouse** the sum of one hundred dollars out of my perishable property I desirous that after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid that the remainder of my property not mentioned above shall be for my wife and children to live on. I hereby appoint my brother **Thomas Greathouse** as my executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 20th day of July 1880.

Attest

J. R. Dearing

W. S. Gaines

Sidney A. Greathouse

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. R. Dearing** and **W. S. Gaines** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Sidney A. Greathouse** decd whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Greathouse**. Witness my hand this 23rd day of August 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Mary A. Ritter** of the County of Warren and Town of Bowling Green, State of Kentucky, do make and publish this as my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law **Wm B. Winans** for his own use and benefit all the interest I own in the property located in or near the town of Bowling Green deeded to **J. R. Newton & Co** my interest in said property being one undivided

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half of said property, which consists in a four acre block, adjoining the property of **Jacob Vanmeter** and another lot known as the **Billingsley** property, and another three acre and a half block known as the oil refinery, and another one-one acre lot more or less adjoining or near the property owned by Mrs. **Fanny Williams** I give and bequeath the property known as the Carriage Shop property located on Nashville Street in the town of Bowling Green to **Wm B. Winans** and his wife **Anna Winans** and their bodily heirs, **Mary** and **Harry Winans**. It is my will and wish that said **Wm B. Winans** shall have the right during his lifetime to sell or otherwise dispose of said Carriage Shop property in whatever manner may seem most advantageous to him and the interest of his wife, **Anna** and their heirs. I also give and bequeath to said **Wm B. Winans** and his wife **Anna Winans** and their heirs, **Mary** and **Harry Winans** the property known as the Ritter House located in the town of Bowling Green giving to said **Wm B. Winans** the right during his life time to sell or otherwise dispose of said property in whatever manner may seem to

him most advantageous to him and the interest of his wife **Anna Winans** and their heirs. I won ten shares in the Bowling Green Gas Company and give and bequeath to each of my grandchildren **Mary Winans** and **Harry Winans** five shares each which shall be sacredly kept and used for said children. I will and bequeath to my son-in-law **Wm B. Winans** and his wife **Anna Winans** and their heirs **Mary** and **Harry Winans** all of my property not heretofore mentioned to be used sold and disposed of by said **Wm B. Winans** in whatever manner may seem to him most advantageous to said **Wm. B. Winans** and his wife **Anna Winans** and their heirs **Harry & Mary Winans**. In case of the death of **Anna Winans** and her children **Mary & Harry Winans** I give and bequeath to said **Wm B. Winans** the carriage shop property. In case of the death of **Wm B. Winans** and **Anna Winans** and their children **Mary** and **Anna Winans** then the Ritter House property shall descend to my brothers **R. J. Dodson** and **Wm Dodson** or their representatives and also to the same ten shares in the Gas Company. It is my will and wish, that if said **Wm B. Winans** shall sell and dispose of the Ritter House property he shall invest the proceeds or a sufficient amount thereof to build and furnish a comfortable

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residence for himself and his family **Anna Winans & Mary & Harry Winans**. I will and bequeath to my grandchildren **Mary & Harry Winans** to be divided equally between them all, my silverware, I will and bequeath to my grand daughter **Mary Winans** and all my clothing and wearing apparel and my piano. I wish and will my silk quilts to be equally divided among my grandchildren. I will my oiled walnut furniture to **Mary Winans**. In case of the death of **Anna Winans** and her children, the silverware, wearing apparel, Piano, silk quilts and furniture above mentioned shall descend to my niece **Caroline** and **Emila Dodson** and my niece **Nellie Dobson** to be equally divided between them. In witness of all which I have this day signed by hand and seal June 5 1870.

Witnesses

D. W. Wright

Mary A. Ritter

I will and bequeath my watch to my grand daughter **Mary Winans** I will and wish that **Wm B. Winans** may take upon himself the office of Executor of my will and that he may be permitted by order of the court without any bond or security Witness this June 6 1870.

Witness

D. W. Wright

Mary A. Ritter

J. R. Newton

State of Kentucky Examined Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner, Clerk of the Warren Count Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Mary A. Ritter** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **D. W. Wright** and **J. R. Newton** the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said Ritter Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Mary A. Ritter** decd which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 27th day of September 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Bowling Green Ky. March 15, 1880. The last will and testament of **J. S. Miller** of Bowling Green Ky. To wit. I bequeath to my wife **Josephine Miller** all my real estate (about 275 acres of land) lying in Robertson County, State of Tennessee 5th Civil District

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except a portion or legacy of five hundred dollars (\$500) worth to be mentioned hereafter-Item 2-I desire my wife **Josephine Miller** at her discretion and opportunity shall sell the land above named and divide the proceeds among all my children as follows: giving my son **Wm Scott Miller** five hundred (\$500) as his portion of the proceeds and the balance to be equally divided between herself and my other three (3) children to wit **Laelia Miller, Eugene Miller** and **Walter Miller**--Item 3rd I bequeath also to my wife **Josephine Miller** all my property in Bowling Green Ky. Both real and personal to be controlled by her and used as impartially as circumstances will permit for her benefit and the benefit of my children (mutually by her namely **Laelia Miller, Eugene Miller** and **Walter Miller**) Item 4 - I also bequeath to my wife **Josephine Miller**, to be controlled and used in the same manner as my Bowling Green property the proceeds of the sale of my land (75 acres) in the state of Virginia, if not sold and disposed of before my death--Item 5 As to my policy in the Kentucky Masonic Insurance Company it is my desire that after my

burial expenses are taken out of the proceeds the balance to be equally divided between my wife **Josephine Miller** (Turn over) and my four children namely **Wm Scott Miller, Laelia Miller, Eugene Miller** and **Walter Miller** to be paid them as soon as collected and my wife to act as guardian for those of her children who are minors at my death-Item 6 I give and bequeath to my son **Wm Scott Miller** my lot in Keysburg Ky. If not sold of and disposed of before my death--Item 7 I wish and will my wife to collect my medical cash notes and medical accts to pay off my just debts with them and if not sufficient to use any means under her control to satisfy the debts--Item 8-I hereby appoint and so order my wife Josephine Miller as Executrix of this my will and desire the court not to demand surety of her for the faithful performance or execution of my will either as Executrix or guardian--For the satisfaction of my son **Wm Scott Miller** I will mention that he fell heir nearly to all his own

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mothers estate he should not expect to share in the property that came by his stepmother **Josephine Miller**. In testimony whereof I subscribe myself of sound mind but uncertain health of body this 15 March 1880.

Tests **Jno Edwell**

T. M. Witherspoon

J. W. Wright

J. S. Miller

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **J. S. Miller** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Jno Edwell** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **J. S. Miller** decd and also proved the attestation of **J. W. Wright** and **T. M. Witherspoon** the other subscribers witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **J. S. Miller** decd which is accordingly done Given under my hand this 27th day of Sept 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **William Taylor** of Warren County Kentucky feeling the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being of sound mind and disposing memory at this time, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills or codicils heretofore by me made, and declaring this to be the only will which I shall leave at my death in the name of God amen. Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Francis Elizabeth Taylor** each and all of my property which I now have or may hereafter acquire both real and personal, to have and to use for her benefit during her natural life after my just debts shall have first been paid including my funeral expenses-Item 2nd After my wife aforesaid shall have departed this life her burial expenses are to be paid out of the estate which I hereby bequeath her and the residue of said estate of every kind I bequeath to my two grandchildren

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Mattie E. Goode and **Ettie E. Goode** the children of my deceased daughter **Harriet** and **Wm A. Goode**.-Item 3rd My real estate is to be rented and the proceeds thereof to be paid to my wife as aforesaid and all the personal property I have except such as my wife may desire to keep shall be sold and the proceeds invested in such way as my executor shall think will be for the best interest of my said wife and my estate. Item 4-The proceeds such as interests, dividends and etc. Upon such investments to be paid to my said wife-Item 5 It is my desire and I so will that my said wife may have a comfortable support out of my estate and if from any cause the rentals, interest, dividends and etc. shall not be sufficient for that purpose then my executor is directed to sell so much of the principal as will supply all her wants. Item 6 In case either of my said grandchildren shall die without issue of the body then her part of my estate will descent to her sister. Item 7 Having full confidence in the ability and integrity of my son-in-law **Wm A. Goode** I hereby appoint him Executor of my estate and of this will and ask that no bond be required by the court of him for the execution thereof. In witness of the above will and testament I have hereunto signed and acknowledged the same in the presence of **Fannie C. Garvin** and **Sallie G. Richardson** the witnesses thereto this 13 day of September 1880 at Bowling Green Kentucky. The within and foregoing will of **Wm Taylor** was signed and acknowledged by him in our presence, each of us seeing him sign his name thereto and each of us signing our names thereto in his presence.

Fannie C. Garvin

Sallie G. Richardson

Wm Taylor

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I Ben F. Gardner, Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Wm Taylor** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Fannie C. Garvin** and **Sallie G. Richardson** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 6th day of November 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I, **H. S. Mitchell** of the County of Warren in the state of Kentucky do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. 1st I desire my just debts and funeral expenses be paid 2nd My wife **Mary C. Mitchell**, furnished with me four hundred and seventy-five dollars when I purchased the farm on which we now live to help pay for the same without interest. I desire that amount to be paid her by my Executors 3rd There is a mortgage on said farm made to my son **F. G. Mitchell** Trustee for my granddaughter for about thirteen hundred dollars, I desire my executors to pay out of the proceeds of said farm to sell privately or publicly as they may think best also the personality I desire my son **D. B. Mitchell** to cultivate the farm by contract for the present year, feed the hogs and sell and divided the money which is one third of hogs and crop to be my son's **D. B. Mitchell** and the other two thirds to go in the hands of my executors to help pay the debts after setting aside out of the two thirds enough for twelve months provisions for my wife and enough of the farming implements to carry on the same as long as she may desire to farm, also stock sufficient to carry on her portion of the farm The house hold and kitchen furniture I give to my wife during her natural life, any arrangement my wife and Executors may make they have perfect liberty to make--**Cooper** the black boy living with us I desire my executors

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to keep and treat him humanely and when his time expires for my executors to pay him one hundred dollars. Those having the benefit of his labor to pay it after paying all of the above debts--should there be anything left I give it to my son **D. B. Mitchell** and finally I appoint my sons **D. B. Mitchell** and **F. G. Mitchell** my executors and I desire the court to take their bond without any security whatever. Given under my hand this 18th day of May 1880.

Ed Duncan

J. M. Stone

J. C. Adams

H. S. Mitchell

June the 23rd 1880

Since writing the above I have come to the conclusion to make the following change 1st I desire my wife to or before her death to make and disposition of the Bed and furniture and Bureau in the parlor that she may think fit. 2nd I desire that if my son, **F. M. Mitchell** shall be living when my estate is round up then he shall be entitled to one third part of what may remain hereby revoking all other wills.

H. S. Mitchell

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I, Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Ed Duncan** and **Jno M. Stone** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **H. S. Mitchell**, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done, this November 22, 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Will of **Annie Brown**. I **Annie Brown** in the presence of these witnesses do make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other writings heretofore made make any disposition of my property and do declare this to be my last will and I desire that the following shall be my will. 1st I want a sufficiency of my property which is entirely

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personal, to be appropriated to the payment of my burial expenses--and I desire to be decently but no in an expensive manner. 2nd After a sufficiency has been appropriated to the payment of a plain burial for me, I will and bequeath the remainder of my property to my beloved son **Johnny Moody** and desire that he shall have it free from the interference of any of my relatives in so far as their claiming any of it is concerned. My property consist entirely of

personal property such as my wearing apparel and my household property, and all of said property to my said son, subject to the payment of a reasonable amount for my decent but plain burial. Given under my hand this Nov 4, 1880.

Attest **N. A. Porter**

York Hines (His mark)

Dolly Mallory (Her mark)

Mary King (Her mark)

Annie Brown

[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of N. A. Porter one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Annie Brown** decd and also proved the attestation of **York Hines**, **Dolly Mallory** and **Mary King** the other subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22nd day of Nov. 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Thompson Hardin** of Logan County Kentucky being sound in mind do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament revoking hereby all wills heretofore made. Item first. Being desirous of treating all my children alike, and make them all equal as near as I can, I here make a full statement of all the advancements I have made

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to them and which amounts are to be charges and taken as a part of their shares. I have given in personally property and money the sum of four thousand five hundred and eleven dollars and forty-eight cents to each of the following five children: **William T. Hardin**, **Margaret Guthrie**, **Mary E. Hardin**, **America Conn**, and **Caroline Conn**. I have given, in money and real and personal property, to **George W. Hardin** the sum of four thousand nine hundred and seventy eight dollars and forty one cents. I have given to **John M. Hardin**, in money and real and personal property, the sum of five thousand one hundred and fifteen dollars and forty one cents. I have given to **Philip Hardin**, in money and real and personal property, the sum of seven thousand three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty cents, and to **Walter E. Hardin** I have given in money and real and personal property, the sum of eight thousand six hundred and forty three dollars and forty eight cents (memorandum: I conveyed to **George W.** and **John M.** a tract of land charged to them in the deed at twenty dollars per acre in gold which was then equal to thirty dollars in currency: and as I have charged other advancements to other children in currency I have estimated said land at thirty dollars per acre in the preceding statement of advancements to said **George W.** and **John M.** In the statement of advancements to **Walter E.** I have not included, and do not intend it shall be charged to him, the amount said paid for land which I purchased of **W. F. Browden** assignee and which I conveyed to the wife and children of said **Walter E.**) Item Second. It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid: that my said children **William T. Hardin**, **Margaret Guthrie**, **Mary E. Hardin**, **America Conn** and **Caroline Conn** shall first be made equal with **John M. Hardin**, then all of said seven children shall be made equal with **Philip Hardin**: then all of said eight children shall be made equal with **Walter E. Hardin**, if my estate shall not be sufficient to make

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them all equal it is my will and desire that the order above prescribed shall be observed first making the said five children equal with the sixth, then those six equal with the seventh and so on as far as the estate will go; but in no event is it expected or desired that any child shall pay back anything to make others equal. If, after making all of my children equal a surplus should remain it is my will and desire that such surplus shall be equal divided among my said nine children. Item third. It is my will and desire that my executors hereinafter named shall sell all of my personal estate at public auction on a reasonable credit, as soon after my death as may be convenient and that they also sell, and they are hereby expressly authorized and empowered to sell and convey all of my real estate at either public or private sale in one parcel or in separate parcels, as soon as in their judgement they can obtain a fair price for it, until it is sold My said executors are authorized and directed to rent it out by the year to some prudent and reliable tenant; who with his family shall occupy only the two east rooms have the use of the dwelling house, and no more, but shall have the use and occupancy of all out buildings and the cellar under the main building. He shall use for fire wood timber dead or down, but shall not cut any green timber for that purpose Suitable for nails, he shall keep all stock out of the yard, garden, and orchard except that he may let hogs and sucking calves run in the orchard: he may be allowed, as part of the rent, to repair fences not more than five hundred panels in one year. And it is my desire

that, out of the rent, my executors shall keep the buildings on the farm in good repair. I mean the necessary buildings. Item fourth. It is my will and desire that my Executors shall pay the aforementioned legacies as fast as they can realize funds for that purpose and that they settle my entire estate as soon as they can do so without causing loss to said legator. Item fifth. It is my will and desire that my executors erect at my grave a marble monument similar to that

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at my wife's grave. Item sixth. I hereby appoint as Executors of this will my son **William T. Hardin** of Warren county and my son-in-law **John M. Conn** of Logan County. Item seventh. In case of my death before the end of this year, it is my will that my son **Philip** shall have the use free of rent, till the end of the year, of the yard and buildings not in the possession of croppers together with the garden and the stable now used by him. In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name in the presence of James H. Bowden and **H. M. Caldwell** called by me as attesting witnesses this June 12, 1880. Subscribed and acknowledge by **Thompson Hardin** as his will in our presence, and witnessed by us at his request.

James H. Bowden
H. M. Caldwell

Thompson Hardin

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Thompson Hardin** decd was produced in open court this day and proved by the oath of **James H. Bowden** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **Hardin** and the said **Bowden** also proved the attestation of **H. M. Caldwell** the other subscribing witness, thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28 day of December, 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I, **Robt B. Holman** in the full possession of my mental faculties make and publish this paper as my last will and testament. I desire that all of my property real mixed or personal be given as follows 1st One third of said property I give to my wife **Jennie A. Holman**, the remaining two thirds shall be divided equally between my three children

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Pearl L. Holman, Nettie M. Holman, Sarah E. Holman, in the event that any of them shall die before she attains to the age of twenty-one years that the property herein given to such a one shall be divided equally between the surviving child or children I hold a policy in the Ky. Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company which I wish to go to my wife and children as provided in the constitution of such company. I also hold a policy in my life in the insurance company known as the Knights of Honor which I dispose of as follows I wish one third of the proceeds of this policy to be given to my wife **Jennie A. Holman** for her use and benefit and the remaining two thirds to be applied to support and the education of my three children whose names are above given in this paper. I wish the amount hereby disposed of to my children to be given with the following condition, the same shall be wisely invested by my executors or loaned out with good security and the interest applied to the their support and education and when either of my children shall have attained to the age of fifteen years my executors may expend the sum of one hundred dollars of the principal of either child's means or as much more as said executors shall deem absolutely necessary. I also hold a policy in the Knights & Ladies of Honor which I dispose of as the last one above mentioned. I hereby give to my executors the authority to sell and convey any real estate belonging to me without a decree of the court. I hereby give to my wife **Jennie A. Holman** all my household and kitchen furniture. I hereby appoint my brother **J. M. Holman** and my wife's brother **J. R. Phelps** my executors. Given under my hand and signed by me this the 4th day of December 1880.

J. D. Lewis
J. S. Grider

R. B. Holman

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I, Ben F. Gardner, clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the

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foregoing will of **R. B. Holman** decd was this day produced in open court and the signature of **R. B. Holman** proved by the oath of **J. S. Grider** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. D. Lewis** the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **R. B. Holman** which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27 day of December, 1880.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

This Jan 7th 1881 Know all men by these presents that I make this my last and only will. I give and bequeath all my property to my beloved wife that she may sell anything either publically or privately for the use of her or the benefit of the family I want my daughters **Mary E. Chapman** and **Hettie J. Chapman** to have one horse a piece or its equivalent. I want all my just debts paid I want my wife to give **Mary E. Chapman** and **Hettie J. Chapman** something more than that at her death and all the children to have an equal divided after this comes out. I desire and appoint my son **Columbus Chapman** my executor of my estate in carrying out my will.

John J. Burgher

Thomas C. Chapman Jr.

T. C. Chapman

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **T. C. Chapman Jr.** and **John J. Burgher** the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **T. C. Chapman** decd. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **T. C. Chapman** decd. Which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 24th day of January 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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I **Henry Cox** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of disposing mind and memory and in the enjoyment of reasonable health but knowing that I am mortal and must die and in order that my mind may be free from all the temporal affairs when I come to die I hereby make and constitute this my last will and testament, and in testimony thereof I do hereby will and bequeath to my wife **Elizabeth Ann Cox** all of my estate both real and personal including all of my Railroad stock, my real estate and railroad stock is hereby given to her during her material life to use the profits derived therefrom as she may please supporting herself and children and at her death to be equally divided between my children. And should she at any time desire to do so she may sell and convey and power is given her to make a warrantee deed to the same. My **Porter** Farm laying on the Russellville Road by her reinvesting the proceeds of said land in other real estate to be subject to the same restrictions. I desire that all of my honest debts and other expenses shall be paid out of my personal estate. And I do hereby appoint my aforesaid wife **Elizabeth Ann Cox** my administratrix to carry this my last will and testament into effect and as my estate is ample to meet all my liabilities I pray that the court will not rule her to security, but that she be allowed her bond without security. Witness my hand this the 15 day of April, 1872.

Attest

H. H. Cox

Vance Smith

George W. Roby

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **H. H. Cox** by the oath of **Vance Smith** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Geo W. Roby** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **H. H. Cox** which is

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recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 24 day of January 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I, **Jno H. Page** of the city of Louisville Jefferson County Ky. being of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills made by me Item 1st I

hereby give bequeath and desire unto my beloved wife **Elizabeth J. Page** all of my estate both rel personal and mixed, to have and hold the same unto said **Elizabeth J. Page** forever, having in her abiding confidence that she will use and dispose of the same as the interest of our children shall demand. Item 2nd. I request & direct my wife **Elizabeth J. Page** to pay out of my estate all just debts & demands against my estate and if it shall be necessary to sell any of my real estate to pay the debts against my estate I request my wife to sell the property situated in Louisville first and I hereby empower her to sell and convey the same or any of my other property. Item 3. I request and advise my wife **Elizabeth J. Page** to continue until the 1st of November 1878 the Farmer Tobacco Ware House in Louisville and to realize out of the assets of said warehouse as much as possible to pay the liabilities of the same. 4 Item I hereby nominate and appoint my wife **Elizabeth J. Page** Executrix of this my last will and testament and release her from giving any security on her Bond as such and respectfully request the County court to require no security of her as such. Given under my hand this the 29th day of April 1878. Signed and acknowledged by **John H. Page** the testator in our presence and signed by us in his presence and in the presence of each other.

George M. Page

W. L. Porter

J. H. Page

State of Kentucky

At a County Court held for Jefferson County at the courthouse in the city of Louisville on the 4 June 1878 the foregoing instrument

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of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **John H. Page** decd late of this county was produced in court and proven by the oaths of **George M. Page** and **W. L. Porter** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was established by the court to be the last will and testament of the testator decd and ordered to be recorded and is recorded in my office as Clerk of said court.

Attest Ch. M. Thurston Clk.

A copy att. **Ch. M. Thurston** Clk

By **Geo H. Webb**

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing copy of the last will and testament of **Jno H. Page** decd was this day produced to me duly authenticated, as shown above, for record and I have recorded same with this & foregoing certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 7th day of Feb. 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

In the name of God Amen. I **Jonathan Poe** of the county of Warren and state of Kentucky being of sound and disposing mind and memory (Praise be God for the same) and being desirous setting my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say. First after my funeral expenses and all of my just debts are paid I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Elizabeth Poe** and my youngest son **George W. Poe** remainder of all my property both real and personal my wife **Elizabeth Poe** have full control of my property during her life or widowhood but if she should live and not marry until my son **George W. Poe** is twenty-one years of age she is to have the control and benefit of all of the property herself during her life or widowhood but if she should marry or die before **George W. Poe** is twenty-one years old

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he is to have the benefits of all of my property until he arrives to the age of twenty one years and then the property is all to be equally divided between my daughter **Julia Francis Logan** and sons **Thomas E. Poe** **Alvin K. Poe**, and my youngest son **George W. Poe** and my two grandsons **Charley Barnett** **Eugene Barnett** to have one share equally divided between them. It is also my will if my wife **Elizabeth Poe** should die or marry before my son **George W. Poe** is twenty one years old then my property is to be equally divided between the above named children and one share equally divided between the two above named grandchildren or their lawful heirs. It is also my will if my wife **Elizabeth Poe** should die or marry before my son **George W. Poe** is twenty one years old that the court appoint a guardian to take charge of the property until he is twenty one years old. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand seal this the 10th day of December 1880. Signed and sealed by said **Jonathan Poe** as and for his last will and

testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses.

John Massey
J. N. Seward
John D. Goodrum

Jonathan Poe

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Jonathan Poe** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **John Massey** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. N. Seward** and **Jno D. Goodrum** the other subscribing witnesses thereto.

Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Jonathan Poe** decd.

Witness my hand this 28 day of Feb 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I, **William W. Rigsby** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory make and publish this my last will and testament. 1st after my death I wish all my just debts paid after the payment of my debts, I desire that all my debts estate real mixed and personal shall be kept in the hands of my wife, **Mary A. Rigsby**, that she may be able to support herself and our children. I do not desire any distribution of my estate during my wife's natural life unless she might deem it necessary or she should cease to be my widow by marrying another in that (the last) event I desire that the portions of my property falling to my children by law that is two thirds of my estate shall be divided as follows my sons **William C. Frank L. & Elgie F. Rigsby** shall all be made equal and my daughter, **Nellie May Rigsby**, (she being my only daughter) shall in either case have double as much as each of my sons. I give my property into the full control of my wife as a testament of my appreciation of her as a faithful and good wife and because she has done well her part in accumulating what we have. I hereby appoint my wife **Mary A. Rigsby** my executrix with the provision that she shall not be required to give bond as security for the performance of her duty. Given under my hand and signed by me this the 15th day of Dec. in the year of our Lord 1880.

Attest **J. S. Grider**

John A. Chapman

W. W. Rigsby

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **W. W. Rigsby** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jno A. Chapman** and **J. S. Grider** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **W. W. Rigsby**. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. March 28, 1881.

Ben F. Gardner Clk.

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Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and wishing to provide the best I can for my sister I make this my last will and testament to wit I give unto my sister **Hettie C. Harney** all my estate both real and personal after paying my just debts, and appoint her my Executrix and require no security of her and it is also my will that she has a right to dispose of this property as she may think proper as witnesseth my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1880.

Attest **J. W. Robb**

A. E. Nicoll

John B. Harney

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardener Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **John B. Harney** deceased was this day produced in open court and the signature of **John B. Harney** deceased was produced in open court and the signature of **John B. Harney** deceased proved by the oaths of **J. W. Robb** and **A. E. Nicoll** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Harney** which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of March 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

November the 26th, 1878. In the name of God Amen. I **William Hays** being of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of this present life do make this my last will and testament. First. It is my will that my sole

be happy after death and that my body be decently buried. Second. That I give to my daughters my land but one room of my house and the benefit of the Water and the privilege of using the kitchen I reserve to my daughter **Frances** during her life and her portion of the land to be lain of in convenient form to said room and I want her to have one good horse, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs. Third. I want my daughters to have each one bed and furniture and rest of my property to be sold and the proceeds to be divided among all of my children except one bed-

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sted and matrice and my part of the geese which I give the use of to **Florence Steward** until she gets a good bed. Fourth. It is my will that my daughters shall not sell the land except to some of my children but let the till pass to their children unless they sell to some of my children then in that case the title to be good and bonefied. It is my will the property sold may be sold or divided according them in any way that may suit the majority of my children. It is my will that my daughter **Frances** have a table and one set of knives and forks and the cooking stove and its appendages and one large kettle and one set teacups and a set of plates. This property to be taken out before a division or sale, name the balance to be sold or divided as before stated among all of my children equal. Given from under my hand this date above mentioned. I appoint my son **William** the executor of my will.

Attest **J. Warner Tygret**
W. J. Hendrick

William Hays [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Wm Hays** deceased was this day produced in open court and the signature of **Wm Hays** proved by the oaths of **J. Warner Tygret** and **W. J. Hendrick** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Hays** which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 28 day of March 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Ugene Willis Kimbro** of Warren County Ky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say. 1st after the payment of all my debts and funeral expenses I give my wife **Sarah Ann Kimbro** my entire personal and real property during her widowhood and so long thereafter as she shall take care of and not waste nor squander but should she marry and should her and

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her husband began to waste and squander my property then I want it taken out of her hands and placed in the hand of my executor for the benefit of my son **Authur Kimbro** and should she, my wife, **Sarah Ann Kimbro** marry or not marry when my son **Authur Kimbro** arrives at the age of twenty one years old then I want him to have my entire personal and real property and should my son **Authur Kimbro** die before he is twenty one years old, then after the death of my wife **Sarah Ann Kimbro** I give my entire property to my brother **Jas Robert Kimbro**, and lastly I do hereby appoint my friend **J. J. Thomas** executor of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 30th day of March.

Witnesses

J. J. Thomas
R. H. Morris
F. M. Dearing

Ugean W. Kimbro [His mark]

State of Kentucky Set Warren County Court April Term 1881

I Ben f. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Ugean W. Kimbro** deceased was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **J. J. Thomas** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved attestation of **R. H. Morris & F. M. Dearing** the other two subscribing witnesses thereto and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office April 25, 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **George Ann Burch** being feeble in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made as follows my will and desire is that my body be decently buried and all funeral expenses be paid also all my just credits. 1. I give to my daughter **Fanny** and son **Dick** one bedstead and furniture and to **Fanny** one bureau and my side saddle and sewing machine, 2nd I desire that my stock be sold except 3 hogs which belong to my son, **James**, them I wish him to have. 3rd. I give to my

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sons **James** and **John** one bedstead bed and furniture. 4. After winding up my estate if any means are left I wish my children to have each a bed. 5. I constitute and appoint **James Heard** my executor and desire him to see to getting homes for my children. 16 May 1881

Signed in presence of

George Ann Burch [Her mark]

J. B. Martin

R. F. Holland

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **George Ann Burch** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. B. Martin** and **R. F. Holland** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **George Ann Burch** deceased, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **George Ann Burch** deceased. Witness my hand this 30th day of May 1881.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

Will of **J. L. McLure** made on the 14 day of May 1877 in the town of Bowling Green Warren County KY. I first will and bequeath to my wife **Columbia B. McLure**, all interest I may have in Bank stocks and Bonds of every description. Also 1/3 of my policy in the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for \$5000. Also one third of my policy in the Kentucky Masonic Mutual Life Ins. Co. and in the Maysville M. M. Benefit Assn whatever that may be, also one third of any interest I may have in any merchandise transaction, The balance of the policies & any other business I may have an interest in to my three children as follows: To **Jennie Boyd McLure**, **Logan McLure** and **James S. McLure** equal amounts, except the interest for two years on the whole amt. to go to pay for schooling of **Jip McLure**. I also will out of same amt. to my wife to be held in trust for my daughter in law **Ida McLure** wife of **John L. McLure**, Five Hundred Dollars and at death of **Ida McLure** the amt. to go to **Jno L. McLure**, I appoint my wife **Columbia**

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McLure my executor with **L. A. Graham** also Executor one or both to act without security. Also want enough reserved out of the whole amt. to Purchase a lot in the new cemetery to be buried in and also to remove my first wife and child buried in old cemetery to the new. Also to put up a neat tombstone, should I owe any just debts I will that they first be paid I wish and request that there be no division of the house and lots until **James S. McLure** becomes of age, and that they live and remain on the property as we are now living. Given under my hand the day and date above written.

J. L. McLure

Codicil

I appoint my wife as long as she lives trustee to any estate going to **Logan** and **Ligget McLure** and not to their wives and In case of her death, I appoint first **L. A. Graham** as Trustee and he to appoint who he pleases in his will and if he refuses to act Dr. **R. M. Fairleigh** without any security At the death of my wife I will all left to her to go to my children with trust, as aforesaid if the trustee sees proper they may let **Logan McLure** have money enough to start business So it shall not be liable to any debts prior to my death 12th day May 1879.

J. L. McLure

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner, Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **J. L. McLure** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **L. A. Graham** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **J. L.**

McLure, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 1st day of June 1881.
Ben F. Gardner CWCC

After paying debts and funeral expenses I will First that my wife, **Isabella** have during her life or widowhood my house and lot on the corner of Green and Covington street in Bowling Green Kentucky and all the household and Kitchen furniture. In addition to this I will to my present wife a horse and buggy which

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is to be hers absolutely; also during life or widowhood the rents and profits of eight houses and lots in Dishmans Row in Bowling Green. also during life or widowhood the rents and profits of a house and lot on Poplar Street in Bowling Green. Also during life or widowhood the rents and profit on a house and lot in block twenty nine and a vacant lot of about one acre in the same block in Covingtons addition to the city of Bowling Green. Also for life or widowhood the rents and profits of vacant lot of about one half acre in Lyterville near Bowling Green and deed to me by **Burchfield**. I also will to her a paid up policy and the accumulation of dividends in the Southern Kentucky Mutual Life Insurance Company. Also the interest on all the notes and bonds that I may hold at death and in case it becomes desirable to reinvest any of the funds now in bonds or notes she is to have the interest on such reinvestment. At the death or marriage of my wife I will that the real estate mentioned in this connection and such of the personal property and choses in action as may remain shall go to my children by her Second I will to my children by my first wife two tracks of land lying on Barren River near the mouth of the Gasper River containing about two hundred and twenty two acres, being all the land that I own in that vicinity. Third If the personal estate or choses in action that I may leave shall not be sufficient to pay my debts I desire that the land I devise to my children by my first wife be subjected for that purpose before selling any of the real estate devised to my children by my present wife. Fourth I will to my infant daughter **Pearl** one house and lot of about one acre of land in Lyterville known as the **Bill Gray** lot. Fifth It is my desire and I so direct that all the seal and personal estate heretofore devised to my wife for live or widowhood except the house and lot and furniture on the corner of Green and Covington Streets, be divided between my children respectively at twenty one years of age. Given under my hand this 3rd day of November 1880.

Witness

Thos H. Hines
C. P. Rone

C. P. Suell

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **C. P. Suell** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **C. P. Rone** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Thos. H. Hines** the other subscribing witness thereto Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.
Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **John C. Cosby** of Warren County Ky. in the year of our Lord one thousand eighteen hundred and seventy five the thirteenth of Jany do make and ordain this my last will and testament it is my desire that my son, **William H B Cosby** have one hundred acres of land the land on which **Thomas Hale** now lives. I want my son **Samuel M. Cosby** to have one hundred and five acres the the land on which **Joseph Smith** now lives I want a line run east and west, dividing the above named tract of land divided between the above named boys, giving to **Samuel** five acres the most, his hundred acres not being as good as **Billies**. I want my son **John W. Cosby** to have one hundred acres of land laid off to him out of the lands bought of **John Vontress**. I want a line run north and south giving to him one hundred acres in the west end of that tract. I want my boys to have possession of this land when they arrive at maturity. The remainder of my land I want divided equally between my four daughters **Mary Ann Cosby**, **Allice Cosby**, **Unice Cosby** and **Idaia Cosby**, it is my desire that three men be appointed and that they lay off this land in four lots equally in value not estimating the values of Mansion house, orchard or barns in this division and when divided I want my youngest daughter **Idia Cosby** to have the lot on which the Mansion House stands as I am owning nothing scarcely it is my desire that my beloved wife have full possession of all my property real and personal during her widowhood as she will need it to raise her children and school them on. I want **Maria S. Sears** to have three hundred dollars out

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of my estate in case she should live longer than I do Should she die before the division of my personal property which can only take place after the death of my wife, then I want her children if there should be a sufficiency of property I mean personal property to have the three hundred dollars which I left to there mother dived equally among them. I make this seeming difference in my will because I have done more for **Ed Sears** than I can possibly do for the rest of my children. It is my desire that my son **William H. B. Cosby** and **William Sledge** be and are appointed Executors to this my last will and testament I want my sons **William** and **Samuel Cosby** to take charge of my stock and farm for the mutual benefit of my wife and children which I love devotedly, praying that the blessings of God may rest upon, that they may live in peace die in the Christian's faith and meet their Father in Heaven, Amen. Given under my hand this 13 Jan 1875.

Witness

Wm M. S. Sledge
John T. Mohundro

John C. Cosby

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court June Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. M. S. Sledge** and **John T. Mohundro**, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, to be the will of **John C. Cosby** Decd Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Cosby** which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

May 11th, 1881. In the name of god Amen, I **Mary Shanks** being in delicate health and believing that I can not live very long do hereby make this my last will and testament to wit. 1st I hereby bequeath to my daughter **Sallie** wife **Wm Nelson** during her life and at her death to her children, one half a lot, situated near B. Green adjoining the property of **Gilbert Graham**, including one half of

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the house and the use of hall thereof situated on said lot to wit the half thereof situated on said lot to wit the half next to said **Grahams** lot. 2nd. It is my desire and I hereby bequeath to **Harriet Shanks** the wife of my son **Wm Henry** Shanks during her coverture or widowhood the other half of said house and lot and at the termination of her widowhood or at her death then it is my will that the other half of said house and lot shall go to the children of **Wm Henry** and **Harriet**. 3rd. I hereby bequeath to my grand daughter **Sarah Alice**, daughter of **Wm Henry**, my bedstead, mattress and feather bed.

Witness

C. M. Thomas
John F. Dunavan

Mary Shanks [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct. June Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open Court and proved to be the will of **Mary Shanks** decd by the oaths of **C. M. Thomas** and **Jno. F. Dunavan** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of sd **Mary Shanks** which is recorded accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **C. B. Parks** of Warren County State of Kentucky do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows to wit. 1st that all my just debts be paid. 2nd that the balance of my estate both real and personal, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Mattie F. Parkes** to enjoy and dispose of as she may think best and I would most respectfully ask the Hon. Warren County Court to allow my said wife to administer upon my estate without bond. In witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the year of our Lord Feb. 1881.

Signed, sealed in the presence of

W. G. Hines
M. Lenhart

C. B. Parks

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June Term 1881
I Ben F. Gardner clerk of

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the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **C. B. Parks** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the sworn statements of **W. G. Hines** and **M. Lenhart** the two subscribing witnesses thereto as will be seen by reference to their depositions herewith filed, Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1881.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

In the name of God Amen. I **America Burnam** wife of **John Burnam** of the County of Warren and town of Bowling Green and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory deem it my solemn duty, both as regards myself and those connected with me, to make some disposition of the property with which I have been blessed by kind providence. I therefore make this my last will and testament in the words following viz. Item first. I desire and direct that all of my estate, both personal and real, shall be equally divided between my two children, **Charley** and **Julia** when they shall have arrived respectively at the ages of twenty five years. Should either one of the children, **Charley** or **Julia**, die before arriving at the age of twenty-five years without heir or heirs of his or her body, then my entire estate to go to the survivor; but should it be the will of providence to remove both of my children before they arrive at the age of twenty five without leaving issue then it is my wish and desire that my niece **Emily Porter** take my entire estate then, in the case of the death of my niece **Emily Porter** before the death of **Charley** and **Julia** without issue and before arriving at the age of twenty-five years the whole of my estate to be equally divided between my nephews and nieces that may be living at the time of the death of **Charley** and **Julia** without issue and before the ages of twenty-five years. It is also my earnest desire, and I so direct that the interest of my daughter **Julia** in my estate herein devised shall be for her sole and separate use and to the exclusion of any husband she may hereafter have, and also that the interest herein

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given to my niece and nieces shall be for their sole and separate use and to the exclusion of any husband or husbands that they may hereafter have. Item second. I desire and direct my executor hereinafter named to use the interest on all my monies bonds & c for the education and maintenance of my two children, and I further direct my Executor, in addition to the above mentioned interest on my monies to pay my son **Charley**, out of my estate, the sum of one thousand dollars, when he shall have arrived at the age of twenty-one; and also that in addition to the interest allowed my daughter **Julia**, my Executor is authorized and directed to pay to her, out of my entire estate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each year from the time she is eighteen until she is twenty-five years of age. Item third. Imposing full trust and confidence in my brother **Chesterfield Jackson**, now of Louisville, I hereby appoint him my executor to carry out the provisions of this will. Item Fourth. The property now owned by me in my own right and devised in this will, is as follows, viz. One hundred and sixty acres of land lying in the State of Missouri upon SE quarter of Sec. 13 in Township 28 of Range 14 Military Land warrant in the name of **Elizabeth Watthall** and located by me, **America Burnam**. Also, one hundred and sixty acres Military land warrant in the name of **Barbary Cox** and located in my name upon E ½ and NW quarter SE qu Sec 21 and SW of the SW quar of Sec 22 in township 37 of Range 30 State of Missouri. Also in Dickerson County State of Kansas, six tracts of land four of eighty acres each, one of seventy six and 36/100 acres, and one of one hundred twenty acres, all the above mentioned lands to be sold by me executor as soon as he may think it expedient, and the proceeds to be ultimately divided as before directed in regard to my other property, The taxes on all these lands having been paid by me through my husband, **John Burnam**. Also eight one hundred dollar bonds of this County to the Louisville & Nashville R. R. and numbered as follows: 58, 92, 94, 95, 93, 96, 59 & 60 Two one thousand dollar bonds of the of the above description, numbered and lettered as follows: B. No. 6 and C No. 7.

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One thousand dollars bond of the city of Louisville to the Louisville & Nashville R. R. No. 220. One note on **Graham** and **Duncan** for one thousand and forty one dollars. Given Feb 23, 1867. Five other notes against various persons amounting in all to one thousand and seventy two dollars, Also five hundred and fifty dollars in money on

hand. To all of which is to be added the balance of my interest in the estate of **Henry H. Jackson**. Given under my hand this the 20th day of October 1867.

Witness

L. A. Graham

America Burnam

T. H. Hines

State of Kentucky Sct. Warren County Court July Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court being an adjoining court and proved to be the last will and testament of **America Burnam** decd By the oath of **L. A. Graham**, who also proved the attestation of **T. H. Hines** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **America Burnam**, decd, which is recorded accordingly. Witness my hand this 1st day of August 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

Bowling Green KY., July 13, 1881

In the name of God Amen. I **Cathrine Rohmer** of the city of Bowling Green, County of Warren and State of Kentucky been of sound mind and memory do make and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say first after my lawful debts are paid. The residue of my estate real and personal I give, bequeath, and dispose of as follows to wit. For the benefit of myself and husband I will leave one hundred dollars to have masses said I also leave one hundred dollars to have a tomb stone erected to my memory. The balance to be left to my mother as long as she lives and after her death the property to be equally divided between my brother **Dominic**

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Roucher and my two nieces **Josephine Roucher** and **Margrett Metzger** and after my mothers death I want my brother **Dominic Roucher** to be administrator for the estate [? ?] The above written testament was subscribed by the said **Cathrine Rohmer** in our presence and acknowledged by her to each of us and she at the same time published and declared the above testament so subscribed to be her last will and testament and we at the testators request and in her presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

T. J. Townsend, Warren Co., Ky.

C. F. Geary, Bowling Green Warren Co. Ky.

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct. July Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was produced in open court this day and proved to be the last will and testament of **Catharine Rohmer** decd by the oath of **T. J. Townsend** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **C. F. Geary** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of July, 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

Knowing the uncertainty of human life and being of sound mind and disposing memory I make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. It is my will and I so direct that after my just debts are paid that my beloved wife **Martha Jane Thacker** have all my property of every description real personal and mixed in fee simple for her exclusive use and benefit with full power to use same and to dispose of it in any manner she may see proper either by will deed or otherwise and I hereby appoint my friend **John E. Halsell** the Executor of this my last will and testament this 31st April 1873. As acknowledged in our presence

J. A. Mitchell

D. C. Amos

Benjamin E. Thacker

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **B. E. Thacker** decd was produced in open court and proved by the oath of **J. A. Mitchell** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **B. E. Thacker** decd and the said **Mitchell** also proved the attestation of **D. C. Amos** the

other subscribing witness thereto Whereupon such was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament which is recorded accordingly. Witness my hand this 22nd day of August 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Martha J. Thacker** widow of **B. E. Thacker** decd hereby renounce the last will and testament of **B. E. Thacker** decd and all the provisions thereof and relinquish what is given me in and by said will and now declare my purpose of claiming dower and my distributable share of his estate as if no will had been made. This Aug 22d 1881.

Attest

B. F. Gardner Clk

Martha J. Thacker [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing renunciation was this day acknowledged by **M. J. Thacker** to be her act and deed and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 22d day of August 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Charles D. Read** of Warren County Kentucky being aware of the uncertainty of life and anxious to dispose of my estate among my children while I am mentally competent to do so make and publish the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made by me. 1st I direct my Executors hereinafter named

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to pay my funeral expenses and my debts if any, I shall leave unpaid out of my estate. 2nd I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Margaret A. E. Smith** and to my grand daughters **Annie Lee Browning & Mary Kate Browning** the sum of five hundred dollars each. That is to say five hundred dollars to my daughter **Margaret A. E. Smith**, five hundred dollars to my granddaughter **Annie Lee Browning** & five hundred dollars to my grand daughter **Mary Kate Browning** which sums are to be paid by my Executors first out of my estate. 3rd I give and devise to my four sons **Theophilus Read Chesterfield J. Read John C. Read & Isaac A. Read** all the residue of my estate of every kind consisting of two hundred and thirty acres of land more or less lying in said county, all my stock farming implements, household, kitchen furniture, notes, accounts & chooses in action The foregoing devise is made to my four sons jointly and equally. 4th I hereby appoint my four sons as the Executors of this my last will and testament and request of the County Court that they may be permitted to qualify without security--In testimony of the foregoing I have hereunto signed my name this August the 1st 1881.

Witness

C. D. Read

R. E. Cooksey
M. C. Feland

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct August Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **C. D. Read** decd by the oath of **R. E. Cooksey** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **M. C. Feland** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22d day of August 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

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The undersigned not wishing to die intestate, and being of sound mind, does hereby revoke and annul all other and previous wills by me made and now makes, declares and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. To wit. 1st I will that all my just debts be paid and all my personal property or estate shall be sold for the purpose of making payment thereof with the exception, that my wife shall have the horse and buggy I now use (the horse called John) a cow and calf such as she may select the kitchen furniture and such household furniture as may be necessary for her in supplying her bed rooms including a bureau and large clock. These shall not be sold but are reserved for her as her individual property. All the rest and residue of my personal property I direct to be sold with the further exception, of so much animal food corn and other small grain and provender as may be necessary for my wife's support for twelve months after my death, which shall be set apart and allotted to her by my son **John C.**

Garrison and my nephew **James R. Garrison**. 2nd. There will not be a sufficiency after the sale of my personal estate and arising therefrom to pay my debts. I have heretofore sold verbally to my son **Robert A. Garrison** a tract of land lying west of the one hundred acre field, fronting my residence, which tract is known as the **Roberts** and **Sharp** tract; and contains one hundred acres more or less. My said son **Robert** agreed to pay me sixty dollars per acre with interest thereon from the time he took possession, on the 8th day of January 1869, and has paid me about thirteen hundred for which he has my receipt given in 1872. Now I have given a mortgage on my place to the North Western Insurance Company to secure a debt I owe said Company. I direct and order that my lien and claim on the land above mentioned sold to my said son **Robert** shall be enforced on the land sold to him and the payment of the debt he is owing me as practicable by my Executors in order that all my debts may be paid and discharged without any further delay then may be necessary. 3rd After my death I will that my wife take hold during her natural life and in lieu of

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dower and all claims thereto and in satisfaction thereof all that part of my farm lying east of the hedge lane running from the woodland north west of my house up to the large tobacco barn, and thence with the hedge which runs south of my orchard and the line continued to the gate which goes in to my son, **John**'s place. Including all my land lying north and east of the lines just described and including the dwelling house in which we now reside, garden, and orchard, and all appertaining thereto and also she is to have all the firewood and timber which she may need from any of my woodland. 4th The residue of my farm I will and desire shall be divided and allotted into four equal parts as near as may be, and one share allotted to each of my four children, **David Catherine Cleland & Mitchell**, but the division shall be temporary so long as my wife may live at her death the whole farm shall be divided into as many shares or parts as there may be children living of my present wife, or if any be dead and leaving issue, such issued shall be included and represent their deceased parent. The division shall be according to quality and value and embrace all my land remaining unsold including the portion set apart to my wife as above. In any and all these divisions I will that my son **David** shall have his portion allotted to him so as to embrace and include the premises and house now occupied by him, but David is not to have any more woodland assigned to him because he has already more than a fourth of my woodland. 5th If any of my said children shall die before I do I will that the survivors of them (meaning all the time the children of my present wife and the farm named above) shall take and hold the share or part allotted herein to the ones dying unless the child dying shall leave issue of his or her surviving in which last case the said issue shall take in the same manner and to the same extent, that the parent thereof could or would have taken, if alive. 6th If any of my said four children by said present wife, shall die after I do and leave neither issue surviving nor last will and testament in that case I will that the survivors

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shall take the share of the one so dying meaning survivor the children of any that are dead as well as the children themselves who may be living. 7th In making any divisions and allotments under or by virtue of this will, I appoint and authorize my son **John C.** and my nephew **J. Rumsey Garrison** to carry out and execute the same and in case of disagreement to call in and appoint an umpire whose decision shall be final as to said disagreement. 8th I authorize my Executrix to convey to **Robert A. Garrison** my son the land above described which I sold to him reserving all proper liens for payment of purchase money and containing clause of warranty. The conveyance shall be made however on the terms and for the price herein named and as set forth in this will. 9th It may become necessary to sell a part of my land to pay debts in addition to my claim and lien on the land sold to my son **Robert A. Garrison** which lien and claim, I wish first of all to be asserted and enforced. If so I will that my executrix shall sell and convey any part that may be deemed advisable. But such sale must be prior to any division. 10th I have advanced to my sons **Robert A.** and **John C. Garrison** as much as they are entitled to heretofore of my estate (and therefore devise them nothing by this will) including therein the cost of their collegiate education which I have not given to my other and younger set of children. 11th I appoint my wife **Chalia L. Garrison** Executrix of this will and request the court having jurisdiction of the probate of same not to require of her any security or any bond she may have to execute. In witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand and signature this 25th day of November AD 1872. Signed and acknowledge by **Saml Y. Garrison** in our presence and attested by in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Saml Y. Garrison

L. A. Graham

A. L. Wood

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A Codicil

I hereby request, appoint, and will that my son **Thomas C. Garrison** shall act as and assist his mother in carrying out the provisions of the foregoing will. And in case of my wife's death before the provisions of this will shall be completed, in that case, I appoint the said **Thomas C. Garrison** executor of this will, and that he do it without expense to the other heirs. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Saml Y. Garrison

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Sep Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was produced in open court and proved by the oath of **L. A. Graham** one of the subscribing witnesses to the same to be the last will and testament of **Saml Y. Garrison** decd and also proved the attestation of **A. L. Wood** the other subscribing witness thereto and the codicil thereto also proved by the oath of **L. A. Graham** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Saml Y. Garrison**, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Saml Y. Garrison** decd which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 26 day of Sept 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

Mrs. **Mary C. Mitchell** widow of the late **H. S. Mitchell** comes and renounces the provisions of the will of her husband, the late **H. S. Mitchell** so far as she is concerned and relinquishes claims of any and all property given or bequeathed to her in said will which is recorded in the Warren county Clerk's office. Given under my hand this 1st day of October 1881.

Mary C. Mitchell

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing renunciation of **Mary C. Mitchell** was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledged by

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said **Mary C. Mitchell** to be her act and deed and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 1st day of Oct 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Stearmon S. Jenkins** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make or draw this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others made heretofore made by me. 1st I wish all my just debts paid 2nd I do hereby give and bequeath my daughter **Nancy W. Cox** one dollar 3rd I do hereby give and bequeath to my son **Sampson Jenkins** one dollar 4th I do hereby give to my son **Thomas J. Jenkins** one dollar 5th I do hereby give to my grandchildren **Wm S. Beck Sarah E. Beck** and **Lelia N. Beck** children of my deceased daughter ____ Beck the sum of five dollars each which is all that I intend for the above named children and grandchildren to have out of my estate 6th If there is anything left on hand after fulfilling the foregoing legacies and paying off my debts and funeral expenses then it is my will and desire that it shall be equally divided between **Missouri A. Ramsey** and **W. E. Jenkins**. 7th I do hereby appoint my son in law **Watt Ramsey** and my son **Wm E. Jenkins** as Executors of my will. Given under my hand this the 11th day of January 1879.

Attest **G. C. Stayton**

Wm Quisenberry

Stearmon S. Jenkins

State of Kentucky Warren Count Sct Nov Term 1881

I Ben F. Gardner of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **S. S. Jenkins** was this day produced in open court and the signature of S. S. Jenkins proved by the oath of **Wm Quisenberry** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **G. C. Stayton** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **S. S. Jenkins** decd which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this the 28th day of Nov 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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Know all men by these presents that I **Thomas McDavitt** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made First I give and bequeath to my wife **Sarah Ann** the farm where I now live with the timbered land attached theretofore the meets and bounds of the same will be found in the deed made by the heirs of **Hardin Shiffletto** to me in 1854 also included in said farm is near six acres of land deeded to me by **James McElwain** in 1858 said tract of land to be valued at five thousand five hundred dollars. I also give to her my family carriage two horses, her choice of all my horses two cows and calves also her choice of my cattle also six hogs, six sheep, and all the fowls of every description. Two beds with their steads and furniture 18 books choice of my library provision for one year. The whole of the dividend coming on my rail Road Stock one hundred dollars per year in money in addition to the above also my clock side board bureau and bookcase one dozen chairs and the carpets all the above described property and money she is to have and control during her natural life or widowhood but at the termination of either her life or her widowhood the above bequests I give to my youngest son **George Whitefield** (with the exception of the rail road dividend and the hundred dollars annual allowance made to my said wife) I direct that my son just named be educated equal to that of any of my children and paid for out of any money coming to my estate from any source not yet named then after these bequeaths I give & bequeath to my daughter **Martha Ann Moss** all the land I purchased of **Benjamin Pendleton** and which has been in Mr. **Moss** possession for several years. At the death of Mr. **D. J. Moss** and the said **Martha Ann** his wife I directed the said **Pendleton** tract of land is descend to the children of said **Martha** which land is to be valued at three thousand five hundred dollars. I hold a note on said **Moss** for nearly sixteen hundred dollars, with interest for several years. I direct that she be charged with no interest on same and when my estate is finally settled the mortgage deed by which said note was secured to be relinquished I give and bequeath

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to my son **James E. McDavitt** of Ills the tract of land on which he now lives during his and his wife's lifetime. Then to descend to his children for which ie is to be charged the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my son **Virgil McDavitt** on hundred and twenty acres from a tract of land I have adjoining **John C. Lockhart** and **A. Perry** on the south and west and the old **Herndon** line on the north extending far enough east to include the 120 acres for which said **Virgil** is to be charged three thousand dollars. I give and bequeath to my daughter **Sallie C. Talbot** the tract of land where she now lives containing two hundred acres during her lifetime and that of her husband **N. F. Talbot**. These then to descend to her children for which said land just named is to be valued at six thousand dollars. I give and bequeath to my son **Brice** the tract of land lying north west of the rail road and including my farm and woodland southwest of the **Shiffletto** line around to **John Halls** corner in the north east together with as much land taken from tract. I have east of **Virgils** tract of land and to adjoin his and run out an east course far enough to embrace as much land as will meet the tract already give to **Brice** amount up to one hundred and eighty acres which is to be valued at four thousand five hundred dollars to be his during his natural life and at his death should he have living children it is to descend to them if not it is to fall back and form part of my estate. I give and bequeath to my son **Newton** the tract of land wherein he now lives bounded by **Lively D. J. Moss. Fant. Bostick, Feland** and **John C. Moss** and a small lot of land not more than for 10 acres running from **Bosticks** north east corner S11 1/4 E49 poles to a post oak on the side of the nob **Felands** corner also corner to the land on which said **Newton** now lives. Said **Newton** is to have this tract of land just described during his and his lifetime and to be theirs until their death then to descend to his children for which he is to be charged six thousand dollars. I give and bequeath to my son **Oscar** the tract of land where **Benjamin Norwood** now lives containing about two hundred and thirty acres for which he is to be charged the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to be his during his natural life and at his death to descend to his living children

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should he have any if not to fall back to my estate subject to a division among my other legal heirs. I request that my children permit old **Sam** the colored man that used to be in bondage to me to remain in peaceable possession of the house in which he now lives with six or seven acres of land around or attached thereto during his lifetime I give to my two sons **Brice** and **Oscar** each a bed together with the steads and necessary clothing and each a cow and calf. I have donated the Oakland Schoolhouse to **D. Bostick N. F. Talbot Newton McDavitt** and others in trust as trustees

and entered into a writing which I have subscribed under my hand said writing is according to my wish and I desire and direct that the stipulations thereof be fully carried out and sustained by all persons that may have any controls in the business of my estate any land that may remain belonging to my estate not herein disposed of I direct my Executor to sell at twelve months credit making the purchaser responsible for damages to land or failure of payment. I direct that all my personal property be sold on a twelve or six months credit just as my Executor (upon consultation with my children that may then be present) think best then after my just debts (which are few) and funeral expenses be paid and those of my children that are lacking on their respective lots of land be paid up and made equal with the two highest lots as I have valued them out of any money coming to my estate not otherwise appropriated then the residue and remainder that may be coming to my estate after all the foregoing bequests and directions are complied with and all other expenses paid shall as I now direct be equally divided between all my children. If Little **George W.** should die in his minority without living children his portion of my estate is to fall back and form a part of my estate subject to a division but in the event he should die leaving children the estate he inherits from me is to descend to them my wish and desire is to be buried by the side of my first wife. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend **Milton Fealand** Executor to this my last will and testament Hoping he will confer with my children that may be present relative to the estate business in testimony of all which I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the 25th day of March 1869

Thomas McDavitt

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Codicil

I give and bequeath to my said wife **Sarah Ann** my gold watch which is to descend to my little son **George W. McDavitt** this 25 May 1871.

Thomas McDavitt

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the forgoing will of **Thomas McDavitt** was this day produced in open court and proved to be wholly in the handwriting of said **McDavitt**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **McDavitt** which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 26 day of Dec 1887.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Mary Waters** of the City of Bowling Green and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory do hereby make this my last will and testament. I bequeath to my husband **Patrick Waters** all my property of every kind whatsoever that he may provide a home for my five youngest helpless children and I hereby provide that the said property or any part thereof shall not now or at any time hereafter be subject for any debts or obligations of the said **Patrick Waters** no matter what may contracted. Given under my hand this Dec 14 1851.

Witness

J. N. McCormack
Susan A. Jones

Mary Waters [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Mary Waters** was this day produced in open court and the signature of **Mary Waters** proved by the oaths of **J. N. McCormack** and **Susan A. Jones**, the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Mary Waters** decd which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this Dec 28, 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

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July 1st /77 I **W. H. Skiles** of Warren County Ky, do make this my last will and testament revoking all others. First I will to my wife **Lucy A. Skiles** during her life one hundred acres of land in such shape as she may desire to include our present residence. I also will and bequeath to her all my household and kitchen furniture. Also such of my stock horses and cattle as she may need and desire that my Executor hereinafter named furnish out of estate such means as she may desire to support herself well and comfortable during her life. Second I will and bequeath to the children of my son **J. W. Skiles** and to such children as may hereafter be born unto said **J. W. Skiles** the farm on which he now lives to include and contain (175 acres) one hundred & Seventy five acres situated in Warren County Ky and to

include the place where said **J. W. Skiles** now lives and to begin at a corner in the lane between my land and the land of **Robert Bass** thence with the line of the land I sold to **Jo Venable** to a corner between my land and **Venables** land and **Charles Skiles** land thence with **Charles Skiles** line to a corner at or near a gate & thence on my line and through my land to the beginning and to be run in good shape so as to include the aforesaid (175 acres) the said **J. W. Skiles** may live upon and enjoy said land during his life but it is not in any way liable for debt or my debts that are against said **J. W. Skiles** or may be hereafter contracted by him. The title to same is vested in the children of said **J. W. Skiles** that are now in existence or that may be hereafter born to him. I further release and give up to said **J. W. Skiles** all his indebtedness to me and direct my executors hereafter named to cancel and surrender to him all claims of indebtedness I have against him at my death Third I will and bequeath to my two sons **H. H. Skiles** and **T. F. Skiles** jointly all the balance of my lands in Warren County Ky. including the one hundred acres that I have willed to my wife **Lucy A. Skiles** during her life and they are to take and hold same subject to her life estate aforesaid and the said **H. H.** and **T. F. Skiles** are to have said lands herein willed and in addition thereto they are to pay over to my executors within one year after my death the sum of six thousand dollars which said \$6000 is to be a part and parcel

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of my estate in this bequest to them I regard that I have given to each of them \$6000 and the aforesaid \$6000 that said **H. H. Skiles** and **T. F. Skiles** are to pay my Executors is to be part and parcel of the assets of my estate. Fourth I will and desire my Executors hereinafter named shall collect in all that is due me from all sources (except any claims against my son, **J. W. Skiles** which I have heretofore disposed of) and also sell such of my real and personal property not specifically mentioned above and which the proceeds first pay all such expenses as may be incident to the settlement of my estate. Fifth I direct that my executors hereinafter named shall pay to my children and grandchildren as follows: to wit. To **Clarence N. McElroy** and **Whitfield McElroy** the two sons of my daughter **Eliza McElroy** deceased, six thousand dollars less four hundred dollars heretofore advanced to their mother by me to **Martha Hornburger** six thousand dollars less five thousand five hundred dollars heretofore advanced to her and her husband **Jacob G. Hornburger**, and pay to my three grandchildren **J. H. Murrell**, **Hannah W Murrell** and **William Murrell** children of my daughter **Mary Murrell** six thousand dollars less four thousand two hundred dollars heretofore paid for and the use of said children and pay to **Luann McElroy** wife of **John McElroy** six thousand dollars less five thousand four hundred dollars heretofore advanced her and pay **Clarence N. McElroy** in trust for my daughter **Belle C. Rowe** six thousand dollars to be kept at interest by said trustee and said interest to be paid to her annually commencing one year after my death and if my daughter **Belle** should die leaving a child or children then the interest on said fund may be used and applied by said trustee in schooling said child or children shall arrive at the age of twenty or marry. Said trustee is directed to pay said fund over to them and if the children or child should die leaving no children this fund shall fall back to my estate and if my daughter **Belle C. Rowe** should die leaving no children or child said fund shall fall back to my estate being equally divided among my children and grandchildren. If **C. N. McElroy** from any cause fails to act as trustee

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for my daughter **Belle C. Rowe** or from any cause said office of Trustee should become vacant then I direct and request the Warren County Court to appoint a good man to act as Trustee aforesaid for said **Belle C. Rowe** or for her child or children. And pay to **Clarence N. McElroy** in trust for **Elen McElroy** wife of **Samuel McElroy** six thousand dollars less five thousand eight hundred and seventy two dollars heretofore advanced her after the payment of the specific legacies hereinbefore mentioned and the other bequest hereinbefore mentioned have been fully satisfied. If there should remain any balance of my estate I direct that my Executors distribute the same equally among all of my heirs. I desire that my Executors as soon as possible after my death settle off my estate and sell and convey my property as herein directed and distribute same as herein directed And hereby appoint my son **H. H. Skiles** and grandson **C. N. McElroy** my Executors of this my last will and testament and request the County court to require of them no security. In witness whereof I hereto subscribe my name to this my last will being five pages and a half. Signed in the presence of witness.

J. E. Wilsford
W. T. Hardin

W. H. Skiles

Codicil

Recalling to mind my duty as the surviving trustee of the will of **Thos Rogers** decd. I do hereby nominate and

appoint my son **H. H. Skiles** and grandson **C. N. McElroy** as the trustees to act in the execution of said will according to provisions and conditions.

J. E. Wilsford
W. T. Hardin

W. H. Skiles

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **W. H. Skiles** was this day produced in open court and the signature of **W. H. Skiles** proved by the oaths of **J. E. Wilsford** and **W. T. Hardin** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was

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ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **W. H. Skiles** decd which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this December 26 1881.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

November 16, 1881

Know all men by these present that I **W. H. Williams** do will that my property both personal and real shall be equally divided between my wife and my two daughters **Elizabeth C.** and **Sarah G. Williams** to have and to hold one third each after my burial expenses are paid except the following described personal property which must go to my daughters undivided four coverlets, 4 counter panes 1 bureau 1 large chest 1 small chest 1 work table small 1 press Mothers trunk 1 set china cups and saucers Set of Silver spoons. I will that the home upon which I now live in Warren County and state of Kentucky be equally divided one third each This November 16" 1881.

Witness **W. H. Sweeney**
R. G. White

W. H. Williams

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **W. H. Williams** was this day produced in open court and the signature of **W. H. Williams** proved by the oaths of **W. H. Sweeney** and **R. G. White** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **W. H. Williams** decd. Which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this Jan 23" 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Margaret M. Crosthwait**- I have given to my two daughters **Mary E. Larman** and **Nannie M. Garrison** each a sewing machine cost \$85.00 each. I also give to **Belle Crosthwait** \$25.00 to aid her to buy her Machine Said **Belle** is to receive \$60.00 out of my County Bond which \$25.00 & \$60.00 making \$85.00 will be equal to the

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above named machine. **Margaret M. Crosthwait Maria Crosthwait** is to receive each one \$85 from said bond. I also give to **Mary E. Larman** one set of tea spoons with said Marys name on them M. E. C. marked. **Nannie** is to have \$20 from said bond. The balance of bond to be divided between **Belle Margaret** and **Maria Crosthwait**. If my bank stock ever amounts to anything **Margaret Crosthwait Belle Crosthwait Maria Crosthwait** it must be divided among the above named girls. I am this day of sound mind. This is my last will and testament.

Mrs. **Margaret M. Crosthwait**

August 20, 1877.

Codicil

The balance of my bond and Bank Stock is to be divided between **Margaret, Belle, and Maria Crosthwait**.

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing will of Mrs. **Margaret M. Crosthwait** was this day produced in open court and the signature of Mrs. **Margaret M. Crosthwait** proved by the oath of **S. M. Crosthwait**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of

Mrs. **Margaret M. Crosthwait** decd. Which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this January 23" 1882.
Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I hereby renounce and relinquish what is given me by the will of **W. H. Williams** decd probated within the last 12 months and claim any dower and distributable share of the estate. Feb 27" 1882.

Emily A. Williams

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledged by **Emily A. Williams** to be her act and deed and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 27 day of February 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **Thomas Lawrence** of Warren County Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind and disposition do make this my last will and testament as follows-My desire is after my death that my body be decent buried- 2 I owe to my wife **Dosha Lawrence** all my household & kitchen furniture all my stock and poultry and farming tools forever 3 I give to my said wife **Dosha Lawrence** my home farm during her natural life and at her- I give the aforesaid farm to **James T. Palmer** he to pay all my debts and to take care of and provide for us during our lives--that is to say myself and wife **Dosha Lawrence**-If he fail to do so then this clause is void-this 6" day December 1881

Signed and deliver in the presence of

J. B. Martin

Jas Heard

Thomas Lawrence [His mark]

State of Kentucky

Warren County Court Sct Feby Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **Thomas Lawrence** Deceased was produced in open Court this day and proved to be the last will and testament of said **Lawrence** by the oath of **Jno B. Martin** and **Jas Heard** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded Which is accordingly done Given under my hand this 27 day of February 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **J. C. Hunter** a resident and citizen of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament. To wit. 1st I desire that out of my property all my just debts be paid and also my funeral expenses. 2nd I hold a note on **C. P. Suell** secured by mortgage on real estate. Said note for the sum of one thousand dollars the same now being in the hands of **Clarke Grider** for collection. This note or the proceeds I desire my beloved wife to collect and keep the same loaned having same well secured, the annual interest

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on said \$1000 is hereby given to her during her life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I desire said \$1000 be equally divided among my children. 3rd All the balance of my property consisting of real estate cash cash notes and accounts and live stock and all other property I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Elizabeth Hunter** during her life or widowhood and at or death or when she ceases to be my widow all said property to go and be equally divided between my children. Now having expressed my wish as to my property and its management, I now pray that my beloved children will and every one of them be obedient and kind to their mother. And I now appoint my beloved wife **Elizabeth Hunter** who has assisted me in acquiring our property my Executrix of this my last will and testament and that she be permitted to qualify as Executrix without giving any security. I desire to say this further that I have made a contract with my son **James** by which he is to cultivate my farm for the term of three years ending in December 1884 and he is to have or pay for services and labor one fourth of the produce raised on said farm. Now if **James** faithfully and industriously does his part of the contract then I desire that my beloved wife as my Executrix will faithfully observe same and see that it is fully carried out. In witness whereof I have this 15th day of December 1881 subscribed my name.

Subscribed and acknowledged by

J. C. Hunter

J. C. Hunter in our presence date above
S. T. Shields
Frank McKay

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct Feby 27, 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing will was proved in open court this day and proved by the oaths of **S. T. Shields** and **Frank McKay** the two subscribing witnesses to be the last will and testament of **J. C. Hunter** decd whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. This 27th day of Feby 1882.

B. F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

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Smiths Grove Warren County KY Feb 16, 1882

I **A. J. Miller** being of sound mind and disposing memory make the following as my last will and testimony. I want my debts paid first I want my son **Thomas D. Miller** to have two hundred dollars to be taken from my estate before any division whatever, after which I want the remainder of my estate divided into four equal parts. I want **Jacob M. Miller** to have one part, I want **Thomas D. Miller** to have one part, I want **Robert A. Miller** to have one part and my wife **Cornelia Ann**, to have the remaining part. I want my wife to be the guardian of my son **Robert A. Miller**, without bond unless she should marry, then she is to give bond for the said child Roberts part.

Signed this Feb 16" 1882.

Witness **C. N. Allen**
J. O. Beck

A. J. Miller

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct March Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **A. J. Miller** decd was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of said Miller by the oath of **C. N. Allen** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. O. Beck** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 2nd day of April 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **John M. Briggs**, being of sound mind but of advanced age, and desiring to direct the future disposition of my estate, make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others. First after my death I wish my Executor to pay all just debts against my estate that I may leave unpaid including my funeral expenses which I wish to be economical. 2nd I give to my son **James A. Briggs** my medical Library, surgical instruments and office fumiture; and I give him my Buggy mare

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& Buggy & Harness for the use of himself and family and nothing shall be charged to him for anything I have heretofore given him or done for him or furnished him. 3rd I give to my grandson **John S. Briggs** my mare Kitty. 4th I give to my grandson **Wm A. Briggs** my gold watch. 5th I wish my son **James A. Briggs** to collect all moneys and things due to him and myself as partners; one half of which to be retained by him as his own, and the other half to constitute part of my individual estate. 6th I hereby nominate and appoint my said son **James A. Briggs** as my Executor to carry out the provisions of this will, and request that no sort of security shall be required of him. 7th I wish my Executor to collect all moneys due, or to become due, or coming to me, or to my estate from every other source including one note I hold on my said son **Jas A. Briggs** for six hundred dollars. The house and lot in Bowling Green which I bought of **J. B. Stubbins** may be sold by my Executor either publicly or privately and at a price according to his best judgement and discretion and all moneys belonging to me or to my estate including that to be derived from the sale of said house and lot, after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I desire my said Executor to divide into seven equal parts and to pay it equally to my seven grandchildren viz: **Charles S. Briggs**, **Davie Briggs**, **Waldo Briggs** and **Sammie Briggs** the children of my son **Wm T. Briggs** and to **John S. Briggs** and **Wm S. Briggs**, the children of my **James A. Briggs** and to the young child of my said son James A. Briggs but recently born: to those of them not of age their portion may be paid to their guardian. I have heretofore given to my children, **Charles M. Briggs**, **Wm T. Briggs** and **Jas A. Briggs** money and property and not any account shall even

be made of it. I do not meant that I have given to them equally but I have given to them as I was able and as I thought right. I loved them all equally and what difference I have made between them is because of their difference in their health, condition, and circumstances.

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and it is upon this account that I make no provision for my son **W. T. Briggs** who is now occupying high position and in good circumstances and I make no provision Now for my grandchildren **Josephine** and **Charles Briggs** the children of my decd son **Chas M. Briggs** because they are well off without it; and I make none for my great grand children the children of my grand daughter **Lizzie McLamore** decd because they are well off without it by money from their mother and grandfather. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this 22d day of November 1881 in the presence of the witnesses whose signatures appear hereto.

Test **Will A. Cooke**
Geo B. Payne

J. M. Briggs

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **John M. Briggs** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Will A Cooke** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **Geo B. Payne** the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22d day of May 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Henry Larmon**, of Warren County, Kentucky, sound in mind and memory make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others. 1st The money secured to my wife by marriage contract is hereby charged upon a house and lot being No. 185 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois and is to be paid to her yearly in advance out of the rents of said house and lot. If it is not paid promptly, whether there be rents or not, she may proceed by law to collect it either out of that or any other estate herein bequeathed. 2nd I will and bequeath to my son **Connelly** two lots of ground in South Chicago, Illinois being lot 16 Block 53 and lot 22 block 19 to him and is his heirs forever.

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3rd I have heretofore conveyed to my son **Connelly** about 200 acres of land of which he has possession and have conveyed about 200 acres to my daughter **Sardinia** wife of **E. W. Isbell**, for her life, remainder to her children, and for the purpose of equalizing I hereby will and bequeath to **Kate Madison** and **Arvella Madison** infant children of my deceased daughter **Mary Madison** and their heirs, the west end of my land bought of **Henry Potter**, running to Drakes Creek and up Trammell Creek to the east line of **Albert McClellan**'s small piece of ground laid off to him where he now lives, running with that line, beginning at Trammell Creek at a large sycamore tree and gully and running, northward to the back line near the South East corner of **David Potter**'s land. The above three tracts may not be of equal value, but they shall be so taken and held 4th I will and devise said house and lot No. 185, South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois as follows: I divide it into twenty-nine shares, which I bequeath as follows To my son **Connelly** two shares for and during his life to his children **Genie, John, Euran, Clement** and **Lucian**, each one share, for and during their respective lives; to my daughter **Sardinia** six shares for and during her life, to her children **Monroe, Vernon, Charles** and **Sydney**, each one share for and during their respective lives, to her children **Lilly, Jetta, Elizabeth** and **Mary**, each two shares, for and during their respective lives. To said **Katie Madison** and **Arvilla Madison** each two shares for and during their respective lives. If said **Connelly** shall die leaving any of his said children alive, his two shares shall be divided equally among such of said children as may be living, to be held by them respectively for and during their lives. If said **Sardinia** shall die leaving any of her said children alive, her six shares shall be divided equally among such of said children as may be living to be held by them respectively for and during their lives. If any of said children of **Connelly, Sardinia**, or **Mary** shall die leaving no issue alive at the date such death the share or shares of such child so dying shall be equally divided among the brothers and sisters, to be held by them respectively for and during their lives; but if such child, dies leaving issue alive, such issue shall have the parents share in possession to be held till my son **Connelly**

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and his afore named children, my daughter and her afore named children, said **Kate** and **Arvilla** all be dead; and when they shall all be dead I will and devise said house and lot to all of my grandchildren then living, share and share alike, and if any grandchild shall be then dead leaving issue alive such issue shall take the share the parent would have taken if living. But it is my will that the share of the rent going to each of the aforementioned children of my son **Connelly** shall go to him for his own use till such child arrives a the age of twenty-one years and that likewise the share of the rent going to each of the aforementioned children of my daughter, **Sardinia** shall go to her for her own use till such child arrives at the age of twenty one years; but this bequest of rents to **Connelly** and **Sardinia** is personal and upon their respective deaths the rents shall go to their respective children named though infants. In order to carry into effect this part of my will my Executor is directed to rent, and to keep renting said house and lot and distribute the proceeds according to this will. In his management of said property, he shall be governed by majority of votes of those entitled to rents at the time the guardian of every infant entitled to rents shall have the right to vote for such infant such renting and management shall continue until my son and daughter, their aforesaid children and said **Katie** and **Arvilla** are all dead and after the death of my Executor the proper Court will appoint and administrator with this will annexed for the purpose. 5th All of the balance of my property, real persona and mixed I will and bequeath as follows one third to my son **Connelly** and his heirs, one third to my daughter **Sardinia**, and her heirs, one third to my grandchildren **Katie** and **Arvilla Madison** jointly--If either of said grandchildren shall die without issue living at the date of such death its share shall pass and go to the other, and if both shall die without issue, as afore named the said one third interest shall pass and go equally to the children of said **Connelly** and **Sardinia**, share and share alike; and if any child is then dead leaving issue, such issue shall take the share the parent would have taken if living, the word

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“issue” means lawful issue in this will. 6th Every devise or legacy herein made to a female is for her sole and separate use and benefit, not to be subject to the marital rights or debts of any husband present or future, and all proceeds of property bequeathed shall be separate estate. 7th I hereby authorize and empower my Executor to sell and convey all property wherever situated not specifically devised. 8th I hereby appoint as Executor of this will my son **Connelly Larmon**- Where to I set my hand and seal this 25 June 1879. Signed and acknowledged by **Henry Larmon** as his will in our presence and witnessed by us at his request in his presence.

L. C. B. Hodges

R. E. Porter

J. H. Claypool

Henry Larmon

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was on the 23rd day of May 1882 produced in open court and proved by the oath of **L. C. B. Hodges** one of the subscribing witnesses there to to be the last will and testament of **Henry Larmon** decd and also proved the attestation of **R. E. Porter** and **J. H. Claypool** the other subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of sd **Henry Larmon** which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of May 1882.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **P. M. Reeves** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky on this the 28th day of February 1882 in view of the uncertainty of life, and being feeble in health of body though sound in mind, hereby make and publish this to be my last will and testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. First it is my will that after my death all my just debts be paid with funeral expenses included.

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Second I will and bequeath to **Sarah A. Reeves** (my wife) my entire estate real and personal To have hold own and use as she may choose or think best during her life time. Third. It is my will that after the death of my said wife all the land we now own and all the personal property, then remaining be sold and the money distributed as follows: It is my will that so much of said money as may then be legally required to pay off an execution against myself as security and **M. P. Scott** Principal in favor of the heirs of **Mark Phelps** be used for that purpose. Then Fourthly It is my will

that all the money then of my estate remaining on hand be equally divided between our five children or their heirs (namely) The heirs of **Elizabeth Phelps** my daughter **Polly Ann Phelps**, **James H. Reeves**, **George C. Reeves** **Nevilda P. Scott**. Fifth It is my will that **Sarah A. Reeves** my wife and **James H. Reeves** my son execute this my last will and testament. And I hereby request and pray the court of my said county and state to require no security on the bond to be given by those whom I have herein appointed to execute this my last will. Given under my hand the day and year above written.

Witnesses

J. H. Otey

Wm. T. Hazle

Edward E. Higginbotham

P. M. Reeves

[His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was produced in open court on the 22d day of May 1882 and proved by the oaths of **J. H. Otey** and **W. T. Hazle** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **P. M. Reeves** decd and also proved the attestation of **Edward E. Higginbotham** the other subscribing witness. Whereupon I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Witness my hand this 22d day of May 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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Warren County Kentucky June 2d 1882

I **John R. Hagan** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First It is my desire that immediately after my decease that my real estate be disposed of as follows: 1st That my wife **Pheba A. Hagan** shall have an equal share of my real estate with each of my three children **Mary E. Hagan**, **Laura B. Hagan** and **Ellen Hagan**. 2d I desire that my children share equal in my real estate. 3rd I desire that my home tract of land including all adjoining lands at this date together with the **Bratten** land be divided into three equal shares by commissioners hereafter named and appointed. 4th I desire that my farm known as the **Rector** Farm lying on Barren River constitute the fourth share which shall be made equal in value to each of the other three shares and that the **Bratten** land be divided into two equal parts and these parts added to the two shares on the north end of my home tract of land 5th It is my desire that my wife **Pheba A. Hagan** shall select her choice of the above named shares of land after it has been divided which shall be deeded to her, and that my three children **Mary E. Hagan**, **Laura B. Hagan** and **Ellen Hagan** shall draw for the remaining three shares to be deeded to them separately as they shall have drawn. 6th It is my desire that my tract of land known as the **Cooper** farm, lying on the Coles Road in Warren Count consisting of about fifty acres shall be sold, either publically or privately as my Executor may consider to the best advantage. 7th It is my desire that my wife and three children above named each have a bed, bedstead made equal and that each share equally in the bed clothing that my wife have choice after division and the children draw for the remaining shares. It is also my desire that immediately after my decease that the remainder of my personal property be sold and after my funeral expenses

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and just debts have been satisfied and expenses for tomb stones at my grave and a plank fence enclosing same, the share known as the **Rector** Farm made equal in value to each of the other shares of land and the sum of one hundred dollars is set apart to make my daughter **Ellen Hagan** equal in education to each of my other two daughters out of the proceeds of my personal property together with the proceeds from the **Cooper** tract of land and that of notes, and accounts, and the cash on hand at my death that the remainder of the aforesaid proceeds be equally divided among my wife **Pheba A. Hagan** and my three children **Mary E. Hagan**, **Laura B. Hagan** and **Ellen Hagan** and lastly I hereby constitute my friends **Ed. G. Pedigo** and **Zachariah Finney** Executors of this my last will and testament. I also desire that **James C. Beckham**, **Ed. G. Pedigo**, and **Zachariah Finney** divide the above named land. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2d day of June 1882.

Attest

W. L. Cassaday

Jas. C. Beckham

G. P. Washer

Ed. G. Pedigo

John R. Hagan

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct June Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was produced in open court this day, and proved by the oaths of **J. C. Beckham** and **W. L. Cassaday** to be the last will and testament of **J. R. Hagan** decd and also proved the attestation of **G. P. Washer** and **Ed. G. Pedigo** the other subscribing witnesses thereto. And I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 26th day of June 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **Ann Lucas** being in bad health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament. First I desire that after my death that all my just debts shall first be paid out of my personal property. Second As all of my children has been given a horse except the four youngest I hereby give to **Ann** my three year old gray filly and to **Frank** my gray mares suckling colt and desire that each of the other two **Spencer** and **Maud** have the value of a horse each before any division is made. Second I give to my four youngest children to wit: **Ann Frank Spencer** and **Maud** each one hundred dollars to be paid out of my said estate Third I desire that the balance of my said estate shall be equally divided among all of my ten children. Fourth I hereby appoint **Wm Meredith** the Executor of this my last will with the privilege of selecting some one to assist him if he chooses. Given under my hand this May 21st 1882.

Witnesses

Jas Heard

W. R. McGinnis

Ann Lucas [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct June Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **W. R. McGinnis** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Ann Lucas** decd and also proved the attestation of **Jas Heard** the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Ann Lucas** decd which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of June 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

September 18 1878

In the name of God amen. I **Samuel Shannon** of Rockfield Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind but conscious of my mortality do make ordain declare and publish this my last will and testament herein revoking all others wills heretofore made

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by me which will I desire to be executed in the following manner (viz) 1st After my death I will that all of my just debts doctor bills and funeral expenses together with a neat head and foot stone to be placed to my grave be paid. 2^d To my son **Willis Lee Shannon** I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars 3^d to my son **Samuel A. Shannon** I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars 4th To my son **Harrison S. Shannon** I bequeath my rifle gun and he is not to be charged for the same any more in further disposition of my estate. 5th To my daughter **Jane M. Shannon** I give and bequeath the sum and amount of four hundred dollars and in addition to that amount I also will to her one feather bed, bedstead and furniture of the first choice of all the beds. I that I may leave and also she is to have all the bed clothes made by her on my place since the death of her mother and also one half of all the fowls that I may leave on the place and one half share in my sewing machine. 6th To my daughter **Martha C. Shannon** I will and bequeath the sum and amount of four hundred dollars and also one feather bed, bedstead and furnishing the second choice of my lot of beds and also the bed clothes made by her on my place since the death of her mother and one half of the fowls that I may leave on the place and one half share in my sewing machine. 7th Now in further disposition of the remainder of my Estate, the above allowances made to my two daughters **Jane M.** and **Martha C. Shannon** in this way my last will and testament shall not operate against them in any way as above to their claim in any balance of my Estate that may be left by me but they are to have and equal division in the remainder as though the above gift did not exist. 8th Now after the foregoing disposition I desire and will that my Estate of all kinds real and personal with the above exceptions be sold by my Executors on such terms as to time & c as they may deem most conducive to the interest of my children all ways understanding that reasonable time be taken considering the surrounding circumstances connected with this case and as soon as collections

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are made then after paying over to the above named **Jane M.** and **Martha C. Shannon** the amount of four hundred dollars each as heretofore will then and equal distribution of the balance of my estate I wish to be made between my son **James Sumner** and **H. S. Shannon** and my daughters **Mary E. Perkins**, **Harriet H. Clark** and **Virginia R. McCormic**, **Jane M. Shannon** and **Martha C. Shannon** and my grandson **Lee Otis Follen** and it is my will and wish that the Estate of the sd. **Lee Otis Follen** be placed by my Executors in the most secure and paying shape for the interest of the sd **Lee Otis Follen** he to receive the income thereon and no more until he arrives to the age of twenty one years at which time he is to have the control of the principal and amount bequeathed to him of my estate but in the event that the said **Lee Otis Follen** should die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years then and in that event his interest in my Estate revert back and go into the general distribution of my Estate. It is my will and desire that a receipt held by me and signed by **J. M. Clark** for five hundred and fifty three dollars bearing date of 9 June 1871 but without interest it is now my will that sd receipt be charged to **Virginia R. McCormic** and sd **Virginia R. McCormic** receive less by that amount and that **Harriet W. Clark** have a full share of what I have left for general distribution without any deduction it is my wish and desire that should I at the time of my death have claims legal against any of the above named heirs of my estate the same to be taken in part, so far as they go in part payment by the sd Heirs. It is always understood that my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my Estate, I now in conclusion in regard to the above named four hundred dollars bequested to my two daughters **Jane M.** and **Martha C. Shannon** each should they die without children that portion of my Estate I will and wish to fall back into my general distribution between their own brothers and sisters that may then be living. I appoint my son **H. S. Shannon** and sons-in law **John Perkins** and **Jas J. McCormic** my Executors of the above will.

Witness **D. W. Johnson**

John L. Smith

S. Shannon

M. A. Christian

J. W. Christian

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct August Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Samuel Shannon** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **John L. Smith**, **M. A. Christian** and **J. W. Christian** and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. This 28 day of August 1882.

Ben F. Gardner Clk.

I **A. J. Kirkpatrick** now of Warren County and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory, and in bad health and mindful of death, do make and ordain and publish this as my last will and testament to wit. 1st It is my will and desire after my death that Mrs. **Emily Harris** of Warren County Kentucky have all my estate both real and personal and for her attention and care and kindness to me during my sickness I do by these present will and devise to the said **Emily Harris** to use enjoy or dispose of as she may desire, one house and lot, containing one acre of ground lying and being in the town of Paris, County of Lamar State of Texas, and being the same lot conveyed to me by **R. Peterson** by deed, the date of deed I do not now remember said deed of conveyance being recorded in the County Clerk's Office of Lamar County Texas and also that the said **Emily Harris** have all rents that may e due on said house and lot at my death. 2d It is my will and desire for the same consideration and I do also will and decree to the said Emily Harris to use and dispose of as she may desire, one vacant lot lying and being in the town of Paris, County of Lamar, State of Texas and adjoining the aforesaid named lot and being about one fourth of an acre more or less, which lot was conveyed to me by **Nancy Garing** by deed which date I do not now remember which deed of conveyance is of record in the County Clerk's Office of Lamar County Texas. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand this the 10th day of March 1882. Signed and acknowledged in our presence as witnesses

W. G. Gossom

W. H. Strode

A. J. Kirkpatrick

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Sept Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **A. J. Kirkpatrick** decd was

produced this day in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of said **Kirkpatrick** by the oath of **W. G. Gossom** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **W. H. Strode** the other subscribing witness thereto Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **A. J. Kirkpatrick**, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of Sept 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Know all men by these that I **Thomas Jones** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky by trade a shoe maker considering the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mine and memory do make and declare and publish this my last will and testament. First I give and bequeath unto my son **Jeremiah E. Jones** all the land contained in the deed of my homestead on which I now and have lived for fifty seven years together with all the upper tenants, there unto, the remaining portion of my estate being in money. Second I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Rebecca M. C. Howard** if living, if not her heirs one seventh part of all the money left after paying the funeral expenses. Third I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter, **Elizabeth Jane Cook** viz **Margaret Thomas Newton** and **John James Cook**, one seventh part of all my money as above. Fourth I give and bequeath unto the heir of my daughter **Margaret Ann Burton** (viz) **Margaret Josephine Easley** one seventh part of all my money after paying funeral expenses. Fifth I give and bequeath unto the heir of my daughter **Mary Cook** viz **Charley E. Cook** one seventh part of all my money after paying my funeral expenses. Sixth I give and bequeath unto my son **Jesse A. Jones** one seventh of all my money left after paying my funeral expenses.

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Seventh I give and bequeath unto my son **Joel Thomas Jones** one seventh part of all my money left after paying my funeral expenses. Eighth I give and bequeath unto my son **Jeremiah E. Jones** one seventh part of all my money left after paying my funeral expenses. Ninth I do nominate and appoint my son **Joel Thos Jones**, to be the Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and decree this to be my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named below this the eight day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

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

Thomas Jones [His mark]

John J. Burgher
Morris D. Burgher

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Oct Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Thomas Jones** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jno J.** and **Morris D. Burgher**, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, to be the last will and testament of said **Thomas Jones** decd. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 23rd day of Oct 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **John Dean** of Warren County Kentucky knowing the uncertainty of human life and being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. Item 1st It is my will and I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as convenient. Item 2d It is further my will and I give all my property of every description real and personal and mixed to my beloved wife **Francis Ann Dean** for and during her natural life or during her widowhood and at her death or at her marriage then all of said property to go to and belong to my seven children, **Elizabeth Ann**, **John Thomas**, **Sophia Leaua**, **Jesse Anthony**, **Caroline**, **Samuel Emanuel**, **Benjamin Morris**, in fee simple to be

equally divided between them. In testimony of which the said **John Dean** hereunto set his hand this the 26th day of September 1878.

Subscribed and acknowledged by **John Dean** in our presence and in the presence of each other.

John Dean

J. E. Halsell

Ben Nahm

I **John Dean** of sound mind and disposing memory desire the following change in my will heretofore made as follows my desire is that Item 2nd be so changed that my wife **Frances Ann Dean** shall receive one third of all my property real and personal property during her life and it at her death to be equally divided between all my children if either be dead among their heir's and the balance of my estate after my wife's receiving her portion, be equally divided among my children heretofore mentioned in my will. Subscribed and acknowledged by **Jno Dean** in our presence in the presence of each other this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and eighty.

John Dean

T. W. Ewing

Geo T. Ewing

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State of Kentucky Warren County Ct. Sct November Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Jno Dean** Decd by the oaths of **Jno E. Halsell** and **Ben Nahm** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and the codicil proved by the oaths of **T. W.** and **Geo T. Ewing** the two subscribing witnesses to sd codicil. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Jno Dean** decd which is recorded accordingly. Witness my hand this 27th day of Nov 1882.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Margaret Stephens** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being now afflicted in body but sound in mind do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me. Article 1st I give and bequeath to my son **H. C. Stephens** the house and lot where I now live but I require **W. C. Stephens** my son as this house and lot make him more than I can give my other children to pay three hundred dollars on my debts. If any over plus after my debts are paid to be paid over to my two sons equally **T. L.** and **G. B. Stephens**. A lien retained on said house and lot to enforce the payment of the above three hundred as herein divided. Article 2nd. I have heretofore given to my two sons **T. L.** and **G. B. Stephens** about one thousand dollars each I now will and bequeath them my house and lot in Bowling Green being the house in which I formerly lived to be enjoyed and owned by them equally. Article 3rd I have an afflicted son **G. W. Stephens** now in the lunatic asylum at Hopkinsville, KY. I herein will and direct my three sons **H. C.**, **T. L.**, and **G. B. Stephens** in

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the event said **G. W. Stephens** should recover his mind to pay him each three hundred and fifty dollars. Article 4th I hereby make and appoint my son **H. C. Stephens** executor to this my last will and testament, requesting the County Court to grant im letters of executorship without requiring him to give any security on his bond as I think the three hundred dollars that I require him to pay will settle all my debts. Article 5th Whereas my son **G. B. Stephens** some years since built on the lot willed herein to **H. C. Stephens** a large smoke house, I will and desire that my son **G. B. Stephens** shall have the use of said smoke house for storing his plunder in and shall have the right to take the same down and to move the same off any time in six months after my death.

Signed in our presence as witnesses

F. G. Cox

Thos L. Stephens

Margaret Stephens [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Dec Term 1882

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Margaret Stephens** decd by the oaths of **F. G. Cox** and **T. L. Stephens** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the

last will and testament of sd **Margaret Stephens**, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25 day of Dec 1882.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

After all my debts are paid and after my death I desire and will First I will to **Susan M. Stone** five dollars, to **John K. Comfort** five dollars, to **James Comfort** five dollars, to the heirs of my son **Samuel Comfort** to wit **Jane Ann Comfort, George Comfort, Fannie Comfort, Jessie Comfort, Maggie Comfort, Nettie Comfort** and **Mattie L. Comfort** five dollars. To the heirs of **Mary**

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E. Carter to wit **Mary Ida Miller, James Elihu Carter, Nancy O. Carter, Amanda K. Carter** and **John W. Carter** five dollars. Second I will and bequeath to my son **Nicholas W. Comfort** all my real estate consisting of the place where I now live after he pays the amount of five dollars to **Susan Stone** and five dollars to **John K. Comfort** five dollars to the heirs of **Samuel Comfort**, five dollars to the heirs of **Mary E. Carter**, and five dollars to **James Comfort**. Third I will and bequeath to my son **Nicholas W. Comfort** all my personal property consisting of beds bedding household and kitchen furniture. Fourth I desire and direct that **N. W. Comfort** shall pay five dollars the amount I give the heirs of **Samuel Comfort** to their mother **Ann Elizabeth Comfort** to be used by - for the benefit of her children now living. Fifth. I name and appoint my son **Nicholas W. Comfort** my Executor without giving bond or security. Sixth I hereby revoke all wills heretofore made by me this the 10th day of November 1882.

John Burnett
Abe Finn
A. T. Drake

Jane A. Comfort

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Ct Jan Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Jane A. Comfort** decd by the oath of **John Burnett**, one the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also prove the attestation of **Abe Finn** and **A. T. Drake** the other subscribing witnesses thereto. whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Jane A. Comfort** which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22 day of January 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

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Warren County, Kentucky

Whereas heretofore at the November term 1882 of the Warren County Court, the will of **John Dean** decd was offered for probate and by an order of the judge of said court at said term of said court was made probating said will and the same is now of record in the Clerks office of the Warren County Court Now **Francis Ann Dean** widow of said **John Dean** comes and hereby renounces the provisions of said will & codicil to same so for as the provisions of same applies to her and asks to have what the law allows her. This the 9th day of February 1883.

Attest **S. M. Matlock**

Francis Ann Dean [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledge by **Francis Ann Dean** to be her act and deed Whereupon I have duly recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 8th day of February 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By S. M. Matlock DC

Warren County Kentucky Dec 8th 1881

In the name of God Amen. I **Daniel Coleman** being of proper age and sound mind ordain this as my last will and testimony herewith revoking and making null and void all wills heretofore made by me. 1st. That my Fathers last will be carried out as left. 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter **Julia Harris** two beds & bedding also one saddle - given to her by her stepmother for waiting on her in her sickness. 3rd That all the property that I have be sold at Public sale & all debts against me be paid out of the money. 4th That **Geo W. Coleman** and **Fletcher Harris** appointed as the executors of this will.

J. S. Dickey

Joe P. Lodge

Daniel Coleman

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I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Daniel Coleman** decd by the oath of **J. S. Dickey** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and also the signature of **Joe P. Lodge** the other subscribing witnesses thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Daniel Coleman** Decd which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 26th day of Feby 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **James R. Dearing** in the name of God amen. Calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and being of sound mind and disposing memory, I herein dispose of what little estate God has blessed me with though it has been but little. First It is my desire that all my just debts be paid out of my personal property, and to dispose of such personalty as my Executor herein named may see fit to sell for that purpose. Second I give to my three daughters the following parts of a note I hold against **E. H. Mottley** to wit. To my daughter **Palwina** \$100. to my daughter **Mary Susan** \$100. and to my daughter **Bettie Marshall** \$100 and the remainder of said note or the proceeds to my son **James W. Dearing** which they are to have and hold for ever. Third. I give out of endowment policy No 108450 of the Bank of Newark New Jersey to my daughter **Palwina** \$500 and to my daughter **Mary Susan** the sum of \$500 and to my daughter **Bettie Marshall** the sum of \$500 and to my son **James W. Dearing** the sum of \$400 and the remainder of the policy to my wife **Mary W. Dearing** and if any my named children should die without

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leaving bodily heirs their part of my estate shall be equally divided between my surviving children or their heirs. Fourth, I here bequeath to my three daughters **Palwina** and **Mary Susan** and **Bettie Marshall** out of my Masonic Policy the sum of one hundred dollars to each, and the remainder of said policy to go to my wife **Mary W. Dearing** to help settle my just debts. Fifth I give to my wife **Mary W. Dearing** my gold watch for to have and to hold as her property. Sixth I hear direct that all my notes and accounts not mentioned above be collected and placed in the catalog of my personal property and used as such. Seventh I hear bequeath to my wife **Mary W. Dearing** all my lands that I own during her natural life or as long as she shall remain a widow but wherever she shall marry or move off said lands she will forfeit all her right in law and equity to the property shall be equal divided between my surviving children or their heirs and it is my last will that my wife shall have full control of all my real estate as long as she lives on or remains my widow. And I hear appoint my father-in-law **James Brooks** to carry out my last will and testament and said **James Brooks** is not to be required by the County Court to give any bond, for the discharge of said duties. Eight That all my personal property not mentioned shall be disposed of as my Exr may see fit or proper and after paying my debts what is left shall go to my wife. Given under my hand this the 27th day of April 1882.

Attest **Thomas L. Thornton**

John A. Greathouse

James R. Dearing

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court February Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **James R. Dearing** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **James Brooks** and **Ben F. Gardner** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **James R. Dearing**.

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Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of February 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Maggie E. Whitehead** of Bowling Green Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory, hereby make and publish the following as my last will and testament revoking all other and former wills by me made. 1st I direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay all my just debts out of my estate, as speedily as possible. 2d I give and bequeath all my estate real personal and mixed to my four children share and share alike. 3rd I hereby nominate and appoint the Rev. **Louis G. Deppen** of the Catholic Cathedral, Louisville Kentucky and the Rev. **George McClasky** Catholic Bishop of Louisville, Kentucky as the Executor of my estate and the guardian of my four infant children named above and they are hereby authorized and directed to sell my house and lot situated on the corner of Hale and Bond Streets in Bowling Green, Kentucky said property being now occupied by me as a residence as early as practicable, but I do not wish said real estate to be sold at a sacrifice and when sold, I hereby empower my said Executors to convey said property to the purchaser by deed. 4th It is my desire if it is legal and proper for it to be done, that my said Executors shall be appointed by the county court administration of my husband's estate. In testimony of the foregoing I have hereto signed my name this October 27, 1882.

Witness **W. E. Settle**

Maggie E. Whitehead

Mrs. **Thos Pollard**

State of Kentucky Sct Warren county Court February Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Maggie E. Whitehead** decd by the oaths of **W. E. Settle** and Mrs. **Thomas Pollard** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the

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last will and testament of said **Maggie E. Whitehead** decd which is recorded accordingly Given under my hand this 1st day of March 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **William H. Morgan** of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky in my thirty ninth year of age and being of sound and disposing mind, but in feeble health, and having some means that I desire to dispose of in pursuance of what I deem my duty I therefore make and constitute this my last will and hereby revoking all others In making this will I think I am making the best possible arrangements for my dear wife **Mary B. Morgan** and my dear little children **Frank N., Bettie C., James B. and Fannie P. Morgan**, all of whom I love most devotedly and having implicit confidence in my said wife I commit my said children to her love and protection feeling confident that she will guard over them with all the vigilance of a fond mother's love, training them as far as may be in her power in the paths of honesty, morality and virtue. The kind and condition of my estate is such that there will be no necessity for selling anything, unless my said wife should prefer to do so as I do not owe anything of consequence I own some household and kitchen furniture a cow and some articles of property including some money which I hereby give to my said wife **Mary B. Morgan** to hold use or dispose of as she may choose as her own property. I also have a policy of Life Insurance upon my life in the American Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, insuring my life in the sum of one thousand dollars. I desire this policy shall be for the use and benefit of my said wife and direct that the money to be paid thereon after my death shall be paid to my said wife to aid her as far as in my power in her comfortable support, knowing that she will need help in the support of herself and family.

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In short all I own I hereby give to my said wife to be her own and to dispose of as she may choose, trusting to her to pay what little I may owe, desiring that my funeral rites may be plainly and economically conducted. I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife **Mary B. Morgan** my Executrix to carry out the provisions of this will and direct that no bond nor security shall be required of her. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my signature this 1st day of

March 1883, in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses whose signatures are hereto attached.

Test **John Starr**

Test **Jno B. Morgan**

W. H. Morgan

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **W. H. Morgan** Decd by the oath of **Jno Starr**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Jno. B. Morgan** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **W. H. Morgan** Decd. which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 26th day of March 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Spotwood Underwood** being of sound mind and desiring to dispose of my property and effects, so as to provide for my beloved wife **Julia Underwood**, and my daughter **Eliza Browder** do by these present make and publish this as my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my daughter, **Eliza Jane Browder**, the entire piece or lot of ground I now live upon in the city of Bowling Green, Ky. all the improvements and buildings thereon, being the

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same property conveyed to me by **Martha Gobin** by deed of date August 24, 1866 on record in deed book No. 32 page 197 to which reference is made for a more particular description of said property, this gift is absolute except with the provision that the mother of said **Eliza Jane** shall have a home with the said **Eliza Jane** upon said land during her life, that is the said **Julia** my wife during her life, occupy said property as a homestead jointly with said daughter. I give and bequeath unto my wife **Julia Underwood** one sorrel horse and one small wagon together with all my stocks of corn on hand at my death to dispose of or sell as she may desire. In testimony of all the foregoing I affix my hand, and I appoint as my executrix my daughter **Elizah Jane Browder** and desire that she be permitted to so act without giving any bond as such executrix. This the sixth day of December 1882.

Attest **B. F. Proctor**

Signed and executed in our presence this December 6, 1882.

Spotwood Underwood [His mark]

B. F. Proctor

W. M. Briggs

State of Kentucky Warren County Ct Sct March Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **B. F. Proctor** and **Wm Briggs** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, to be the last will and testament of **Spotwood Underwood** decd. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of March 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **William Phelps** of the County of Warren State of Kentucky being of feeble health, but of sound mind and disposing memory doth make and create this to be my last will and testament in manner and form to wit. 1st I desire and will is that my wife **Sally** shall have all of my land on which I now live on during her natural life or so long as she remains my widow also she is to have the 2 choice horses, 2 cows and calves, 2 plows, 2 pair of gear, one sow and pigs or shoats and one years provisions and all the household and kitchen furniture of every description for the use of the above land and property she is to keep and raise such of my children that may be under age at the time of my disease free from charge until they become of age my will and desire is that the children shall be educated so far as my wife may be able to furnish means, my will and desire is that the tract of land in the timber that belongs to me of 37 acres are to be sold and all the surplus property of every description and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts and in case the 37 acres of land and surplus property should not raise money enough to pay my debts my will is that so much of the land is to be sold to raise the balance that I bought of **John Weatherspoon**. My will and desire is that at the marriage or death of my wife **Sally** that all of the perishable property is to be sold and my land be equally divided between all of my children but the portion that falls to **Margaret Martin** she is only to have the use of during her natural life and then to go to her bodily heirs and in case she should not have any to return to the

balance of my children and at the final settlement she is to account for thirty dollars that I have advanced to her also **Mary Smith** is to account for thirty dollars advanced to her also **James Phelps** is to account for forty dollars advanced to him the advances are to be exempt from interest. I nominate and appoint my friend **John S. Campbell** to carry this my last will and testament into effect. In testimony whereof

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I hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this ---- of April 1852.

Wiley S. Campbell
David Phelps (his mark)

William Phelps
[His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court April Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Wiley S. Campbell** and **David Phelps** the two subscribing witness thereto, to be the last will and testament of **William Phelps** decd. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of Apr. 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Annie Castner**, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament. First I have lived a rather long and uneventful life, I have done wrong, but wishing to reward those who have been my friends I hereby will and bequeath to **John R. Wiley** all my household and kitchen furniture, also my house and lot situated on Green Street in the city of Bowling Green, Ky. I desire that said **Wiley** pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of the proceeds of the above property. Witness my hand this the 13th day of April 1882.

Witnesses **J. F. Hardwick**
Geo R. Gorin

Annie Castner [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Geo. R. Gorin** and **J. F. Hardwick** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of

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Annie Castner decd whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Mary Jackson** of the city of Bowling Green Warren Co. Kentucky being aware of the uncertainty of life, and in failing health, but of sound mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner following to wit. First I give and devise and bequeath to each of my daughters, **Annie Jackson**, **Mary Jackson** and **Frances Jackson**, an equal share of all I possess. Second I appoint Mr. **Patrick Nolin** as executor of this my last will and testament and guardian of my children, the said Executor is hereby authorized to pay all my just debts and the expenses of my funeral and also the sum of twenty five dollars for masses for the repose of my soul, these expenses to have precedence over all other expenditures, and if my personal movable property be not sufficient to cover them, the rent of my house, situated in Bowling Green, Ky. on Adams Street, to be used as required for it In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of February Eighteen hundred and eighty three. Signed in our presence

Dan Hogan
D. Rauscher

Mary Jackson [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Ct. Apr 23rd 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court, and proved to be the last will and testament of **Mary Jackson**, Decd by the oaths of **Dan Hogan** and **D. Rauscher** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered

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to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Jackson**, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Sina Davidson** being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others Article 1st I will that all my debts be first settled 2nd That my two daughters **Synthia A. Hurt** and **Julia A. Hodges** be amply compensated for their care and trouble wit me during the past 2 yrs. 3rd If there should be anything left after my burial expenses have been met it is my will that the remainder be equally divided between those of my children now in this State and residing in this State. 4th It is to be understood that my daughter **Martha A. Isbell** is to be included in this division. Given under my hand this Dec 15, 1879.

Attest

Mallie M. Murry by **A. P. Murry**
John H. Hurt

Sina Davidson

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct May term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Sina Davidson** by the oaths of **A. P. Murry** and **Jno. H. Hurt** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Sina Davidson** Decd. which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 28th day of May 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **James Harrison Claypool** of Warren County Ky. February 8 1883 Recognizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death being desirous of attending to my temporal affairs

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while in the proper exercise of my faculties do hereby make this my last will and testament. I do hereby bequeath to my beloved wife **Elizabeth T. Claypool** all my property both personal and real as long as she remains my widow from under my hand this day and date as written above.

Witness **A. P. Murry**
John M. Young

J. H. Claypool

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the will of **J. H. Claypool** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **A. P. Murry** and **Jno M. Young** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **J. H. Claypool** decd which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk
By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Henry J. Butler** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life do make and publish this my last will and testament Item 1st It is my will and I direct that as soon after my death as convenient all my just debts be paid. Item 2nd It is further my will and I give to my beloved wife **Rebecca O. Butler** the tract of land upon which I now live containing one hundred and ten acres more or less and also a small tract of timbered land being the same that I purchased from **James A. Scrivener** containing about 28 acres for and during her natural live remainder to my grandchildren **William Henry Butler**, **Mary Ida Butler** and **Daniel Robert Butler** children of my son **John Thomas Butler**, and if either of them should die without issue then the portion of that one so dying to go to and be equally divided between

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the survivors. Item 3rd. It is further my will and I give to my beloved wife **Rebecca O.** all my personal property of every description including horses, mules, cattle, hogs all my notes and accounts, and after the death of my said wife

if any of said personal property is not used by her and any of same remains at her death then my will and desire is and I do so direct that it shall be divided equally between my said grandchildren **William Henry Butler, Mary Ida Butler** and **Daniel Robert Butler** children of my son **John Thomas Butler**. The reason that I do not give my children anything in this will is because I have heretofore given them as much of my property as I desire for them to have. Item 4th I hereby appoint **John E. Halsell** of Bowling Green Ky the Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony of which I herein to set my hand this the 3rd day of October 1877.

Subscribed and acknowledged in our presence

J. D. Allen

H. J. Butler

Charles T. Ross

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Ct May Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **H. J. Butler** decd by the oath of **C. T. Ross** One of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. D. Allen** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said H. J. Butler which is accordingly done, Witness my hand this 31st day of May 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk.

By S. M. Matlock DC

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In the name of God Amen. I **Virginia E. Howard** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make the following will viz. In primis: I direct my Executor to pay all of my funeral expenses and just debts, then I leave to my Sister **Fannie Howard**, fifty dollars, to my brother **Archibald Howard**, fifty dollars and to my half brother **Edward G. Howard** fifty dollars. The remainder of my estate, devised me by my father I give to my beloved Aunt **Sarah Columbia Buckner**, who has devoted all her time, day and night attending to me most affectionately, for upwards of six years confinement in bed, my reason for not giving Fannie Howard my sister more is she has paid no attention to me, as she is most always away from my grandfather's where I have lived for upwards of eighteen years. My brother Archibald Howard lives only fifteen miles from me and has not been to see me, for upwards of five years. Nothing ever occurring between us to keep him from visiting me frequently, as he comes to Bowling Green most every Court day, and I only live three miles from Bowling Green. I leave my uncle **John A. Robinson**, my Executor of this my last will and testament. In conformation of which, I hereto affix my name and seal this twenty Seventh day of December eighteen hundred and sixty nine.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

Thos L. Stephens

V. E. Howard

A. B. Stephens

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct June Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Thos L. & A. B. Stephens** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **V. E. Howard** decd. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **V. E. Howard** which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 2d day of July 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **Mary King** alias **Mag. King**, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and announce this instrument as my last will and testament. 1st I give and bequeath my home place to my husband **Samuel King** so long as he uses it as a home, and when it shall cease to be used by him as a home, or when he dies I desire that it be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned. 2nd It is my desire that none of my property shall be sold, but at my death I want it disposed of as set forth herein and I want my debts, which consist only of my bill to my physician, as well as my burial expenses to be paid by my legal heirs. I do not want my coffin to cost exceeding ten dollars, I want those of my heirs who pay or assist in paying my debts and funeral expenses as above set forth to share in my home place, after the interest of my husband ceases in the proposition, they shall contribute to such payments, If any of home should fail or refuse to contribute to such payment I desire that such shall have no interest. If all the payments be made by one heir then that heir alone shall have my home place at my husbands death or when his interest ceases. 3rd I give and bequeath to my husband **Samuel King** my small bed and bedding for the small bed or lounge and two chairs. 4th I give and bequeath to my sister **Minerva** the quilt in which I have the quilted the names of my children, I

also give to her one other quilt and my large bed and its bedding. 5th I give and bequeath to **Sarah Jane Cummins** my large bedstead. 6th I give and bequeath to my brother **James Carson** my family clock and want him and Robert Porter to select from my effects, two keepsakes for the grandchildren of my brother **James, Alice and James Reed**. 7th I give and bequeath to my friend **Mary Porter** daughter of **Robert Porter**, my next newest quilt having small pieces and colored borders at the end, and I give to his daughter **Birdie** a picture called "Spring". 8th It is my will further that after my death **Robert Porter** and my brother **James Carson**

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shall divide fairly between my heirs, living in Kentucky my personal property not disposed of by my will and I do hereby appoint as Executor of this my will and testament my brother **James Carson** and desire that he be permitted to act without bonds. Signed in the presence of

B. F. Proctor, Lila P. Proctor,

Mag. King [Her mark]

James Carson, Minerva Porter, as witness our hands this June 1st 1883.

B. F. Proctor

Lila P. Proctor

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Ct July Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **B. F. Proctor** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Mag King** Deed said **Proctor** also proved the attestation of **Lila P. Proctor** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded and for the last will and testament of said **Mag King** deed which is accordingly done, Witness my hand this 23rd day of July 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

This will has been read over to me by **B. F. Proctor** and he has explained to me that as husband of **Mag King** I have a right to occupancy of and in the land named herein but in consideration that the heirs named herein will pay off the debts and funeral expenses, I hereby agree to and ratify this will and ask that it be probated, and recorded this July 18th 1883.

Attest **B. F. Proctor**

Samuel King [His Mark]

I **John W. Hendrick** being desirous of settling my temporal affairs while in a proper condition of mind to do so and recognizing the uncertainty of life, do hereby make this my last will and testament. Article 1. I desire and will that all my debts be first paid

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and that the brown mare mule be sold first and such other of my property as my executrix herein after named may think best 3 and all the remaining property both personal and real is hereby given to my wife **Elizabeth Hendrick** for the use and benefit of herself and children to be used as she may think best 4' that my wife **Elizabeth Hendrick** be and I hereby appoint her executrix of this my will, Given under my hand this Aug 2d 1883.

Attest **A. P. Murray**

R. E. Porter

S. S. Claypool

John W. Hendrick [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct August Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Jno W. Hendrick** by the oath of **R. E. Porter** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **A. P. Murray** and **S. S. Claypool**, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **John W. Hendrick** deed which is done accordingly, Witness my hand this 27th day of August 1883.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Garrett Fleming**, being of sound mind and disposing memory make and constitute this my last will and testament 1st I desire my just debts be paid including my funeral expenses 2nd The policy of \$2000 which I hold in Catholic

Knights of America be disposed as follows: \$1500 Fifteen hundred dollars of said policy I desire my wife **Maggie** and my children **Charlie** and **Henrietta** to have all together, Five hundred dollars the remaining part of said policy I bequeath to my mother **Mary Fleming**. 3rd. That all the stock of goods in my store on Frozen Row be divided equally between my wife **Maggie** and my mother **Mary Fleming** and the building in which said stock of goods is now contained I devise and bequeath it

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to my wife and mother equally. 4" I desire the business of said Store shall be carried on in the future as it is at present, and that my brother **Patrick Fleming** be general manager and superintendent of said Store and the business, my wife and mother sharing equally in the profits. 5" I herewith appoint my brother **Patrick Fleming** my Executor of this will and I desire that he shall not be required to give bond. 6 All the accounts and notes due me I desire to be divided between my wife **Maggie** and my mother, and that they be responsible for all the debts I may owe in the run of my business. Given under my hand this 2nd of August 1883.

Attest **Jos DeVries**

T. J. Townsend

J. G. Fleming [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Ct Aug 27, 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jos DeVries** and **T. J. Townsend** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **J. G. Fleming** Decd Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as & for the last will and testament of said **Fleming** which is recorded accordingly. Given under my hand this 27th day of Aug 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **A. M. Stice** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do hereby make this my last will & testament. I give devise & bequeath my Estate & property real and personal as follows: To my wife **Malissa Jane**, I give devise & bequeath all my estate real and personal including my Life Insurance, with the understanding that all my just debts are to be paid out of my Life Policy to be used by my said wife & for her own & my childrens benefit as she may think proper But in case my said wife shall marry then she shall be made an equal heir with each of my children I would suggest

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to my said wife that she sell my lands both in Warren & Edmonson Counties & use the proceeds thereof to purchase lands elsewhere & I would further suggest that before making such sale & purchase that my said wife consult my friends **William Meredith** & Dr. **J. E. Tucker** and others if she think best, I now appoint my said wife **Malissa Jane** sole Executrix of this may last will without her being required to give security Witness whereof I have signed and sealed and declared this as my will at home in Warren County State of Kentucky on the 29th day of March 1883 in the presence of **T. J. Franklin**, Dr. **J. E. Tucker** and **J. W. Collins**.

T. J. Franklin

A. M. Stice

J. E. Tucker

J. W. Collins

State of Kentucky Warren County Ct Sct Sept Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **A. M. Stice** decd by the oath of **J. W. Collins** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **T. J. Franklin** and **J. E. Tucker** the other subscribing witness thereto Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **A. M. Stice** which is accordingly done, Witness my hand this 24th day of Sept 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S M. Matlock

I **Dosha Lawrence** being feeble in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made. 1 As to debt I owe none. 2. I desire after my decease that my body be decent buried. 3 I give to my nephew **J. T. Palmer** all my stock farming utensils, 2 wagon, 1

cooking stove and all my cooking utensils, cupboard, 2 bureaus & tables 2 bed steads, beds and furniture 1 lounge and furniture, 1 gun, looking glass and all my chairs, 1 set silver tea spoons.

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4. I give to my niece **Fanny Dunn** 1 white Linnty counterpin. 5. I give to **Elizabeth Westbrook** 1 white counterpin 1 trunk 1 square table. 6 I give to **Sarah Westbrook** daughter of **James Westbrook** the bed I occupy, 1 blue coverlet, 1 counterpin. 7. I give to **Ida T. Westbrook** 1 bed 1 coverlet 1 counterpane which **J. T. Palmer** is to give her she is of proper age to take care of it. 8. I give to my niece **Harriet Mulky** 1 set silver tea spoons. 9. I give to my former servant woman **Patsy** 1 trundle bed and stead 1 blanket 3 quilts. 10. I hereby constitute and appoint my nephew **J. T. Palmer** Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of February 1883.

Witness

J. B. Martin
Caroline Palmer

Dosha Lawrence [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct. Warren County Court October Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **John B. Martin** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Caroline Palmer** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said instrument was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **Dosha Lawrence** decd which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22nd day of October 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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Kauawah County West Virginia July 23 1883.

I **William S. Garrett** being of sound mind and disposing memory do publish this my last will and revoke all others. I will give and bequeath unto my dear wife **Julia T. Garrett** my entire estate real or personal of any and all kinds whatsoever, cash, bonds stocks & c To have use, sell or convey in any way she may desire for her sole use benefit and comfort. I have two reasons for making this my last will and testament to wit: My wife had an estate from her father which she gave to me and I used it as my own at her request, and in the second place she has been a good, affectionate and faithful wife under any and all circumstances, the last would be sufficient reason, to say nothing of Christian duty, and I only wish that my estate was more valuable as she deserves all I can do for her. I appoint my wife Executrix of this my last will and without security, at my death, I hope she will make a will, and at her death what she has left, will be given prudently.

William S. Garrett

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. C. Sims** and **J. N. McCormick** to be wholly in the handwriting of **W. S. Garrett** Decd Whereupon said writing was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **W. S. Garrett** Decd. Which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of November 1883.

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Warren County Ky., Dec. 7th 1879

Being in sound mind and in good health and desiring to dispose of my possessions, I make this my last will and testament. It is my will that if I should die before my wife **Damsell** she shall have and own all my property real and personal of whatever sort I may die possessed of, to do as she pleases with, to dispose of by deed or gift or by her last will. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and mark.

Attest **John Underwood**

Lewis Stewart [His mark]

Witnessed by

Juliette N. Western
Lucy C. Underwood

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December term 1883

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing writing was produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Juliette U. Western** to be the last will and testament of **Lewis Stewart** decd, who also proved the attestation of **Lucy C. Underwood** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said Lewis Stewart decd. which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of December 1883.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Greencastle Ky. May 10th 1880

I have this day made my first & last brief will to **W. D. Alexander** do will the following property to wit two lots with buildings and one lot without any building and the Ferry and said lots at Greencastle, Ky., also one farm on Barren River near the mouth of Gasper River Ky. all in Warren County Ky., do will to **W. D. Alexander** all I possess outside of what is mentioned above.

James D. Alexander

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State of Kentucky Warren County Ct. Sct Feby Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **G. E. Speck** to be the last will and testament of **J. D. Alexander** decd who testified that said writing was wholly in the handwriting of said **Alexander**, whereupon said paper was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **J. D. Alexander** decd which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of February 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Mary E. Baker** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, make the following as my last will. Whereas, I some years ago purchased from my son **William Baker**, his interest in the lands of his father, situated in Warren County Kentucky and took a conveyance of such interest from him and whereas it was then my purpose that he should upon my death have the said interest back, upon paying the amount I paid him for it whereas he has already repaid me one hundred dollars and there remains six hundred dollars upon which no interest is to be charged, and I hereby will that he have a reasonable time after my death to pay said sum to my personal representative. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 23rd day of October 1883.

In the presence of

Jos I. Younglove

C. W. Kemp

Mary E. Baker

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Ct. Feby Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jos. I. Younglove** and **C. W. Kemp** the two

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subscribed witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Mary E. Baker** Decd. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Mary E. Baker** which is accordingly done, Witness my hand this 25th day of Feby 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **W. F. Smith** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death hereby make this my last will and testament revoking all others and dispose of my worldly effect in the following manner. Item 1st. It is my desire and I so will that all my just debts of every character be first paid in full out of my estate. Item 2^d It is my desire and I so will that my beloved wife and children living on my home place at my death shall continue to reside thereon and to carry on the farm and to have the use of all the estate real and personal until my youngest child shall arrive at 21 years of age, then all that part of my home place lying on the North side of the Glasgow and Morgantown Road and all the rest of my real estate except that part lying on the South side of said road and contained in the home tract together with one half in value of my live stock be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my children. The child or children of a deceased child to have their parents share. Item 3rd. It is my desire and I so will that my beloved wife after said sale shall continue to live on the home place and have the use and occupancy of all my estate after the aforesaid sale until

her death together with such of our children as continue to live with her and then the residue of my estate is to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my children as the proceeds of the first sale. Item 4th It is my desire and I so will that all money advanced by me to any of my

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children be charged to them without any interest and any real estate without rent. The price of real estate to be fixed at the time they take possession thereof. Item 5th. Should all my children after my death who are 21 years old at the time, and my beloved wife, wish to have a sale of all my estate on half the proceeds is to be given to my beloved wife for her use and benefit during life and the other half divided as aforesaid, and at her death the part given her and not used by her for her benefit, and no limitation or prohibition is placed on her as to the use of it is to be divided as the balance of my estate, as above said and at her death the part given her and not used by her for her benefit and not used by her for her benefit, and no limitation or prohibition is placed on her as to the use of it- is to be divided as the balance of my estate as aforesaid- Item 6th It is my desire and I so will that my executors hereinafter named pay a reasonable allowance to my friend **Saml H. Richardson** for repairing and writing my will having same probated in the county court after my death and doing such other work in the settlement of my estate as my will may devolve upon him, due regard being had to the labors done or services to be rendered by him and the value of my estate, said allowance when so made to be binding upon him as well as my estate. Item 7 It is my desire and I so will and hereby nominate and appoint my neighbor and friend **A. J. Adair** and my beloved wife as the executors of this my last will and testament feeling that my estate and the interests of my beloved wife and children will be strictly guarded by them, should either of my said Executors fail to act they are hereby empowered to name a successor who when duly qualified shall have like powers and perform like duties as those named by me my said executors shall fix all the terms times and place of sale of any of said property, except personal property shall be sold on the premises. Item 8th Should my said Executors differ as to any part of their duties on rights or powers under this will then such difference shall be submitted to said **Saml H. Richardson** whose decision shall be final in the premises.

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Item 9th Having entire confidence in my executors it is my desire and I so will that they be not required to give security on their bond in the County Court. In witness of the above I have hereunto signed my last will in the presence of **Saml H.** and **Sally G. Richardson** this 22d day of September 1876. Signed by the testator in his presence and in each others presence as witnesses thereto the day and year above written

Saml H. Richardson

Sallie G. Richardson

W. F. Smith

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Kentucky Feby Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **W. F. Smith** decd. by the oath of **S. H. Richardson** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Sallie G. Richardson** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 4th day of March 1884.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

To the Judge of the Warren County Court

I **Amanda M. Smith** hereby renounce the will of my late husband **W. F. Smith** decd recently probated by this court and recorded in the Clerk's office thereof and declare my purpose not to abide by the terms and provisions thereof in so far that the same relates to me preferring rather to receive such portion of my said husbands estate as may be allowed me by the laws of Ky. and as provided by contract this day with the heirs at law of my husband Mch 10, 1884.

Amanda M. Smith

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The above writing was signed and acknowledged by **Amanda M. Smith** in our presence, as her act and deed and we have hereto signed our names as attesting witnesses to the same at her request, in her presence and in the presence of

each other, Mch 10, 1884.

Lewis Potter

W. T. Miller

G. W. Campbell

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced to me in my office and proved to be the act and deed of **Amanda M. Smith** the subscriber thereto by the oaths of **Lewis Potter** and **W. T. Miller** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **G. W. Campbell** the other subscribing witness and I further certify that I have duly recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 17th day of March 1884.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

1st I **William H. Payne** of Bowling Green Ky. in the sixty seventh year of my age since the 23rd August last and in feeble health but of sound mind and cherishing the Christian hope of blissful immortality, I submit myself to his sovereign will, and with a view of making a final disposition of my estate, with my own hand though somewhat nervous and tumultuous, I make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others. 2d I wish my Executor as early as practicable to sell at public or private sale my property not herein otherwise disposed of, and to collect all money other things due to me or to my estate from all sources and to rent out all my real estate in said city herein after described, and to apply the proceeds thereof in payment of funeral expenses and of all just debts against me on my estate except as herein otherwise provided. 3rd I give to my dear wife **Euphemia Y. Payne** such of our household and kitchen furniture as she may select including her sewing

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machine, music box, table and silverware, my watch and chain and charm and all jewelry and wearing apparel, my two book cases in my room and all my books, except a law book and including pictures, maps, and ornaments except some pictures I intend for my brother **Jno. H. Payne**. I also give to her our new carriage and harness and her choice one of my horses, also all provisions and stores for family use on hand and poultry, and such of my cows and calves as she may select besides her alderney cow and heifer which are hers. 4th I give to my brother Doctr. **John H. Payne** the pictures in our parlour of our father **Edmund Payne** and mother **Catharine Templeman Payne** and brother **Edmund W. Payne** who fell in battle in the confederate service in Paris Tennessee on the 12th March 1865 I also give to my said brother the old silver cup, which was presented to my father when a young man by his old friend **Daniel McCarty Chichisten** of Virginia whose initials are engraved thereon. I also give to my said brother the old Surveyors compass of my father with the name of his father, **Wm Payne** engraved thereon, whom I learn is the same little Colonel **Payne** named in history as having a fight with **George Washington** at Fairfax Court House Va. during one of our wars; and it came to me from his father **Wm. Payne** of Va. showing that has been long in the family and I hope that it and the old silver cup may never pass away from family. 5th I own the following real estate in said city in which my wife holds life estate conveyed to her by me by deed Nov 2 1866 duly of record in the Warren County Court described in said deed as a tract of about 4 3/4 acres which was then in one piece and subdivided by streets and lots as at present. This is the tract upon which our present residence is situated and upon which several tenement houses have been erected and embraces the property described in the deed made a short time since by myself

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and wife to **W. A. Cooke** reserving her life estate therein and then reconveyed by sd. Cooke to myself which said - **W. H. Payne** - deeds of record are referred to for further description. 6th I also own in said city two lots on north side of Main Street with storehouses and other houses on same also a house and lot on a Short Street between Railroad and Mechanic Street near **Ragland's** gate also a house and lot on west side of Mechanic Street between Main and Court Streets, also a house and lot on north side of Court Street at a sewer between Mechanic and Adams Street, also a house and lot on Shank's Street, I believe, once the property of **Bill Sweeney** and occupied by him all of said places now occupied by tenants. 7th I also own an interest of one undivided eighth in and to the Franchise and property and appurtenances of the Green & Barren River Navigation Company, and certificates of stock issued to me to the amount of \$12,500 which is less than half of its value I think as it has produced me during the last few years an income in the form of dividends from \$2000 to \$2500 semi-annually from the net earnings of the Company. My said stock is on deposit in Warren Deposit Bank as collateral security for my debt to sd. bank with the condition that the

Bank may sell it upon short notice if sd. debt be not promptly paid. I wish my Executor to guard this point and not let it be sold. I wish him to collect promptly all dividends and profits and dues resulting to my estate from said Navigation Company, and to use the proceeds together with all other means he can derive from my estate or belonging to my estate in payment of said debt and all other of my just debts-- **W. H. Payne**- [*W. H. Payne signed several sections of the will in this manner.*] except as otherwise directed. 8" I also own a lot on Summer Street in said city on which I commenced a new residence intending it for my wife as her home instead of our present residence where we now live. I direct my Executor to finish said

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residence and all its appurtenances in first rate style according to original plans as near as he can and to put the whole in first rate and handsome conditions and in that condition I now give said new residence to my said dear wife **Euphemia Y. Payne** in fee simple which I do upon the following conditions viz: that she shall be paid by my Executor from the estate the sum of one hundred dollars per month as long as she lives in consideration that she will release to my estate and to my Executor for the benefit of my estate the life estate owned by her in our present residence and real estate named and referred to in section 5 of this will which sum I think about equal to the value of the rents of said property in which she owns a life estate as aforesaid, this I do for the purpose of giving her a more suitable home, and to save her from the trouble of renting out and taking care of her life estate, and for the purpose authorizing my Executors to sell same soon as he can for the purpose of paying my said debts as speedily as possible. If however she should not accept the arrangement, in that event my Executor is directed to finish said new residence as cheaply as he can and to sell it and pay the proceeds in payment of my said debts as speedily as possible. **W. H. Payne.** 9. If my wife should accept said in lieu of her life estate and all interest she holds therein in and to said 5 of this will in that event my Executor is directed to pay to my said wife **Euphemia Y. Payne**, one hundred dollars per month as long as she lives from the time she so manifests said acceptance and delivers over said real estate named and referred to in said section 5 unto my Executor to be used by him as property belonging exclusively to my estate. 10. In the event that my said wife delivers over to my Executors said real estate

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referred to in said section 5 as property belonging exclusively to my estate, I direct that he shall take charge of same and rent it out, and sell any or all of it and pay the proceeds thereof in payment of all just debts against me or my estate as speedily as possible. 11. I also direct my Executor to take charge of all my real estate named and referred to in section 6 of this will and to rent out same and to pay the proceeds thereof in payment of my said debts as speedily as possible till all shall be paid and immediately after the payment of all my said debts he shall then turn over and deliver said real estate named, and referred to in said section 6 to my said brother **John H. Payne** to whom I now give said real estate and its appurtenances in fee simple for himself and his children. -**W. H. Payne**- 12. I wish my Executor to keep all the real estate referred to in this will in good repair and to keep it insured and to pay the expenses of same and all taxes thereon until he disposes of same fully according to the directions of this will my wife has other real estate in said city a portion of which are houses and lots yielding her some profits in the way of rents, I wish my Executor to aid her in renting and managing same for her best advantage, and to give her such advice in regard the management of her business as an inexperienced and unsuspecting woman would almost certainly need, and I take the liberty here to advise her to sell such of her real estate as she can not make profitable to her, and to retain only such as is capable of yielding her a good profit on the amount invested therein, except her home and residence on Summer Street, if she accepts it which will be capable of contribution to her happiness and comfort and independence in the most respectable style for this country and I think her pecuniary condition will be such that she can afford to enjoy it. 13 I wish my Executor to represent me and the best interests of my Estate in the meetings of the board of the Green & Barren River Navigation

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Company and in all other meetings of said Company and to vote and assist in all business transaction of said company as my Executor and proxy according to the best interest of my estate and that of said company so long -**W. H. Payne**- as said company shall continue to exist and until its affairs shall all be settled up in justice to my estate, I also wish him to use all honorable means to prevent the sale of any of said Navigation Stock, as the dividends resulting therefrom will likely be sufficient of itself to pay all I owe in two or three years, and to enable him to save it from sale, he is authorized to borrow and procure money necessary to save said stock and to pledge or mortgage

same and all other of my property if necessary to secure the debt in order to secure sufficient time to pay same from the collection of debts to my estate, and from sale of property herein directed to be sold, and from the rents and profits or real estate herein and from the dues dividends and profits resulting from my said interest and in said Navigation Company. 14. After all my debts shall be fully paid I still wish my Executor to continue to collect all dividends and dues to which my estate shall be entitled from said navigation company and to pay one half thereof to my said wife **Euphemia Y. Payne** as her own absolutely and the other to my said brother **John H. Payne** for himself and his children and after the death of my said wife the whole shall be paid to my said brother for himself and his children, and it may then be at his option whether my Executor shall continue any longer to give it his attention or whether he my brother will attend to it himself. 15 My nephew **H. T. Drake** sometime since got **W. H. Payne** some lumber from **Jas Heard** upon my order to use in building a house, whatever that is, I give to him and he is released from paying any of same I also owe my nephews **William Drake, A. T. Drake, Charles Drake** and niece **Bettie Drake** some amount say between one and two hundred dollars on lands I bought in which they

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and my brother **Jno H. Payne** and myself were all interested, but I turned said land over to my said brother under the agreement with him that he should pay to my said nephews and niece the amount due them therefore and they can all settle it among themselves, but if my sd. brother should fail to pay them the amount due to them in the premises my Executor is directed to pay it and to charge same to my said brother. 16. Now having provided as best I could for the payment of all of my debts, and having divided what property and means I may leave after the payment of said debts between my said dear wife and brother according to what I conscientiously believe to be my duty, I now make a full and final surrender to the will of my blessed Lord and Savior requesting that my dear wife shall be consulted as to funeral arrangements and as to our last resting place in some quiet spot for us both to be marked by such simple stone as she may direct, under whose solemn shades she and I may repose side by side till death's long sleep shall be over. -**W. H. Payne**- 17. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend **R. S. Evans** as my Executor to execute and carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament believing that he will do it more efficiently and expeditiously than he could with others associated with him, and I give him the right and request him to appoint his successor by will should it become necessary to do so. In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my signature with my own hand this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord 1884. The foregoing 9 pages all containing my signature and the foregoing 17 sections all dictated and written by myself, free from all prejudices and improper influences contain my last will and testament and all others are revoked Jan. 3, 1884.

W. H. Payne

Codicil 1st. If there should be anything left belonging to my estate after all its business shall be fully settled up especially in-

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cluding my interest in the Green & Barren River Navigation Company and not in my will otherwise disposed of I direct my Executor to pay one half thereof to my wife **Euphemia Y. Payne** as her own if then living and the other half to my brother **Jno. H. Payne** for himself and his children and if my wife be not living then the whole to be paid to my sd. Brother for himself and his children subscribed by my signature and in my own hand this 21st day of January 1884.

W. H. Payne

State of Kentucky Warren County Ct Sct March Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **W. H. Payne** decd by the oaths of **Jas D. Hines** and **C. G. Smallhouse** who testified that said writing is wholly in the handwriting of said **Payne**, whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **W. H. Payne** which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 29th day of March 1884.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By S. M. Matlock DC

I **Sarah A. Reeves** being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all by me heretofore made. 1. I give to my son **George C. Reeves, Syrilda Scott** and **Lucy Bell Shelton** all my household and kitchen furniture cash and cash notes to be divided equally between

them at my death. 2. I constitute and appoint my friend **Alfred Taylor** Executor of this my last will and testament. 30 July 1883.

Witness **J. B. Martin**
Priscilla Maxey

Sarah A. Reeves [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court April Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will

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of **Sarah A. Reeves** decd. was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **John B. Martin** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Priscilla Maxey** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said writing was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of April 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Know all men by these present that I **Samuel Beckham** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound and disposing mind do make this my last will and testament as follows to wit: First, after my death I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and all my personal and real estate to go to my beloved wife **Margaret Beckham**. The land herein willed to wife **Margaret Beckham** being one half interest in my home place and half interest in land bought of **John Davis**. Now I desire and hereby appoint **S. R. Totty** of Warren County my legal and lawful Executor to enforce this last will and testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me. In testimony of all the foregoing I have this day signed the above will this 4th day of January 1883.

In the presence of

S. R. Totty
W. B. Anderson
F. T. Brown

Samuel Beckham

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Samuel Beckham** Decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **S. R. Totty**, **W. B. Anderson**, and **F. T. Brown** the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of May 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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I **Zachariah Keel** of the City of Bowling Green County of Warren, State of Kentucky being of sound and composing mind with a view to the uncertainty of life do make this my last will. I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal as follows, that is to say. 1st To my wife **Eliza Keel** during her natural lifetime all my property both real and personal of which I may die possessed except such as may herein after be otherwise devised with the expressed provision that only the interest of such money and bonds as I may be possessed of shall be by her at any time used. 2nd To my daughter **Mary Jones**, late **Keel**, and the heirs of her body, the house and lot containing one half acre on which she now resides lying and being on Shanks Street in the City of Bowling Green County of Warren, State of Kentucky being the same which I purchased of **A. P. Durham** with the condition that she shall not sell said house and lot in her lifetime, and should she die without heirs of her body then the same shall revert to the heirs of my body. 3. To my daughter **Mahalah Herndon** and her two children **Thomas Herndon** and **Mary Herndon** the farm or piece of land together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging lying and being in the county of Warren State of Kentucky being the same on which they now reside and the same which I purchased of [blank] **Herndon** containing thirty eight and three quarter (38 3/4) acres be the same more or less with the condition that the same shall not be sold in the lifetime of the said **Mahalah Herndon**. 4th To my grand daughter **Eliza C. Keel** and her heir after she shall have attained the age of twenty six years and after the death of my said wife **Eliza Keel** the house and lot on which I now reside on the corner of [blank] and Shanks Streets in the city of Bowling Green, County of Warren State of Kentucky, being the same which I purchased of **John E. Younglove**. 5. I appoint my said wife **Eliza Keel** residing

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in the city of Bowling Green Kentucky Executrix of this my will with the request that she shall not be required to give security in procuring letters of administration. In witness whereof I have signed & sealed & published & declared this instrument as my will at Potters bank in the city of Bowling Green, Kentucky this the 9th day of February 1883.

Zachariah Keel [His mark]

The said **Zachariah Keel** at said Potters bank in the city of Bowling Green Kentucky on this the 9th day of February 1883 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

P. B. Hawkins

J. E. Potter

Pleas' J. Potter

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct May Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Zachariah Keel** Decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **P. J. Potter** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and who also proved the attestation of **J. E. Potter** and **P. B. Hawkins** the other subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to e recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of May 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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In the name of God Amen. I **John Adams** of Warren County Kentucky, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, though it but little. First I give and bequeath the same in the manner following, that is to say: 1" I give to my sister **Nancy J. Adams** twelve acres of land including all my improvement, including the residence which I now occupy, lying on the Glasgow and Bowling Green Road said land to be laid off, lines running East and West parallel with said road. 2" The remainder of my land, which contain sixty acres to be divided between my brothers and sisters as follows: To **Edward Adams, William Adams, Joseph Adams, Mary L. Gott, Ruth Dearing** and **Elizabeth Smith**. Said brothers and sisters are to share equally in the valuation of said land, and said land to be laid off by three disinterested persons, said brothers and sisters to select the commissioners to lay off and value said land, and said land to be divided into six lots, as follows. Lot No. 1, Lot No. 2, Lot No. 3, Lot No. 4, Lot No. 5, and Lot No. 6, said lots to be laid off so that the valuation will be the same per acre. 3" I give to my sister **Nancy J. Adams** all my household and kitchen that I now and may after have. I here appoint my brother **Edward Adams** my Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 30th day of April 1878.

Attest **J. R. Dearing**

John Adams [His mark]

T. L. Thornton

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct July Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of Warren County Court, do certify that the foregoing will of **Jno Adams** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **T. L. Thornton** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **J. R. Dearing** Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **John Adams**, which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this July 28th 1884.

Ben F. Gardner Clerk

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **John M. Porter** of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky do hereby make this my last will and testament as follows to wit: I desire first that all my just debts be paid out of my estate. After my debtors are paid give and devise to my well beloved daughter and only child, **Minnie Belle Porter**, all the residue of my estate of all sorts and kinds, real and personal and mixed except as hereinafter provided. I give to my brother **Nat. A. Porter** my law library and office furniture including my safe. My literary library I desire my daughter to have. I authorize and empower my executor, hereinafter to be named, to sell my real estate in Butler County, and all interest I own in real estate

elsewhere, and to convey same to the purchaser or purchasers sale to be on such terms as he my deem proper- the proceeds to go to my daughter. I devise to each of my three sisters, **Jennie Sloss**, **Cultie McKay**, and **Lizzie Porter** the sum of one hundred dollars. My gold watch I desire to be kept in my family. It was a gift to me from my father. I nominate and appoint my brother **Nat. A. Porter** as Executor of this will, and also as guardian for my daughter **Minnie**. Written wholly and subscribed by me in my own writing this 7th day of December A. D. 1883.

John M. Porter

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct. July Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Jno M. Porter** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **E. L. Hines** and **D. W. Wright** said will being wholly in the handwriting of said **Jno. M. Porter** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Jno. M. Porter** decd which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 25th day of July 1884.

Ben F. Gardner Clk.

By S. M. Matlock DC

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I **John Wakefield** of Warren County State of Kentucky do make this my last will and testament, First I will and bequeath to my brother **James H. Wakefield** Fifteen hundred dollars. Second, to my two half sisters, **Zarilda** and **Mary E. Wakefield** fifteen hundred dollars each. Third to my niece and nephew **Bettie Jones** and **William Wakefield**, fifteen hundred dollars each. Fourth to my half brothers **H. B.** and **J. C. Wakefield** Five hundred dollars each. Fifth To my half brother **William Wakefields** children Five Hundred dollars. Sixth to my nephew **F. G. Brown** five hundred dollars Seventh to my nephew **John Wakefield** son of **J. H. Wakefield** five hundred dollars. Oct 4th 1883.

Witness **C. M. Thomas**

John Wakefield

W. S. Ragland

State of Kentucky Sct. Warren County Court October Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **John Wakefield** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **C. M. Thomas** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **W. S. Ragland** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1884.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

I **David Chapman** of Warren County Kentucky do make and ordain this as my last will and testament as follows: 1st I have nine living children at this time & the children of my daughter **Louisa Ray** decd make ten heirs at law of my estate; to each of whom (counting my said grandchildren as one) I have heretofore given and advanced up to this date the sum of one thousand dollars each and I forbid that they be charged

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with any other or further advancements by reason or on account of anything heretofore given or rendered prior to this time. 2nd I will and direct that such portion of my estate as may be bequeathed to or received by my daughter **Eliza Ann Allen** (late **Sulser**) by virtue of this will, shall be hers, exclusive of any husband she may have as her separate estate, to use and dispose of as she pleases by will or otherwise; but if she does not so dispose of it and any portion of it remains after her death the same shall remain and belong to her children in equal shares. 3rd. I will and direct that the sum of three hundred dollars be paid by my Executors out of my estate, to my step daughter **Sarah R. Knott** wife of **J. Proctor Knott** in consideration of the loss she sustained of her goods by the burning of my house several years ago. 4th I give and devise to my son **Thos G. Chapman** the following boundary of land. Beginning at a planted stone in a line of the original survey a corner to **James Chapman**, thence with his line North 155 poles to a stone in **C. A. Garrisons** line, thence with his line East 80 poles to a stone in said line; thence South 189 poles to a stone in the line of the original survey with three gums and an ash in said line, thence with a line of the original survey N 67 West 89 poles to the beginning containing eighty five acres more or less embracing the homestead and improvements in Warren Co. Ky where I now live and have for many years resided. To have and to hold unto the said **Thomas G. Chapman** in fee simple absolute. This devise to him is in full of his distributable share of my estate and I forbid that

he shall be entitled to or receive anything more as one of my heirs or distributees. 5th. I owe very few debts but such as I do owe I direct to be paid; after which

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I will and direct that all of my real and personal property of every description shall be sold by my Executors (or the Executor who shall qualify and act if there be but one) on such reasonable terms and credit as may be deemed least: and the proceeds to be divided equally amongst my nine children above referred to, the children of my daughter **Louisa Ray** taking her portion and counted as one in the distribution in her stead my son **Thos G. Chapman** being excluded from this division by virtue of the 4th item of this will. It is understood that sd. **Thomas G. Chapman** is to take care of me during my life, keep up the farm during my life, take care of the graveyard and pay me an annual reasonable rent for such land as he may cultivate, but no more. 6th My Executors (or the one who qualifies) are authorized and directed to convey the land sold to the purchaser or purchasers with title of general warranty. In making sale of the land the Executors may sell in such quantities or parcels or aggregation as they deem best. 7th I appoint **James B.** and **Thos. G. Chapman** (my sons) Executors of this will and require the court having proper jurisdiction to require no security of either on any bond which as such they may be required to execute. 8th If any of my children above referred to are dead when this will takes effect it is my desire that the children of such shall take their respective shares herein devised. 9th. Hereby revoking all other wills by me at anytime made, I commend my soul to God and in witness of the foregoing have hereto set my hand and signature this 19th Jan A. D. 1876. Signed and acknowledged by **David Chapman** to be his last will and testament before us and in our presence, he making his mark

David Chapman

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to his name, being unable to write it from unsteadiness of his nerves and we witnessing the same in his presence this 19th Jany A. D. 1876.

R. Rodes

C. A. Garrison

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November 24, 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **David Chapman** Decd. was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **R. Rodes** and **C. A. Garrison**, and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of November 1884.

Ben F. Gardner Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I **George Wright** being sound in mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament. 1st. After my death I desire my just debts to be paid out of my property subject to my debts, as far as said property will pay them, by my Executrix hereafter appointed. 2nd I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Martha** all the balance of the estate I may have at my death of every kind to be divided between our ten children as she may think proper as they become of age so as to make the younger ones up to the older ones taking into consideration what they have already received and are charged with in the red backed book. Third I direct that all the policies on my life to be paid to my beloved wife **Martha Wright** at my death to wit: Certificated No. 389 in the Kentucky Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company of Bowling Green, the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of Maysville, Ky. Certificate No. 1908, also in the Kentucky Grangers Mutual Benefit Society No. 2208 at Georgetown Ky., All of which I direct to be paid to my said wife to be disposed

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of and distributed by her as she may think proper as long as she remains my widow. Should she marry again then I wish her to divide with the children as the law directs. Fourth I wish the old family servant Fanny taken care of as long as she lives. Fifth I hereby appoint my dear wife **Martha Wright** my Executrix to this my last will and direct that she is not to be required to give any security by the court. Given under my hand and seal this the 26th day of December 1877.

Witness **Francis M. Wright**

Joseph H. Smith

Geo. Wright

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County November 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **George Wright** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **John E. Dubose** and **D. W. Wright** to be wholly in the handwriting of the said **George Wright** and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of November 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

January 16, 1881

I **George W. Hines** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament revoking all others. Item 1 I hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **Bennie Hines**, all my cash, cash notes choses in action and personal property of every kind, also all my real estate and interest in real estate. Item 2 I hereby further provide that in case said **Bennie Hines** may die without lawful bodily heirs born to her, that then at her death, such of my property as may not be consumed,

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sold and disposed of by my said wife shall descend and go equally to **Mary** and **Bennie Rosco** daughters of **Maudy Rosco**, **Callie Hines** daughter of **W. H. Hines**, **Clyde Hall** daughter of **Joe Hall**. I hereby nominate and appoint my wife **Bennie Hines** as Executrix of this my last will and testament and request the Judge of the Warren County Court to appoint her without any security of any kind. I further will and request that my friend **D. W. Wright** assist and direct my said wife in the management of said estate and that she may obtain his advise in the management and control of said estate. The interlineation of the word "lawful" in the 13" line of the first page and "Benie" in the 18" line of same page made before signing.

Witness

A. Mitchell

G. W. Hines

T. C. Mitchell

Mollie Mitchell

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **G. W. Hines** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **T. C. Mitchell** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **A. Mitchell** and **Mollie Mitchell** the other subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22nd day of December 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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I **Jennie Gardner** do make and publish this as my last will and testament I desire first that all my just debts to be paid. 2nd That all my funeral expenses be paid including a head and foot stone to be erected over my body and the body of my friend **Lou Johnson**. I desire that my house and lot may be sold at public or private sale, and desire that it may be sold without the intervention of a decree of court and for this purpose appoint **D. W. Wright** to execute this will. I desire after all expenses of every kind as above named is paid together with any other legitimate expenses attached to executing this my will, that then the remainder of my estate whatever it may be is willed equally to **Wm Cullen** and **John Wiley**. **D. W. Wright** Executor of this will is directed to pay the surplus if any over to **W. E. Warren** who shall pay the same over to said **Cullen** and **Wiley** at such times and manner as may seem best to him. I give and will my household and kitchen furniture to **Wm. Cullen**, except the picture "Cute" which I will to **Katy Davis**.

Witness **W. E. Warren**

Jennie Gardner [Her mark]

Belle Terry

D. W. Wright Nov. 27, 1884

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct December Term 1884

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Jennie Gardner** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **D. W. Wright**, who also proved the attestation of **W. E. Warren** and **Belle Terry** the other subscribing witnesses, thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22nd day of Dec. 1884.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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I **Narcissa Morrow** of Warren County Kentucky being now of sound mind and memory though feeble in health of life body and considering the uncertainty of life make and publish this to be my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. First It is my will that after my death my burial expenses be paid out of the proceeds of my estate consisting of personal property in whatever may be found belonging thereto Second: It is also my will that all other just dues (should there be any against my estate) be paid from the same source then it is my will that my daughter **Mary F. Lewis** Shall have all of the remainder of my said estate. I will said remainder of my property and estate to my said daughter and her heirs in order to compensate her for services already and provided to me by her to be rendered during my declining and last days and I have thus made my will for the reason that my other children have already received all the shares due them from my estate and I hereby appoint **J. C. Lewis** my son in law to execute this my last will and pray the court of my said county to not require security of him. Given under my hand Dec. 6th 1884.

Witnesses:

Narcissa Morrow [Her mark]

J. H. Otey

Jno P. Hogard

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Jany Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing will of **Narcissa Morrow** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. H. Otey** and **Jno P. Hogard** the subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of January 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. C. Moss DC

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I **Susannah Blewett** of this county of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory but being conscious of my mortality and desirous not to die intestate do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. 1st. Whereas by the last will and testament of my deceased husband **Thomas H. Blewett** my two daughters **Rebecca Young** and **Fanny Reden** have their full share already in his estate it is my intention by this will that all my children including my daughter **Mahala's** heirs shall receive the same in the last division. I will to my two daughters **Rebecca Young** and **Fanny Reden** each an amount of money equal to the amount which each heir will receive from my husbands estate in the last division. In order that my grave be fixed like my husbands I will into the hands of my Executor enough money for that purpose All the remaining portion of my estate not herein willed (with the exception of one hundred dollars to my Executor for his services) I will to be equally divided among all my children viz **Rebecca Young Fanny Reden, Mahala's** children a childs part **Eli Thomas Husley Susannah Turner Sally Lackey Margaret Haden** and **Nancy Andrew** making all equal in the last division by the distribution of my property. I hereby appoint my son **Thomas H. W. Blewett** my Executor. Aug 4th 1879.

Test:

H. M. Blewett

Susannah Blewett

D. A. King

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct Feby Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardener Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Susannah Blewett** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **H. M. Blewett** one witness who also

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proved attestation of **D. A. King** Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23th day of Feby 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. C. Moss DC

Dec 31 1883

This is to certify that I **Jesse M. Andrew** being of sound mind and disposing memory doth make this my last will and testament to wit and equal dvision of all my property of every character that may be in my possession at death after paying all my just debts my son **Elias S. Andrew** is to have \$400. four hundred dollars to make him equal with

the rest of my children before there is a division then and equal division between all of my children I further request that my grandson **Jesse T. Andrew** to have and to hold my mare Puss as his personal property I further request that the court appoint my son **Joseph B. Andrew** as the Executor of this my last will and testament.

Attest **B. H. Milliken**

J. G. Truitt

J. M. Andrew

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Ct. March Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **J. M. Andrew** decd was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **B. H. Milliken** and **J. G. Truitt** subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of March 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. C. Moss DC

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In the name of God Amen. I **Robert Graham** of Warren County Kentucky now residing near the Bowling Green and Scottsville Road about one and a half miles N. W. of Greenhill being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First I order and direct my Executor as soon after my decease as possible to pay off and discharge all the debts dues and liabilities that may exist against me at the time of my decease. Second I give and bequeath unto my wife **Susan**, all my land and personal property to be held by her and used for her benefit and for keeping up the farm and buildings during her lifetime. Third: I give and bequeath to my daughter **Ann** or her heirs one ninth of my personal property and real estate and so with all of my children (or heirs) except my three sons viz **Samuel J John A** and **James R** to each of these I give and bequeath one dollar each. Fourth: I hereby nominate and appoint **Robert M. Motley** to be my Executor, and I further order and deem that the three ninths or the amount that according to law except otherwise direct or ordered by me would go to my three sons above named shall go into the hands of my Executor **Robert M. Motley** to be distributed or divided among my heirs as he in his judgement may think proper or right. In witness whereof I have herewith subscribed my name this February the 2nd A. D. 1882.

Calvin Fulks, Witness

Attest: **Daniel S. Claypool**

Robt Graham

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Feby Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Robert Graham** was produced in open court and

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proven by the oaths of **Calvin M. Fulks** and **D. L. Claypool** subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of Feby 1885.

Ben F. Gardner, Clerk

By R. C. Moss DC

Bowling Green Sept 13, 1884

I **Michael Higgins** of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory make and publish the following as my last will and testament revoking all other wills made by me. 1st I appoint my beloved wife **Mary Higgins** Executrix of this my last will and request the county court of Warren County to permit her to qualify and act as such without security. 2nd I also appoint my said wife Guardian of my children not of age and request said court to appoint and allow her act as such without security. 3rd I have no outside debts except a balance unpaid on some real estate in the city of Bowling Green KY and I direct my executrix as soon as possible after my death to pay my just debts if there should be any come against my estate after my death and the said debts in case there are any to be paid out of any monies I may have or leave on hand and if she has not the money for said purpose she is authorized to sell such personal property as may be necessary, or to sell such realty as in her discretion and judgement may be necessary to pay my said debts. 4th I direct that my beloved wife **Mary** shall have use control and enjoy all of my property both personal and real during and for her life, but at her death to descend equally to my four children-**Tom- Annie- Nora-& Eddie** and that said children if thought proper by my beloved wife be schooled out of my estate without charge to them My estate consists of real estate in the city of Bowling Green

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Kentucky situated on Main and Adams Street a two story brick house and some frame buildings close by or adjoint thereto and some personal effects all of which are herein given to my wife as aforesaid. In testimony of which I have this the 13th day of Sept 1884, set my seal.

Michael Higgins

Michael Higgins being of sound mind has this day acknowledged the foregoing will to be his act and deed and at his request we attest his signature to same made in our presence.

Attest 13th of Sept 1884.

Owen Nugent

John Moran

Thos Fowler

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Ct March Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Michael Higgins** was produced in open court and proven by the oath of **John Moran** who also proved the attestation of **Owen Nugent** and **Thos Fowler**, the other subscribing witnesses thereto, Whereupon same will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of March 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. C. Moss DC

In the matter of the estate of **George Wright** deceased-I **Martha Wright** widow of **Geo Wright** deceased and nominated in his last will and testament as Executrix, do hereby decline to qualify as said Executrix and I do further renounce and decline to accept the provisions of said will so far as they affect me or are made for my benefit and I do elect to take my dowable and distributable portion of said estate. April 27th 1885.

Martha Wright

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I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing renunciation of the last will and testament of **George Wright** deceased was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledged by **Martha Wright** to be her act and deed. Whereupon the same with this certificate has been duly recorded in my said office. Given under my hand this 27th day of April 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. C. Moss DC

I **William Pedigo** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: 1st I desire that all the perishable part of my estate be immediately sold after my decease and out of the moneys arising therefrom pay and satisfy all my just debts and funeral expenses. 2nd I desire that my estate shall be divided into seven equal parts to be divided as follows, to wit. 3rd. One seventh to be divided equally between my son **James W. Pedigo**'s children and my daughter **Elizabeth Jane Clayton** children. 4th. One seventh to my son **W. C. Pedigo**. 5th. One seventh to my daughter in law **Emily Pedigo** to descend to her children after her death. 6th. One seventh to my son **Willis H. Pedigo**. 7th. One seventh to my daughter **Mary Ann Liles**. 8th One seventh to my son **George W. Pedigo** 9th One seventh to my daughter **Martha B. Gross**. 10th I direct that all notes and accounts I hold against my children shall be deducted from them proportionally part of my estate without paying any interest. 11th Wherever I should make my home, If I should become troublesome or expensive I desire that they shall be reasonable compensated for their trouble out of my estate before there is any division. 12th All the rest of my estate both real and personal of what nature or kind soever not herein before particularly disposed of I desire may be equally divided among my several children herein before named which I give to them their heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever. 13th And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son **Willis H. Pedigo** and my son in Law

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Calvin Liles Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. I desire that they shall be reasonably compensated for their trouble. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of July 1865.

William Pedigo

Signed seal and acknowledged as and for the last will and testament of the above name **William Pedigo** in the presence of

R. S. Knowles

J. L. Wright

Codicil

Since I made within will and signed **Willis H. Pedigo** having died, I hereby appoint **William S. Spencer** as Executor in said **William H. Pedigos** room and stead. Said **William S. Spencer** to have a fair compensation for his services as my Executor.

W. Pedigo

Signed and seal and acknowledged in our presence this 9th Oct 1879.

R. S. Knowles

J. L. Wright

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County May Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will and codicil was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Wm Pedigo** decd by the oath of **R. S. Knowles** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **J. L. Wright** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same with this certificate has been duly recorded in my said office. Given under my hand this the 26th day of May 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

State of Kentucky, Warren County, April 21st 1877

I **Isaac Stone** of the county and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory make and constitute the following as my last will and testament

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hereby revoking all other wills. Item the first I give and bequeath to my wife **Charity Stone** all my property of all kind whatever during her life, and at her death I will and bequeath the aforesaid property to my son **David Kelley Stone**, and should my said son die leaving no child or children then I will and bequeath said property to my wife **Charity Stone** grand daughter **Mary Henry** and should said Mary Henry die leaving no child then I will and bequeath said property to my wife **Charity Stones** grandchildren namely **Sallie W. Samuel** and **George Crocket Ford**.

Signed in the presence of:

Isaac Stone [His mark]

H. H. Thomas

James W. Adams, Attest:

W. H. Blewett

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County June Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Isaac Stone** decd by the oath of **W. H. Blewett** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **James W. Adams**, one of the other subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 22nd day June 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

In the name of God, Amen. I **James Hardcastle** of Warren County being sick and weak in body and of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to

dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say: First It is my will and desire that after my death that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid. Second. I give and bequeath into my beloved wife **Ann Hardcastle** all of estate both personal and real and to have and to hold and

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use during her natural life. Third. After the death of my wife, **Ann Hardcastle** I direct that all of my property both real and personal be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my children to wit: **Elizabeth Oliver** wife of **John Oliver** now dead **Robert Hardcastle** & **Martha Ann Evans** wife of **John Evans** **James H. Hardcastle** **Andrew J. Hardcastle** and **Sidney P. Hardcastle** & **Ewing Hardcastle**, it is further my will and desire that **Mary Will Cornwell** daughter of **Elizabeth Oliver** and wife of **Robert Cornwell** to have a hundred dollars out of **Elizabeth Oliver's** part of the estate and it is also my will and desire that **Claddy Oliver** daughter of said **Elizabeth Oliver** is to have twenty-five dollars out of the said **Elizabeth Oliver's** part of the estate after the said **Mary Will Cornwell** is paid one hundred dollars and **Claddy Oliver** twenty-five, then the balance of said estate to be equally divided among her children, including said **Mary** and **Claddy** if there is any of said part left if there is not enough to pay said **Mary Will** and **Claddy** then it is to be pntered[sic] according to shean[sic] of her part of her fathers estate. Fourth. I hereby nominate my sons **Sidney P. Hardcastle** and **Ewing Hardcastle** as my Executors of this my last will revoking all others former wills. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Mary 21st 1885.

Att:

E. C. Motley
John Willoughby

James Hardcastle

State of Kentucky, Warren County Sct June Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **James Hardcastle** decd was on this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **E. C. Motley** and **John Willoughby** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 22nd day of June 1885.

Ben F. Gardener CWCC

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I **Jonathan G. Spalding** of Warren County Kentucky do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manners and form following: that is to say, First. It is my will and desire that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. 2nd After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses are provided for and after my beloved wife **Hannah Spalding** shall have received of my estate all that widows of deceased husbands are entitled to under the Statutes of Kentucky Then it is my wish and desire that the remainder of estate both personal and real be equally divided between my three sons **William T. Spalding** **James H. Spalding** and **Alexander S. Spalding** except the amount herein and after given to my son **James H. Spalding** as trustee for grandchildren. Third. I give to **James H. Spalding** as trustee for my grandchildren **Nancy Beck** **James F. Beck** and **William L. Beck** the sum of fifteen dollars to be equally divided between but not to be given to them untill each of them has gained the age of maturity. 3rd. After the death of my wife it is my will and desire the real estate and so much of the personal estate as remains on hand be equally divided between my three sons **William T. Spalding** **James H. Spalding** and **Alexander S. Spalding** and which I give to them and their heirs and executors and assigns forever. 4th And lastly I do hereby constitute my son **James H. Spalding** executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 30th July 1884.

Signed and acknowledge before **W. O. White**

Acknowledged before **J. W. Stone**

J. J. Spalding

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County June Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Jonathan J. Spalding** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **W. O. White** and **J. W. Stone** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand

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this the 22nd day of June 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Having in view the end of life, I make and publish this my last will and testament and dispose of all my estate as follows, to wit: 1st I will and direct that my Executors shall out of my estate on hand at my death pay off and discharge all my just debts and funeral expenses, and they shall sell my personal property then on hand for this purpose. 2nd I will that the debt of thirteen hundred and seventy-one dollars and 20 cents for which I hold **D. B. Clark's** note of date Feb 28th 1879 given in renewal and pursuance of a contract made between us of said date be charged as an advancement from me to his children and the children of my deceased daughter **Fany Clark** by him named **Henry H. Clark, James D. Clark, Jonathan Clark and John A. Clark**, and said claim shall come out of their share of my estate both real and personal and I will that if after said advancements charged to them there is anything due them or going to said grand children in the division of my estate as herein provided it shall be paid them in money by my executors. 3rd I will to my son **Wesley H. Perkins** one note on **B. S. Perkins** for four hundred and thirty dollars of date Jany 27th 1880 and the same assigned by me to him on the back of said note, and I will him two hundred dollars to be paid him by my Executors in money. I make these special bequests to my son Wesley in tender regard to his condition. 4th I will and direct that after my debts, as provided for in clause one are paid and the special division I have made are carried out that my estate remaining both real and personal shall be equally divided into seven shares and go as follows, one share each to my sons **W. S. Perkins, John W. Perkins, Ben S. Perkins** and **Wesley H. Perkins** and one share to my two grandchildren **Thomas S. Perkins** and **Jennie Perkins** to be equally divided between them, and one share to my four grandchildren, **Henry H. Clark, James D. Clark, Jenutha Clark** and **John P. Clark** to be equally divided between them but they are not to receive said share or any part of it until the shares of the other devisees names in this clause

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shall equal said advancement of \$1371.20; then they are to have one seventh of what there may remain for division of my estate. And one share to my daughter **L. J. Clark** for life and at her death I will said share to her daughter **Gertrude Clark**, said share is to be in trust and may be invested and reinvested by **L. J. Clark** and she is to enjoy it and use it during her life. 5th I will that my Executors my sell if they think it for the best and when they think best the tract of about forty acres of land near the county Poor House in Warren County and they may make said sale either publicly or privately and make deed to the purchaser and I will that the homestead tract of about two hundred and sixty five acres including the timbered land running up to Pleasant Hill Church shall be divided or sold as my said Executors and children may think best and I empower my said Executors should a sale be made to make deed to the purchaser or purchasers. 6th I nominate and select as the Executors of this my last will and testament **W. S. and John W. Perkins** and request that they act and fully execute this will and request that they may so act without their giving any bond as Executors, as I confide in them to do this fairly and honestly. In testimony whereof, witness my signature and seal in the presence of these attending witnesses. This April 5th 1883.

Attest:

John W. Galloway
J. A. Mitchell

Hardin Perkins

Since I made and signed the above my will I have conclude it would be best for my Executor therein named to give bond as such with proper surety, and hence I so direct that they shall give such bond in this codicil to my will.

Witness:

D. W. Wright
John W. Galloway

H. Perkins

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County June Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will and codicil

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of **Hardin Perkins** decd was on this day produced in open court and the will was proven by oaths of **Jno. W. Galloway** and **James A. Mitchell** the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the codicil was proven by the oath of **Jno. W. Galloway** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who proved attestation of **D. W. Wright** the other subscribing

thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 22nd day of June 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

State of Kentucky Warren County

I **Hannah Spalding** widow of **Jonathan Spalding** deceased hereby renounce the will of my deceased husband **Jonathan Spalding** and relinquish what is given me under said will, and claim my dowerable and distributable share of my said deceased husbands estate. Given under my hand and acknowledged in the presence of **John A. Bryant** as a witness this the 26th day of June 1885.

Witness: **John A. Bryant**

Hannah Spalding [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County June Term, 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing renunciation of the will of **Jonathan Spalding** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **John A. Bryant** the subscribing witness thereto to be the Renunciation of **Hannah Spalding** Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 29th day of June 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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Being in full possession of my mental faculties and knowing that all must die I herewith make this my last will and testament. First, I desire my body placed by my precious husband in Fairmont Cemetery, Bowling Green, Ky on a lot purchased by **Wm H. Jones** his sister and myself one half of said lot belonging to me- A monument similar to my husband placed over mine, Burial service of the Episcopal Church used on the occasion. I give to my nephew **Wm H. Jones** \$1000 one thousand dollars, to said **Wm H. Jones** \$500 five hundred dollars in trust for the benefit of his sister now **Mary W. Turpin** and her children together with my mourning pin-Motto shes gone but sleeps in bliss and gold eyeglasses. To **Mary Martha Talbutt** my niece two hundred \$200 to **Ann E. Smith** should she survive me \$50 fifty dollars otherwise to **Seth L. Ronald** her brother to **Harriett W. Stevensens** \$50 fifty dollars **Balsom Rockwell** \$50 fifty dollars to my nephew **John Wm Jones** \$100 **Thomas W. Jones** \$200 two hundred dollars, also my gold watch be given by him to his son **Hervey L. Jones** when he may deem advisable. To my niece **Mildred J. Jones** \$200 two hundred dollars, to my brother \$300 three hundred dollars, to **Sue A. Jones** his daughter \$50 fifty dollars, to **Sallie Anderson Jones** \$50 fifty dollars **Edward V. Jones** \$50 fifty dollars ,to **Gabriella J. Jones** \$150 one hundred and fifty, to **Mary E. Jones** \$50 fifty dollars, to **Anna Rosa Jones** \$50 fifty dollars my name sake **Martha L. Jones** \$150 one hundred and fifty dollars also gold chain and large finger ring containing my Fathers and Mothers hair my nephew **Ashton B. Jones** \$25 twenty five dollars my breast pin with my husband likeness his hair and mine on the back to his niece **Bettie McLane** The balance of my trinkets wardrobe etc given to relations or friends as deemed advisable Should my faithful servant **Milly** survive me remember her in some bequest, my bed and bedclothes I give to **Wm H. Jones** my property consisting of Waterwork bonds on the city of Louisville individual notes and shares in R. Road Nashville and Louisville now in the hands of my nephew **Wm H. Jones** after my funeral expenses or any indebtedness be paid should there be any deficit I desire that said **Wm H. Jones** and his sister receive their respective legacies above mentioned

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dividing the remainder as best they can on the contrary any overplus the same to revert to my nephew **Wm H. Jones** and his sister **Mary W. Turpin**, my brother **Gabriel T. Jones** owing me seven hundred dollars which his heirs refund paying only nominal sum of his life's policy for thereby forfeiting all claim on my estate. I hereby appoint my nephew **Wm H. Jones** my Executor of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand this 27 of June 1884.

Russellville, Logan County, KY

June 27 1884

Martha L. Perkins

That portion of my estate left to my niece **Mary W. Turpin** and her children in the hands of her brother **William H. Jones** as trustee I empower him to invest the same amount in real estate or any manner he may deem advisable for the said **Mary W. Turpin** and her children. This my last will and testament.

Russellville July 28 1884

Martha L. Perkins

State of Kentucky Warren County June Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Martha S. Perkins** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **D. M. Lawson** and **W. H. Jones** to be wholly in the handwriting of **Martha S. Perkins**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Under my hand this the 1st day of May 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

February the 15th 1885

Know all men by these present that I **Frances Cagle** make the foregoing to be my last will and testament First it is my will that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and out of my property after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I hereby will my entire real and personal estate to my two nephews **Robert W. Gott** and **John F. Gott** to be equally divided between them at my death and after the payment of all my debts

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and buryal [sic] expenses are paid. I hereunto set my hand this the day and date above written.

Attest: **J. J. Thomas**

Witness: **M. R. Hunt**

Witness: **J. J. Thomas**

Frances Cagle [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County July Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Frances Cagle** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. J. Thomas** and **M. R. Hunt** the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 27th day of July 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Katie M. Dickerson** of Warren County, Ky do by this writing make this my last will for the purpose of making final disposition of all my estate of whatever description as follows-Having received a distributable portion of the estate of my father **David Smith** and desiring to preserve it and if possible add to it I applied to the Warren Circuit Court a few years since and obtained the power of a June sale Now in view of approaching death and desiring to continue the preservation of my said estate for the sole use & benefit of my children. I will and bequeath to my husband **A. H. Dickerson** in trust for my four children all my livestock horses hogs and mules and all the interest I have in the growing crops and all the other personal estate whatever having full confidence in my said husband I hereby empower him to sell and dispose of any or all of the said property at private sale and use the proceeds as trust funds in other investments for said children whenever in his judgement he may deem it necessary and beneficial to said children and to use any part of it if required in their education. It is my desire that no bond be required of him and that he shall not be required to make any inventory or settlements to court of his acts as trustee or

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in any other judiciary capacity regarding said estate. In witness whereof in full possession of my right mind I hereunto set my hand this 21st day of July 1885.

Mrs. **K. M. Dickerson**

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will of Mrs. **K. M. Dickerson** was this day read to her in our presence and in the presence of each other and fully understood by her and which she subscribed in her own proper hand in our presence and in the presence of each other. July 21st 1885.

J. M. Tyler

C. E. Grant

A. C. Dickerson

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct July Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing will of **Katie M. Dickerson** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. M. Tyler** and **C. E. Grant** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 27th day of July 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Patrick Nolan** being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. After the payment of all just debts I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Catherine Nolan** all of my property both real and personal and hereby appoint and constitute her as my Executor of this my will. This Aug 4th 1885.

Attest: **Geo R. Gorin**

R. Borrone

P. Nolan

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Patrick**

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Nolan was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **Geo R. Gorin** and **R. Borrone** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, to be the last will and testament of **Patrick Nolan** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 24th day of Aug 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. B. Thornton DC

I **William Lively** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make ordain and publish this my last will and testament as follows to wit: Item first. I have heretofore given and advanced to each of my eight children the sum of three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars- So that in the final settlement of my estate my said children are not to be charged with said sums but shall be considered and regarded upon a perfect equality. Item second. But such notes as I now hold or may hold at my death against any of my children shall constitute a part of my estate the same as if said notes were owing by any other person or persons. Item third. After the payment of my debts funeral expenses and costs of settling and winding up my estate I will and direct that my wife **Mary G. Lively** shall receive of my property and estate her dowerable and distributable share to the same extent and in the same manner as if I should die intestate. Item fourth. It is further my will and I hereby direct that all the rest and residue of my property and estate of every kind whatsoever shall be equally divided between my grand daughter **Anna Lively** only child of my deceased son **John M. Lively** and my children **Harrison Lively- George W. Lively- James M. Lively- Thomas C. Lively- Ewing U. Lively** and **Millard F. Lively** and **Henry R. Lively**. Item fifth. I further will and direct that my executor hereinafter named shall for the purpose of making said division among my said children and grandchild sell my landed estate at public sale on such terms as to him may seem best, and to divide the proceeds as herein before directed. Item sixth.

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I hereby nominate and appoint my son **James M. Lively** Executor of this my will and testament and hereby authorize and empower him to sell and convey my landed estate as before directed. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this April 26th 1883.

Witnesses:

J. A. Mitchell

Pleasant J. Potter

Wm Lively

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Wm Lively** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **James A. Mitchell** and **P. J. Potter** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Wm Lively** deceased. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 24th day of Aug 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. B. Thornton DC

I **Judy Sharp** of Bowling Green, Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory but weak in body, do make and publish this instrument as my last will and testament. Item 1. I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses first paid. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my son **James King** my silver tea spoons a half dozen in number and five dollars in cash. Item 3. I give and bequeath to my daughter **Millie Boyd** my set of knives and forks and my cloak and five dollars in cash. Item 4. And the remainder of my property real and personal I give and bequeath to my grand daughter **Julia Anderson** to have in joy and control free from control of any husband she may have and at her death the real estate herein devised is to go to the heirs of her body, and if she dies

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without issue hen the real estate herein devised is to go to the brothers and sisters of said Julia and to the children of my son **James King** provided that if said Julia should live to the age of 25 years she may sell any real estate devised herein and invest the proceeds in other real estate or personal property but such real estate or property shall be her separate estate and she may will same or any part of it to whomsoever she pleases. It being my desire that if said Julia reaches 25 years of age she may sell or will the property herein devised or the proceeds of this property in her discretion, but her husband is to have no control over it at any time. Item 5. I hereby constitute and appoint **James A. Mitchell** Executor of this my last will and testament and request that no bond be required of him and I direct that he shall take charge of all my property and give to the persons entitled to them the pieces of personal property herein bequeathed or that I may set apart for them. The remainder of my personal property he will sell and pay off my debts and funeral expenses and also the legacies above and if not sufficient money is thus obtained he will rent out the real estate until money enough is obtained for the above purposes. After the above matters are paid and settled off my Executor is directed to manage and rent out my real and use the proceeds for the best interest of my grand daughter **Julia Anderson** until she reaches the age of 18 years when the management of it may be turned over to said **Julia**. By best interests I mean that said **Julia** is to work for her own living. How much of the rent shall be given her every year is left to the discretion of my Executor. I worked for all I have and I want my children and grand children to do the same. Item 6. I desire that my friend **Frances Kersey** shall have general control over my grand daughter **Julia Anderson** and shall look after and her home to be a home for **Julia** and I hereby request my Executor to pay over to **Frances Kersey** such amounts as he and she may think best and right for **Julia**. Now having disposed of the goods that a kind providence has given me I rest my soul

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in my Savior's love. Witness my hand this 13th of August 1885.

Witnesses:

M. F. Kersey

Jno. E. DuBose

Judy Sharp [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Aug Term 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Judy Sharp** deceased was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **John E. DuBose** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **M. F. Kersey** the other subscribing witness thereto to be the last will and testament of **Judy Sharp** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this Aug 24th 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. B. Thornton DC

I **Abram Perdue** do make and publish this my last will and testament. I own about one half acre of ground in Warren County the same purchased from **James Hardin**. I also own one undivided one third interest in a tract of land containing sixty (60) acres in Sumner County Tennessee the other two third owned by my two brothers **Jack** and **Srotin Perdue**. I give and bequeath to my three children **Pearl Perdue**, **John Perdue** and **Maud Perdue** and their mother **Bettie Allen** each one fourth of the first named lot absolutely. I give my entire interest in the second named property to said **Bettie Allen** for the use and benefit of herself and my children as aforesaid so long as she shall live and remain unmarried. At her death or marriage I give the whole of said land to my three children. If any of said children shall die before they arrive at full age and without children I desire that such child's part shall go to the surviving children. If they shall all die before arriving at 21 years of age and without children I desire that all the land given to them go to my brothers aforesaid. Given under my hand this Aug 9th 1885.

Written in the presence of and attested:

Jno M. Wilkins
Reed Campbell
Arch Wilkins

Abraham Perdue
[His mark]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Abraham Perdue** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Jno M. Wilkins** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **Arch Wilkins** and **Reed Campbell** two other subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Abram Perdue** decd. Whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of Aug 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By R. B. Thornton DC

I **Harriet A. D. Durham** of Bowling Green, Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me. Item 1st It is my will and I so direct that after my death all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Item 2d I hereby give and bequeath to my colored servant girl **Jennie Belle Jenkins**, who now lives with me all of my real estate (and personal) possessed or owned by me at my death, except as herein after mentioned to be held in trust for her sole and separate use benefit independent of any husband she may have. Should I not sell my real estate before my death then I direct her trustee and my Executor hereinafter named to rent out said real estate and use the proceeds for her support until she arrives at the age of 21 years, but if it can be sold at a fair price I hereby direct and empower said trustee

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to sell said real estate on such terms as he may think best, and for the highest price he can get, at least, at a fair valuation said property to be valued before sold by three disinterested house keepers of Warren County and not to be sold at less than said valuation, and the proceeds of said estate to be held by said trustee for the sole and separate use and benefit of said **Jennie Belle** or if said proceeds can be invested in good safe bonds bearing 8 or 10 per cent interest, then in the discretion of said trustee, he can invest the proceeds in said bonds, to be held for the sole and separate use of said **Jennie Belle**, and nothing but the interest to be so used unless in the discretion of said trustee it is necessary for her comfort and support. But if said real estate is not sold before said **Jennie Belle** arrives at the age of 21 years, she is to have the sole use and benefit of it until it can be sold profitably to be held in trust by said trustee for her sole use and benefit and in case of his refusal to qualify, or in case he resigns his trust or dies after he does qualify as such, to be held as above set forth by his successor to be appointed by the court then having power to appoint trustees, and said property at no time to vest in or be controlled by any husband **Jennie Belle** may have. Should I own no real estate at my death then all money which I own or Should I own no real estate at my death then all money which I own or chuses in action and personal property to be used and controlled by said trustee for said **Jennie Belle** as above set forth or invested in bonds as above mentioned in the discretion of said trustee. It is my will and I so direct that said **Jennie Belle** have all of my wearing apparel, dressing bureau, bedding and bed clothes, my jewelry, except my gold watch and short chain attached thereto and she has the right to select from my household and kitchen furniture such articles she needs, the remainder, together with all personal property owned by me at my death and not mentioned above to be sold and after payment of my debts and funeral expenses to vest in her said trustees for the sole and separate use of said **Jennie Belle**. Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my brother **Monroe Quisenberry** my gold watch and short chain attached and should said **Jennie Belle** die without issue of her own body living when she dies

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then in that event it is my will and I so direct that all the foregoing property which she may own at her death shall go to vest in and be the property of said **Monroe Quisenberry**, and if he is then dead to his children and issue of his body. Item 4th I hereby appoint and constitute my friend **G. C. Cooksey** trustee to hold in trust for the sole use and benefit of said **Jennie Belle**, the said property under the terms in the foregoing clauses of this will and also appoint him my Executor to carry out the provisions of this will. Given under my hand this 20 day of May 1875.

Witness:

G. B. Payne
T. B. Gorin

Harriet A. D. Durham

Whereas I **H. A. D. Durham** did on the 20th day of May 1875 make and sign a last will which is now in my possession and properly witnessed and whereas I am still of sound mind and disposing memory and desire some slight alterations in said will I do hereby readopt and notify all the provisions, gifts and directions therein contained except as follows: In my said will I give at my death my gold watch to my brother **Monroe Quisenberry**. It is now my will and I so direct that at my death said gold watch is to be sold and its proceeds held in trust by the trustee mentioned in my will for the sole use and benefit of my servant girl **Jennie Belle** and said **Jennie Belle** is to have the chain belonging to the watch to do with it as she may desire. I make these alterations in her favor and give her the property mentioned in my will because she has always been to me a kind dutiful and obedient servant and been with and faithful to me and waited on me in all my sickness and troubles. This July 10th 1877.

Witness

T. J. Smith
L. C. Porter

Harriet A. D. Durham

I **Harriet A. D. Durham** do hereby make ordain and publish this further codicil to my last will

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and testament to wit: I hereby revoke so much of said will as appoints Judge **G. C. Cooksey** my Executor and Trustee for my devisee **Jennie Belle**, this is done at his request and in his room and stead I substitute and appoint my friend **D. J. A. McCormack** as such Executor and trustee with the same powers duties and responsibilities, set forth in my said will and former codicil. Witness my hand this March 30th 1883.

Witnessed by:

G. B. Payne
T. B. Gorin

H. A. D. Durham

State of Kentucky Aug Term 1885 Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Harriet A. D. Durham** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **T. B. Gorin** and **G. B. Payne** the two subscribing witnesses thereto who also being witnesses thereto proved codicil No. 2 and codicil No. 1 was proven by the oaths of **T. J. Smith** and **L. C. Porter** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, to be the last will and testament of **Harriet A. D. Durham**, decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this the 24th day of Aug 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC
By R. B. Thornton DC

In the name of God, Amen. I **David D. Phelps** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and memory do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First I order and direct my Executrix as soon after my decease as practicable, to pay off and discharge all debts, dues and liabilities that my exist against me at the time of my decease. Second I give and bequeath unto my son **Columbus Phelps** all notes that I hold against him and all accounts that may be found charged against him by me which shall be all of his portion of my estate.

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Third I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Martha Ann Baylous** who is now in the "Insane Assylum" all notes and accounts that I have charged against her. Fourth I give and bequeath unto my wife **Emily J. Phelps** all of my home farm consisting of three hundred more or less and thirty acres of land, More or less. Also all my personal property consisting of horses, cattle, mules, hogs, wagons, carriage, farming implements, wheat oats, corn, household and kitchen furniture & C & C to be hers to have and to hold during her lifetime or widowhood. If she marry again the lands shall be rented out for the benefit of my and her children, and the same lands and personal effects shall be divided equally among the above named children or their lawful heirs at their mothers death or marriage. Fifth If any of my children die without a lawful heir, his or her part of my estate shall revert to my and **Emily's** children and be

equally divided among them. Sixth I hereby nominate and appoint my wife **Emily J. Phelps** as my Executrix. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 22nd day of May A. D. 1880.

David D. Phelps [His mark]

The above and foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed, sealed published and declared by said **David D. Phelps** as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Wm E. Alexander

B. F. Rogers

Codicil

I **David D. Phelps** still being of sound mind add to the foregoing will the following viz: I give and direct my Executrix to pay out of the proceeds of my estate the sum of five dollars each to my son **Columbus Phelps** in addition to the amount given to each in the will, my daughter **Martha Ann Baylous** and to my grandson **Levi Baylous**. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 23rd day of June 1885.

David D. Phelps [His mark]

The above codicil was signed sealed and declared

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by said **David D. Phelps** to be an addition to the foregoing will, at the date thereof 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.

James R. Phelps

Robert Walters

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Aug Tern 1885

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **David D. Phelps** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **W. D. Alexander** and **B. F. Rogers** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and the codicil proven by the oaths of **James R. Phelps** and **Robt Walters** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **David D. Phelps** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 24th day of Aug 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. B. Thornton DC

I, **E. B. McFadin** of the County of Warren in the State of Kentucky do make this my last will and testament in form and manner as follows to wit: 1st I desire my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. 2d I give to my wife **Kittie Ann** all of my land on which I now live containing two hundred acres and one hundred and six acres on which my son **John** now lives to be hers as long as she lives together with all the household and kitchen furniture and all the stock of all kinds, and that she can buy and sell and manage for the best interest of the family. 3rd It is my will that the unmarried children remain with their mother and carry on the farm and live like brothers and sisters. 4th Should any of the children marry or leave home my wife may advance anything she may wish to him or her taking care not to advance more than an equitable share of my estate in final settlement of same.

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5th After the death of my wife should any daughters remain unmarried I give to them the home on which I now live to be theirs as long as any two of them remain single so they can have a home; but after the death of my wife should the children agree to have final division they can do so. Given under my hand this the 3rd of July 1885.

Attest: **Ed. Duncan**

V. T. Stone

Elias B. McFadin

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **E. B. McFadin** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **V. T. Stone** and **Ed. Duncan** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **E. B. McFadin** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 28th day of Sept 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By R. C. Moss DC

Bowling Green, Oct 26th, 1882

As life is uncertain I make this my last will, I give to my wife all of the money due me as remainder of my reserved annuity in the hands of my trustees and any money that I may have on hand at death. I give her everything in our house. I give her also the horse and buggy.

John R. Moore

April 18th 1885

Since the above will was made, I bought of **George W. Potts** with my wifes money fifty seven feet of ground on Green Street, the land in the rear of the three story building in which we live the title was made to us jointly.

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Now this is to state that I hereby give and confirm to her this piece of property with all appurtenances as it is jointly hers. I ask my son **James** to see that my dear wife is protected in this and all her just rights.

John R. Moore

State of Kentucky County of Warren Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **John R. Moore** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Mary B. Moore** to be wholly in the handwriting of **John R. Moore** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 26th day of October 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **James F. Duggan** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. After the payment of my funeral expenses and just debts I hereby will and bequeath to my son **James Patrick Duggan** all my personal property of every description whatsoever and I also will and bequeath to my said son **James Patrick Duggan** my house and lot situated in the city of Bowling Green, Ky on the corner of State and Shelby Streets, it being the same property purchased by me from **Warner S. Underwood** decd I also request my said son **J. P. Duggan** to see after and care for his sister **Mary Ann Albert** as best he can and I hereby appoint said **J. P. Duggan** Executor of this my last will and testament that he qualify as such without executing bond This August 29th 1885.

Witness

A. C. Wright

Geo R. Gorin

James Duggan

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I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **James F. Duggan**, decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **Geo. R. Gorin** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **A. C. Wright** the other subscribing witness thereto to be the last will and testament of **Jas F. Duggan** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 26th day of October 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Last Will and Testament of **Timothy McCarty**:

This is to certify that I **Timothy McCarty** of the County of Warren State of Kentucky do hereby will and bequeath to **Patrick** the son of my first wife **Mary McCarty**, my house and lot in Bowling Green, Ky known as the **Leman**

and **Calvert** property bounded as follows beginning at a stump of a cedar post on a street laid out by **Lehman** and **Calvert** about 200 feet north of the Railroad running with the old fence N 263 to **Curds** line thence with **Curds** line N 64 W sixty two feet to a cedar stump of a post thence S 26 W with the line of the old fence to said street thence S 64 E sixty two feet to the beginning to have and to hold to said **Pat McCarty** his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal this Nov 6th 1885 in present of these witnesses.

Witnesseth:

N. J. Hill

George Potter [His mark]

Mattie Hill

Timothy McCarty

[His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court

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do certify that the foregoing will of **Timothy McCarty** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **N. J.** and **Mattie Hill** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **George Potter** the other subscribing witness thereto to be the last will and testament of **Timothy McCarty** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 23rd day of Nov 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **E. F. Merritt** a citizen of Warren County State of Kentucky of sound mind and disposing memory, but conscious of my mortality do make and publish this as my last will and testament revoking all others. Item 1st I direct that my Executor hereafter named after my death cause to be erected over the graves of myself and deceased wife a suitable monument not to cost exceeding one thousand dollars in the currency of the country. Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my sister in law Mrs **Bessie Smith** the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; to my friend **A. H. Dickerson** I give and bequeath my fishing tackle and rifle; to my friend and kinsman **W. W. Merritt** I give and bequeath my breech loading shotgun; and to my kinsman and friend **Richard W. Merritt** I give and bequeath my gold headed cane; and I direct my Executor hereunto pay to **John Bynum** the sum of forty dollars to pay the funeral expenses of my deceased father. Item The remainder of my property of every kind, including money, choses in action, real estate, and personalty, I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs. **Susan C. Finch** for her separate use and benefit, except a certain parcel of real estate located in Cleburne Texas, which was purchase by me of **Henry Earl**. The property purchased by me of **Henry Earl** I give and bequeath to my sister **Susan C. Finch** for and during her natural life, and at her death said lot and appurtenances to be sold the proceeds divided

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among her heirs. I desire and so direct that in the renting, repairing and management of said lot and buildings that my sister shall be governed by the counsel and advice of my friend **James F. Henry**, and that after collecting the rents of said property, and retaining his commission that he shall pay to my said sister said rents, said property is not to be sold during the lifetime of said sister. The property purchase by me of **Henry Earl** is located in Cleburne Texas. I nominate and appoint **D. W. Wright** as Executor of this my last will. The word shotgun in 19 line of first page and the word said rents in 18 line of this page interlined before signed. Witness my hand this 24th day of September 1885.

Witnesses

V. Armitage

J. N. McCormack

E. F. Merritt

State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the County Court within and for the county and state aforesaid do certify that the foregoing writing signed by **E. F. Merritt** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **V. Armitage** and **J. N. McCormack** the subscribing witness thereto to be the last will and testament of said **E. F. Merritt**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **E. F. Merritt** deceased. Which is accordingly done. Given under my hand as clerk of said court this 23rd day of November 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Warren County Court

Know all men by these present. The undersigned **Emily J. Phelps** states that she is the widow of **David D. Phelps** deceased that her said husband made and published his last will and testament which is dated 22d day of May 1880 and a codicil thereto dated 23rd day of June 1885 that after the death of her said husband said will and codicil

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were duly probated at the Aug term 1885 of the Warren County Court and the same was by said court proved and ordered to be recorded which was done. Now this instrument witnesseth that the said undersigned widow of said **David D. Phelps** does hereby relinquish and renounce said will so far as she is concerned and she claims her distributable interest in her said husbands estate and dower in all of his lands and all the interest allowed by law to a widow as though no will had been made. I being the object and interest of the undersigned **Emily J. Phelps** to renounce the provisions of said will so far as she is concerned and to claim and take such interest in her said husbands estate as she and all widows are entitled to by virtue of the law. In witness whereof the said **Emily Phelps** has hereto set her hand on this 23rd day of November 1885.

Attest: **B. F. Gardner**

R. B. Thornton

Emily J. Phelps [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledged by **Emily J. Phelps** to be her act and deed, and I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this Nov 23, 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **Mary Huggins** do make and publish this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my two daughters **Hattie Mayo** and **Idella Higgins** my undivided interest in the property left me by my father **Samuel Gray** to be equally held by them. I further desire that my funeral expenses may be paid out of my said interest in said property and if either of my children shall pay for some of her own means, I desire that she shall have a lien upon said property to secure her in the payments of whatsoever amount she may expend for such purpose. Given under my hand this 10th day of September 1885.

Attest

Jno M. Wilkins

W. A. Briggs

Mary Huggins

[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Mary Huggins** was this day produced in open court and proven by the oath of **J. M. Wilkins** who also proved the attestation of **W. A. Briggs** the other subscribing witness thereto to be the last will and testament of **Mary Huggins** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 28th day of Dec 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

By **R. B. Thornton** DC

In the name of God Amen, I **Hannah Spalding** of the County of Warren and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. First: It is my will that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be fully paid. Second, I hereby devise will and bequeath to my son **D. E. Stone**, who has taken upon himself the burden of taking care of me in my old age, and who has been otherwise very kind to me the sum of six hundred dollars to be paid to him out of my estate after my death. Third, It is my will and I so direct that the residue of my estate be equally divided among my heirs including my said son **D. E. Stone** that is to say in the same manner that it would be divided under the law if no will had been made. Fourth, It is my will that my daughter

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in Law **Sarah J. Stone**, and wife of **D. E. Stone** at my death have my wardrobe, the bed stead bed and clothing for same, the herein devised being the one which I am now using myself. Fifth, It is my will that my grandson **Thomas W. Stone** have my remaining bed stead bed and clothing for same, the same being my low bed stead bed and clothing for same. Sixth, It is my will and I so appoint my said son **D. E. Stone** the Executor of this my last will and

testament, and I further will that he be allowed to qualify without bond or security. In witness of all which I have hereunto subscribed my name this the 9th day of October 1885.

Witness

J. M. Simmons

John B. Floyd

Hannah Spalding

[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Hannah Spalding** decd was this day produced in open court and proven by the oaths of **J. M. Simmons** and **J. B. Floyd** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Hannah Spalding** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this the 28th day of December 1885.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Know all men by these presents that I **Mary Ann Hodge** of the City of Bowling Green, County of Warren and State of Kentucky, being in sound mind do make publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore at any time by me made. First, After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give and bequeath unto my friend **James Geddes** and my friend **Erasmus L. Mottley** Trustees & c all of my estate,

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real personal and mixed, consisting of notes bonds, accounts and stocks or bequest of which I may be the recipient, and all of whatsoever of assets or valuables of which I may have or be entitled to and also my houses and lots in the city of Bowling Green, Ky or elsewhere, also my tract of land lying about one mile West of Bowling Green on the Russellville road containing about sixty acres more or less. Second, I give and bequeath to my friend **James Geddes** and **E. L. Mottley** Trustee & c as aforesaid full power and authority in the exercise of a sound discretion to sell and convey my city property, being adjacent to the Louisville and Nashville and Great Southern Rail Road or any part thereof at their discretion and put the proceeds out at interest well secured, and the interest payable annually or semi-annually or said Trustees & c may at their discretion reinvest the proceeds in stocks or other real estate as in their wisdom and discretion shall seem best. Third, It is my will that the accruing interest, dividends or rents as the case may be, may from time to time be given in such sums to and for the use and benefit of my son **Edmond H. Hodge** as his necessities may require Having due consideration as to his absolute wants and no part of said interest, assets or means is permitted to be paid on or in liquidation of any debt created by my said son **Edmond H. Hodge**, prior to or since the making of this my will, nor the payment of any debt created at any future time. Fourth, As a memento of respectful regard to my relatives It is my will and I request my Trustees & c as aforesaid shall out of any proceeds of sale of any of my real estate to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars in erecting a monument at or near the graves of my husband and children, my father, my mother, my brother

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and myself, as I desire to be buried in or on the same lot of ground. Fifth: In the event of the death of my son **E. H. Hodge** as aforesaid then it is my will and I so direct my Trustees & c as aforesaid that the interest, rents, dividends & c or so much as may be necessary be appropriated from time to time in assisting in educating and supporting of any one child or children of my said son **Edmond H. Hodge** which may have been born to him in lawful wedlock or such assistance given to that child or portion of said children, who are in the greatest need. Sixth: Upon the arrival at the age of twenty-one years of age any child of children or the marriage of either, my Trustees & c as aforesaid may in their discretion pay over such of my estate not otherwise appropriated to such devisee or devisees as in their wisdom is prudent and right. Seventh: It is my will and I so direct my trustees & c as aforesaid that if the child or children of my said son **Edmond H. Hodge** who were born in lawful wedlock as aforesaid That is all such child or children of my son **Edmond H. Hodge** shall die before arriving at the age of twenty one years leaving no lawful issue or heir born or begotten in wedlock as aforesaid then in that event I give and bequeath my entire estate of whatsoever description real, personal or mixed to my cousin **Nannie B. Geddes** and my sister **Jane F. Hawkins** subject however to the provisions herein before stated. Eighth: I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend **James Geddes** and my friend **Erasmus L. Mottley** Executors of this my last will and testament. Ninth: In the event of death, resignation or decline to accept of the trust conferred to my trustees & c as aforesaid then it is my will and I hereby request the judge of the Warren Circuit Court to fill and vacancy from time to time which occurs from refusal or otherwise

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having due regard in his selection of trustees & c of such as will carry out the provisions of my will and particularly (His Honor the Judge) is not to select any relative of my aforesaid sons wife as trustee. Given under my hand this 8th day of April 1879 signed as trustees. Given under my hand this 8th day of April 1879 signed by the testator in the presence of the witnesses and by the witnesses in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other this day and date above and signed after any interlineation has been made.

Attest

J. M. Briggs
J. A. Briggs

Mary A. Hodge

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Mary A. Hodge** decd was this day produce in open court and proved by the oath of **J. A. Briggs**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of **J. M. Briggs** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly don Witness my hand this 26th day of April 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk.

In the name of God I **George D. Blakey** being of sound and disposing mind and conscious of the uncertainty of lifes duration and of the certainty of death at no distant day, make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. Having given to my daughter **Parnela M. Duncan** wife of **Saml T. Duncan** and to my grand daughters **Sue O. Julian & Sally Y. Adams** as much of my estate as I feel able and wishing to give to the wife of my son **R. T. Blakey** and her children they being my grandchildren what little the

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ravages of man and dishonest men have left me, and desiring above all things that my just debts be paid, being indebted to Potter Bank in Bowling Green in the sum of about eight hundred and sixty dollars & having several lots in the city worth at least \$1000 or \$1200 and having authorized **Saml T. Adams** to sell them and apply the money to the payment of that debt and owing the Bank of Russellville about \$1500 and **W. W. Lyles** and **J. S. Galloday** each \$250 besides a few small debts and having a claim on the Life Association of America which is in liquidation on which I may realize \$800 and having a claim pending in Congress for about \$1500 which amount was robbed of two of my deputies near 20 years ago when collector of Int Rev which I have reason to believe will be paid with int when the claims of Rebel sympathizers shall have been paid If not paid during my life I wish my Executor to urge the payment of the claim and then the govt is justly due me for eight of my slaves enlisted in the Union Army at \$300 each. I wish my Executor to collect what he can of these claims pay off my aforesaid debts and apply the balance to the support of my daughter in law **Fanny Blakey** and her children being my grandchildren having convey to her my rural claim form, which with the collection of the claim aforesaid will make her equal with my other daughter and grand daughter. It is further my desire that she have my household furniture and personal effects Witness my hand and seal this the 20th day of January 1883.

Geo D. Blakey

Codicil

Having full confidence in the honesty and integrity of my son **R. T. Blakey** as well as in his loyalty to his country, fidelity to his family and generosity to his fellow man I hereby appoint him Executor of this my last will and testament with the request that the court require no security on his bond.

Geo D. Blakey

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Codicil No 2

Having moved to the house of **Saml T. Adams** of Bowling Green the husband of my grand daughter **Sally** I hereby appoint him Executor to my estate and desire him after realizing enough to pay off my honest debts before enumerated to distribute any balance that may remain equally between the families of my son **R. T. Blakey** and my daughter **P. M. Duncan** and my grand daughter **Sue C. Julian** and **Sally G. Adams**. This 15th August 1885.

Geo D. Blakey

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Geo D. Blakey** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. H. Rose** and **Saml T. Adams** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Geo D. Blakey**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done Given under my hand this 22 day of February 1886. Ben F. Gardner CWCC

I **C. C. Stark** of Warren County Kentucky do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. First I desire after my death that all my just debts including my funeral expenses be paid. Second Subject to the first item hereof I will and desire that all the property of which I may die seized and possessed shall be equally divided between my four children **James T. Stark**, **John W. Stark**, **Elizabeth F. Grubb** and **Mariah E. Spillman** subject however to this proviso, when my grand daughter **Dee Grubb** was married to **James T. Gibson** I gave her in money ten dollars, and in consideration of that fact I desire that before any division is had that **John W. Stark James T.**

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Stark and **Mariah Spillman** shall each receive from my Executor a like sum Ten Dollars. Third I am now security for my son in law **Charles P. Spillman** in a considerable sum and I also hold the notes for several hundred dollars. I also hold the notes of **John W. Grubbs** my son in law and **James T. Stark** and **John W. Stark** each for considerable sums of money. Now it is my will and desire that in the distribution of my estate each of my daughters shall be charged with the amounts of the indebtedness of their husbands to me at the par value of their respective indebtedness. Fourth I hereby nominate my two sons **James T.** and **John W. Stark** Executors of this my will and request the county court to appoint them as such. Given under my hand the 17th day of March 1883.

Witnesses

J. C. Kelley
Jno M. Wilkins

C. C. Stark

Codicil

I **C. C. Stark** deem it prudent and proper and I do here hereby make the following change in the foregoing will made by me on the 17th day of March 1883 as follows to wit. The property or proportion thereof which is devised to my two said daughters **Elizabeth F. Grubb** and **Mariah E. Spillman** I hereby devise to them respectively for their own respective, separate use and behoof free from the use, control or management of their present respective husbands or any future husband that either of them may have and I hereby appoint my son **John W. Stark** as trustee for each of my said daughters with the direction that he be not required to give bond as such trustee and with the further direction over any part of the estate herein devised to either of my said daughters but he shall not do so unless the daughter shall

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first be empowered by proper legal adjudication to act and trade as a feme sole and with full power to said **John W. Stark** if he shall see fit not to act to name and have appointed under proper restrictions a substitute or to name his successor by will or otherwise May 11th 1883.

Attest

Jno M. Wilkins
I. N. Hunt
L. A. Glaze

C. C. Stark

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **C. C. Stark** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. C. Kelly** and **Jno M. Wilkins** and the codicil thereto was proved by the oath of **Jno M. Wilkins** who also proved the attestation of **I. N. Hunt** and **L. A. Glaze** the other subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon said will and codicil was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **C. C. Stark**, which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22nd day of February 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

Bowling Green, Ky May 3, 1883

I **Thos Sanford** being feeble in health, sound in mind, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death make this my last will and testament. If my claim against the Government for Pension is collected I want **Mary Brockman** to have two hundred dollars of same for waiting upon and attending to me through my sickness Also to **Bob Baker** one hundred dollars for services done for me while sick and the remainder of the claim to be given to **J. W. Nash** for his services

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and kindness to me for 6 years. Also I appoint **J. W. Nash** my Executor.

Attest

G. W. Hampton

Jas Heard

E. M. Vinson

Thos Sanford [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Thomas Sanford** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **James Heard** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **G. W. Hampton** and **E. M. Vinson** the other subscribing witnesses thereto.

Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22nd day of February 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

I make and publish this as my last will and testament revoking all others. First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid. Second I direct four hundred dollars to be placed in the hands of my brother **Albert G. Doherty** in trust for the benefit of the Pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Mount Olivet Church Warren County Kentucky. I direct him to pay over forty dollars annually for ten years and **A. G. Doherty** has to have use and benefit of the remainder until it is all paid out the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Mount Oliver be paid promptly. I direct that all the rest of my estate

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whatever kind and description be divided between my brothers and sisters equally if any of my brothers and sisters be dead then their children to represent their parents. I hereby appoint brother **Albert G. Doherty** to be my Executor without requiring him to give security. Signed in our presence by the testator who acknowledged the same to be his last will.

Signed by us in the presence

of each other and of the testator

at whose request and in whose presence

we witness his signature to this paper

W. L. Reeves

M. M. Smith

J. M. Gill

John A. Doherty

15 day of Feb, 1883

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **John A. Doherty** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **D. T. Hammill** **G. M. Matlock** and **W. H. Blewett** to be wholly in the handwriting of the said **John A. Doherty** decd Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of April 1886.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

In the name of God. I **Daniel W. Jagers** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows. First I give my soul to God and my body to the mother dust. 2nd It is my desire that after my death my body be buried in plain decent manner and that my just debts be paid if I should owe anything at the time of my decease. 3rd That I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Isabelle S. Jagers** my entire estate of real estate and personal property during

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her natural lifetime for her support after her decease I desire that whatever may be remaining be equally divided among my children except **Perlina** who having already got her share of other property shall only have her share of the land. 4th I hereby nominate and appoint **Isabelle S. Jagers** my wife as my Executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this the 18th day of May A. D. 1883.

Daniel W. Jagers

The above and foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed sealed published and declared by the said **Daniel W. Jagers** as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

John H. H. Hays

P. H. Beckham

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County court do certify that the foregoing will of **Dan'l W. Jagers** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **P. H. Beckham** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. H. H. Hays** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 26th day of April 1886.

Ben F. Gardner

April 5 1885

I **Wiley S. Campbell** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky realizing the uncertainty of life and being of feeble health but of sound mind and memory and judgement do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. First It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid and at my death

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that my body be decently buried, and a head and foot stone with suitable inscription be place at my grave and it enclosed with an iron place, said fence also to enclose the graves of my children if I should be buried by them. Second It is my will and desire that all my household articles and furniture shall be equally divided amongst my children and that all livestock and farming utensils that I may die possessed of shall be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds disposed of as hereinafter directed. Third I give and bequeath to my daughter **Mary Jane**, wife of **A. J. Kirby**, and my son **J. W. Campbell** children of my first wife the sum of four hundred and twenty five dollars to be equally divided between them it being the amount received by me from their mother's estate. Fourth I hereby direct that the sum of one hundred dollars be set apart for each of my younger children it wit: **Elden L** and **Nellie** to be used for the completion of their education. Fifth I will and devise to my daughter **Mary Jane** fifty acres of land including my dwelling house barns and orchards said fifty acres to include also the lands bought by me from the **Neely** estate, but she is to pay the other four heirs the sum of two hundred dollars each for said improvements, but if said dwelling house or both barns should be destroyed by fire or otherwise before my death she is to be entitled to a credit to the amount of the value of said house or bar or barns so destroyed. Sixth I will and devise to my son **J. W. Campbell** fifty acres of land to be taken from tract of land bought by me from Mrs **Allender** and son. Seventh I will and devise to my son **Elden L** the remaining fifty acres of the **Allender** tract of land. Eighth I will and devise the remainder of my lands to my two daughters **Lenora** and **Nellie**, supposed to be fifty acres for

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each they are to be paid in money at the rate of fifteen dollars per acre for all that each share lacks of fifty acres, but if said lands measure more than fifty acres for each they are to pay the estate at the rate of fifteen dollars per acre for such over plus. Ninth It is my will and desire that each legatee shall have right of way from his or her lands to the county road, running on any line or lines of division to reach said road. Tenth It is my wish that my daughters **Lenora** and **Nellie** shall have a home with **A. J. Kirby** and **Mary Jane** his wife during their minority. Said Kirby to have the use of their lands to cultivate, he to pay all taxes levied on the same and to keep a portion of each share in grass and to feed and clothe said minor children respectably. Eleventh It is my will and desire that the residue of my estate that I may die seized or possessed of or to which I may be entitled shall be equally divided share and share alike between my five children herein named. I nominate my brother **George Campbell** and guardian for my three minor children. I nominate and appoint my brother **James A. Campbell** my son **J. W. Campbell** and my son in law

A. J. Kirby as Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-five.

Signed Sealed and declared

by the said **Wiley S. Campbell** as his last
will and testament in presence of us and in
presence of each other have subscribed our names
as witnesses hereto

W. E. Talbutt

T. H. Gladish

Signed.

Wiley S. Campbell

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I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren

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County Court, do certify that the foregoing will of **W. S. Campbell** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. E. Talbutt** and **W. H. Gladish** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of April 1886.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

Being of sound mind and disposing memory but in feeble health I hereby make and declare this my last will and testament Item 1st Whereas I now hold two policies on my life in the North Western Life Insurance company which are made payable at my death as shown by the face of said policies to my first wife **Corilla M. Cooksey** and to my children **Euclid C. Cooksey**, **Maggie A. Cooksey**, **Frank E. Cooksey** and **Paul Cooksey**, share and share alike the number or amount of either policy I cannot now state but said policies are now on special deposit at the bank of P. J. Potter and Co. in the city of Bowling Green, Kentucky and are the only policies which I have upon my life for the benefit of my said wife and children in said life insurance company or in any other life insurance company, and whereas since the date of said two policies my said wife **Corilla M. Cooksey** has departed this life, therefore I hereby will and bequeath to my present wife **Eva M. Cooksey** the entire interest in the said two policies which would have passed and belonged to my said wife **Corilla M.** had she survived me. Item 2nd In the event it should be held by the court of jurisdiction after my death, that the interest of my said wife Corilla M. in the two policies mentioned and described in item 1st herein, at her death, passed and belonged to my children whose names are set forth in the said two policies then in that event it is my will and desire

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that my Executor herein will pay to my present wife **Eva M.** out of the remainder of my estate a sum equal in amount to what would have been the interest of my said wife **Corilla M.** in the two policies aforesaid had she been living at my death. Item 3rd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid and that my Executor hereinafter named having collected all claims of whatsoever kind due my estate at the time of my death, will distribute the remainder of my estate not herein before disposed of among my heirs at law as provided by the laws of this state in such cases made and provided. I hereby name and appoint **R. E. Cooksey** as the Executor of this my last will and testament with full power to carry out all the provisions herein contained. Given under my hand this the 27th day of Feby 1886.

Witnesses Mrs. **Addie Hill**

R. E. Cooksey

James C. Sims

G. C. Cooksey

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **G. C. Cooksey** decd was this day produces in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. C. Sims** and **R. E. Cooksey** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26 day of April 1886.

Ben F. Gardner CWCC

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In the Name of God Amen. I **W. A. Goode** of Warren County, Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory, but physically weak do make and publish this my last will and testament and cherishing the Christian hope of immortality and everlasting bliss I commend my soul to God who gave it and as to the property it has pleased a kind providence to bless me with I hereby dispose of in the following manner. 1st It is my will and desire that all of my personal property except my household and kitchen furniture and a sufficient amount of stock and farming utensils to cultivate the farm upon which I now live be sold by my Executrix and the amount of stock and farming implements for the use of my farm I leave to their discretion and out of the proceeds arising from said sale together with my cash and cash notes I direct that all of my just debts and liabilities be paid including burial expenses and cost of administration. 2nd I give devise and bequeath to my two youngest children to wit: **William A. Goode** and **Bulah Goode** twenty five hundred dollars each and I direct that after all of my just debts shall have been paid out of my personalty as hereto fore directed that the residue of the proceeds arising from said sale and cash and cash notes be appropriated and applied so far as it will go to the payment of the legacies herein made to my two youngest children and that after my wifes dower shall have been allotted her I direct that so much of my real estate in value be laid off and allotted to my two aforesaid children as will be necessary to pay off and discharge the aforesaid legacies after the amount arising from my personalty shall have been applied for that purpose as herein directed.

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Said land so allotted and money applied to said legacies be held in trust for my said two children by my Executrix and the proceeds thereof applied to their education but said Trusteeship shall exist no longer than my said children shall become twenty one years old. 3rd It is further my will and desire that no part of my real estate shall be sold or divided in any other manner that as herein before directed for a period of ten years from the recording of my will and that during this time that my wife **Mattie M. Goode** have the absolute control and management of said lands for her support and my unmarried children which I hope and trust will be cared for. That after the expiration the ten years limit upon the sale or division of my lands herein mentioned that it be sold or divided giving to each of my children equal proportion subject to my said wifes dower This last sale or division does not embrace that part of the land herein bequeathed to my two younger children **Wm A.** and **Bulah Goode** to make good the amount I gave them, but it is my intention and will that said children shall after they reach their majority have absolute control of same and title therein forever. 4th And it is further my will and I so direct that my Executrix collect all of my debts and obligations coming to me and to attend to and transact any and all business necessary to the carrying into effect this my last will and testament. And to carry into effect my said will I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife **Mattie M. Goode** my Executrix. 5th And I hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made and codicils thereto. This May the 6th 1886.

Witnesses: **P. F. Edwards**
J. M. Simmons

W. A. Goode

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State of Kentucky Warren County Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Wm A. Goode** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **P. F. Edwards** and **J. M. Simmons** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of May 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

I **Wm C Dodge** a citizen and resident in the City of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky will be seventy eight years old on the 13th day of May 1886 was born in Montgomery County in the State of New York on the 13 day of May 1808 and have by labor and economy acquired a few thousand dollars of property. Now I make this my last will and only will directing how same shall go and be disposed of after my death It is my will and direction that out of my estate my Executor herein after named shall pay all my debts including my funeral and burial expenses My estate consists in household and kitchen furniture, horse and buggy, cabinet tools, drawing instruments pocket compass some guns and perhaps some other little articles of plumber also some real estate situated in Bowling Green Ky and an interest in some mineral and timbered lands in Edmonson County Ky Also one thousand shares in the Mammoth Cave Petroleum and Mining Company of \$1 to the share also gold watch silver medal and perhaps some other little things. My household and kitchen furniture including pictures and table ware I will and give to my two daughters Mrs. **Pamelia Beaty** and **Anna Bard** and my niece **Sally Lankford** to be divided between them equally and it is my

wish and will and desire that they make this division among themselves without regard to value of each article (which I think they can do)

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but if they should fail to do so among themselves then my Executor is directed to have appraisers appointed by the County Court to value said articles and set apart to each what each is entitled of same. My gold watch I give to my grandson **Wm Dodge Bard**. My silver medal awarded me by the Mechanical Institute that assembled in Louisville in 1856 for the best article furniture there exhibited I give to my grandson **Thomas Beaty**. My drawing instruments and pocket compass I give to my grandson **James Beaty** Atty at Law Louisville Kentucky. And to my grand daughter **Bessie Beaty** I give one hundred dollars. And to my grand daughter **Addie Bard** I give one hundred dollars. I give to my friend **H. T. Clark** of Bowling Green Ky my writing desk that I made over forty years ago And now appoint my son in law **James A. Beaty** Esqr of the City of Louisville Kentucky my Executor of this my last will and direct that he be allowed to qualified and accept the trusts herein conferred on him without giving security, and my Executor is directed empowered and authorized to sell and convey all my real estate or such other estate not herein specifically devised upon such terms and in such manner as in his judgement may seem right and proper and after all expenses and the special devises are paid he will divide what remains of the proceeds of my estate into four equal parts. And one part he is ordered to pay to my daughter Mrs. **Pamelia Beaty** And will retain in his hand being one fourth as trustee for my daughter Mrs. **Anna Bard** and pay her the interest on same semi-annually during her life and at her death pay said principal fund to her children or their representatives according their interest in her estate. Also hold in his hands one fourth of the principal fund of my estate

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as trustee for my son **James Dodge** and pay to said **James** the interest on same semi-annually during said **James'** life and at his death said one fourth of said original fund shall go and passes to my said two daughters **Pamelia** and **Anna** or their representatives the part to **Anna Bard** to be held by the trustee in like manner as the other trust fund to her and to pass after her death in the same way. And my said Executor will also hold in his hands one fourth of my Estate as aforesaid after payment of expenses & c as above & in like manner for Miss **Sally Lankford** my niece and must pay her the interest on same semi-annually during her life and at her death pay the principal of said fund over to my two daughters Mrs. **Pamelia Beaty** and Mrs. **Anna Bard** equally the part due Mrs. **Bard** to be held by said Trustee in the same way that he is directed to hold the above fund that is devised to her and after her death it is to go in same way as the original devise to her. I hereby authorize and empower the said **James A. Beaty** my Executor herein named that if at any time he should desire to resign his Executorship or Trusteeship for any of the Parties named herein he can appoint his successor in any of the places named in this will and he has full power to do so by this will. In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name to this as my last will and testament.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of

T. J. Townsend
Nerge Clark

Wm C. Dodge

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Wm C. Dodge** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **T. J. Townsend** and

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Nerge Clark the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 24th day of May 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

Know all men by these presents that on this the 10th day of May A D 1886 I **Isabella S. Jagers** the widow of the later **Daniel W. Jagers** to whom said **Daniel W. Jagers** by his last will and testament devised his real and personal estate for life which will was probated at the April Term 1886 of the Warren County Court do hereby relinquish what is given me under and by said will and claim my dower and distributable share of said estate as if no will had been made and as provided by the law of the State of Kentucky.

Attest

I. L. Hughes

Isabella S. Jagers [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing release was this day produced to me in my office and acknowledged by **Isabella S. Jagers** to be her act and deed, and that I have recorded same with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 10th day of May 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

By R. L. McLure DC

I **Thomas B. Gossom** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and recognizing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament. 1st It is my will and desire that after my death that my funeral expenses be paid first by my Executor hereinafter mentioned. 2nd I hereby will and bequeath to my daughter **Isabella Jane Jenkins** my buggy. 3rd I hereby will and bequeath to my grand

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son **John E. Jenkins** all my cash and cash notes that I may have in my possession or due me at my death, also my bed and bedding. 4th I will and bequeath to my grandson **Evermont Jenkins** my gold watch. 5th I hereby appoint my grandson **John E. Jenkins** Executor of this my last will and testament and request that the court permit him to qualify as such without surety. In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my name and signature this the 12th day of September 1885.

Subscribing witnesses

W. G. Gossom

Emma Gossom

T. B. Gossom

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Thomas B. Gossom** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. G. Gossom** and **Emma Gossom** the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of June 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

I **Alexander Lucas** being of sound mind and disposing memory but in feeble health make this my last will and bequest hereby revoking all others. 1st After my just debts are paid I give all of my property both real and personal to my three sisters to wit: **Amanda Heard**, **Annie Lucas** and **Maude Lucas** to have all of my said property in equal shares. 2nd I desire my said sisters to see that after my death my remains are interred in a decent manner and the expenses of same paid out of my estate Witness my hand this July the 20th 1885.

Witness **Charles Drake**

Wm H. Blakely

Alexander Lucas [His mark]

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Alexander Lucas** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Chas Drake** and **Wm H. Blakely** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of May 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

I **Absalom Shobe** of Warren County Kentucky of sound mind and good health and knowing the uncertainty of life do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form that is to say Item 1st I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate. Item 2nd I give my wife **Jane Shobe** one hundred acres of land including the improvements where now live also she is to have the use and benefit of any timber off the tract of land known as my little knob tract I also give her one third of my Edmonson County lands all of my household and kitchen furniture, one wagon and buggy one third of personal estate after my just debts are paid for and during her natural life and after her deceased I give the same to my children herein mentioned to be divided equally among them. Item 3rd I have given to my son **J. L. Shobe** one negro girl which I valued at \$500 and one thousand dollars in money. Item 4th I have given to my daughter **Sarah A. Larue** one negro girl which I valued at \$500. Item 5th I have

given to my son **Woodford Shobe** (now deceased) one negro boy which I valued at \$1000. Item 6th I have given to my son **Joherthan Shobe** one negro boy which I valued at \$300. Item 7th I have given to my son **M. H. Shobe** one negro boy which I valued at \$200. Item 8th After all my children herein named have been made equal I desire that all the

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rest of my estate both real and personal of whatever nature or kind soever it may be not herein before particularly disposed of I desire may be equally divided among my children here named to wit **J. L. Shobe, Sarah A. LaRue**, the children of my son **Woodford Shobe** now deceased namely **Clement A., Hardin D., and Edmonia Shobe** shall have their father's part of my estate, **John Shobe, Milburn H. Shobe, Mary E. Jones, Edmonia Wooten and Elenora Andrew**. Item 9th It is my wish and request the lands that my daughter **Sarah A. LaRue** may heir from my estate provided she has no living child at her death to come back to my children or grandchildren or its value. I do not intend by this that she has not the right to dispose of it as she pleases. Item 10th It is my wish and request that the lands that my daughter **Elenora Andrew** may heir from my estate provided she has no living children or child at her death to come back to my children or grandchildren or its value, I do not intend by this that she shall not dispose of it as she may desire. Item 11th It is my will that my Executor shall pay to my daughter **Mary E. Jones** a note that she holds against my son **M. H. Shobe** out of the first proceeds going to my son **M. H. Shobe** out of his part of my estate unless said **M. H. Shobe** should pay said note off. And lastly I do hereby appoint my son **J. L. Shobe** Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 22nd March 1877.

Witness

Cyrus Shobe
A. H. Smith

Absalom Shobe

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Absalom Shobe** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Cyrus Shobe** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who

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also proved the attestation of **A. H. Smith** the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of June 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

I **Joseph W. Hudnall** of Warren County Kentucky on this the 17th day of November 1885 make and publish this to be my last will and testament revoking all former wills made by me. First, it is my will that **Polly Ann Hudnall** (my wife) shall have my entire estate both real and personal to have own and control for her own benefit so long as she may remain my widow and if she should become the wife of another man then it is my will that one third of my said estate shall be set apart for her while she may live. Then it is my will that all of my estate yet remaining shall be equally divided between my living children or their heirs but it is my will also that as soon as it may be possible after my death all my just debts be paid. Second. It is my will that my said wife shall execute this my last will and testament while living and I hereby pray the Court of my said County to not require my said Executrix to give security for my said estate. Given under my hand the day and year first above written.

Witnesses

J. H. Otey
E. G. Young

Joseph W. Hudnall
[His mark]

I **Edward E. Taylor** of Warren County Kentucky have state that I have been acquainted with the above named Testator **Joseph W. Hudnall** all of my life that I am now a practicing physician and present when the foregoing will was made and consider said **Hudnall** of sound mind and memory. Given under my hand the 17th day of November 1885.

E. E. Taylor MD

I **Joseph W. Hudnall** whose name is signed to the

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foregoing will do now on the 16th day of March 1886 after further consideration of said will now make the following change and codicil to said will. That part of said will referring to a final equal divide of my real and personal estate between my living children or their heirs I now change and add so as to include **Priscilla Maxey** my step daughter as one to have equal share in my entire undivided real and personal estate the same as one of my own children or their heirs, except it is my will that said **Priscilla Maxey** shall have a certain sewing machine now in my possession.

Given under my hand the day and year above written.

Witnesses

J. H. Otey
Salome Otey

Joseph W. Hudnall
[His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **J. W. Hudnall** decd and the codicil thereto were this day produced in open court and the will was proved by the oaths of **J. H. Otey** and **E. G. Young** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of E. E. Taylor the other subscribing witness thereto and the codicil was proved by the oaths of **J. H. Otey** and **Salome Otey**, the two subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon said will and codicil were ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of June 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

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I **T. J. Green** of Green Hill, County of Warren, State of Kentucky, being of sound mind, memory and understanding do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Nancy Green** all my property after all just debts are paid. Then after her death all the remainder to be divided equally among my children to wit 1st **Polly Ann Hines** wife of **James Hines**, 2nd **Lewis Green**, 3rd **Martha Jane Carter** wife of **Bailey P. Carter**, 4th **John S. Green**, 5th **Sarah Elizabeth Davenport** wife of **Martin Davenport**, 6th **T. J. Green**, 7th **Alexander Green** father of **Wm Ellis Green**, 8th **Abram Ellis Green**. I appoint my son **Abram Ellis Green** as Executor of this my last will and testament and also want him to see that my beloved wife his mother has the benefit of what I have bequeathed her during her life time. In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named below. This 13th day of April A. D. 1886.

A. J. Gilmore
Oscar Finney

T. J. Green
[His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **T. J. Green** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **A. J. Gilmore** and **Oscar Finney** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of July 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

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I **Narcissa Wren**, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills or testaments made by me at any time to wit: I desire first that after my decease that all my funeral expenses be fully paid and then all my personal effects be disposed of as follows. I bequeath to my son **John C. Wren** my home tract of land whereon I now live containing 75 acres more or less. In case my son **J. C. Wren** should die without heirs I desire that said land is to belong to my daughter **Lou Ann Nuckols** and heirs of her body. I desire further that after my death that all household goods be equally divided between my two children **J. C. Wren** and **Lou Ann Nuckols**. I desire that all stock and crop that may be on my farm at my death shall belong to my son **J. C. Wren** except one milk cow which I want my daughter **Lou Ann Nuckols** to have. I desire further that my sister Miss **Lou Martin** live on said place above willed during her life if she so desires or remains single. I hereby appoint **Wyatt Whitlow** my legal Executor to this my last will and testament and I desire from the long acquaintance and confidence that I have in Mr. **Wyatt Whitlow** that he be not required to execute any bond. In testimony of all the foregoing I have set my hand and seal this 29th day of July 1885.

Witnesses

S. R. Totty

Wiatt Whitlow

Narcissa Wren

Codicil. I **Narcissa Wren** do hereby make and publish this codicil to be added to my last will and testament. I do here appointing my son in law **Joseph O. Nuckols** as guardian for my son **John C. Wren** as spoken of in my last will and testament as I do not think him capable of attending to his own business property. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this ____ day of May 1886.

Signed, Sealed, and acknowledged in presence of:

Narcissa Wren

Wiatt Whitlow

Luary Martin

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State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Narcissa Wren** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Wiatt Whitlow** and **S. R. Totty** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and the codicil to said will proved by the oath of **Wiatt Whitlow** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon said will and codicil were ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of the said **Narcissa Wren** decd which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of Aug 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

I **Fetney Hall** of the county of Warren and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament revoking all others to wit: Item 1st I desire that my burial and funeral expenses be paid. Item 2nd I give to my grand son **Slaughter Wilkins Covington** five dollars. Item 3rd I will to my son **Slaughter J. Hall** the balance of my entire estate. Witness my hand this 19th day of February 1876.

Attest

J. D. Duncan

J. R. Curd

Fetney Hall

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set

I Ben F. Gardner Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Fetny Hall** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **J. D. Duncan** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. R. Curd** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1886.

Ben F. Gardner Clk

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I **David B. Stephens** being in feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament. 1st I desire and direct that my Executor named hereinafter shall sell and dispose of all my estate both personal and real by private or public sale and in such manner and upon such terms as he in his discretion may think will make the same realize the best price. 2nd I desire and direct that my beloved wife **Elizabeth Stephens** shall have and receive out of the proceeds of my estate an amount equal to what she would receive if I had died intestate. 3rd After the payment of all my just debts and the payment to my said wife of the amount indicated above I desire and direct that the balance of the proceeds of my said estate shall go to and be divided among my living children and the children of such of my children as are dead in such manner as the same would descend to them had I died intestate. The living children referred to above are the following to wit: **Thos L. Stephens Jr, Henry C. Stephens, Wm D. Stephens, John B. Stephens, Charles B. Stephens** and **Mary D. Stephens** and the grandchildren referred to above are the children of **James F. Stephens** and Mrs. **Annie Taylor**. 4th I name and appoint my brother **Thos L. Stephens Sr** and my sons **Thos L. Stephens Jr, Henry C. Stephens, Wm D. Stephens, John B. Stephens** and **Charles B. Stephens** Executors of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand this 9th day of August 1886.

Witnesses

Geo W. Lankford

Everett E. Taylor

D. B. Stephens

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct
I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the

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Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **David B. Stephens** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Geo W. Lankford** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Everett E. Taylor** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27th day of September 1886.

S. M. Matlock Clk
By Ben F. Gardner DC

I **Sarah Ann Wright** do make and publish this as my last will and testament revoking all others. I desire that all my just debts be paid including burial expenses and cost of a suitable memorial over my grave. Second I give and bequeath to each of my nephews **Thomas W. Thomas** and **Roland Smith** the sum of one thousand dollars each to be held by a guardian and to be paid over to them as they arrive at the age of 21 years Third I give and bequeath to my sister **Susan Cole** the sum of one thousand dollars; to my each of my sisters **Benni Gardner** and **Kittie New** the sum of one hundred dollars each; to each of my nieces **Ella Smith** and **Lizzie Thomas** the sum of one hundred dollars each. The remainder of the estate to be divided as the law directs I hereby appoint my nephew **D. W. Wright** as Executor Oct 7th 1886.

Witness

L. W. Thomas
F. B. Wright

Sarah Ann Wright
[Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Sarah Ann Wright** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **F. B. Wright** and **Lizzie W. Thomas** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1886.

S. M. Matlock Clk
By B. G. Gardner DC

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Know all men by these presents that I **Henry Smith** of the town of Smiths Grove in the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, Farmer-considering the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mind and memory do make declare and publish this my last will and testament. First I will and bequeath unto my son **Thomas J. Smith** one third of my estate, or if he should die before me then the one third of the aforesaid estate to be equally divided between his bodily heirs and if they (his heirs) should die without heirs then the estate is to revert back to my bodily heirs. Second I will and bequeath unto my grandchildren, **Georgie O. Cullens**, **Henry Smith Cullens** and **Joseph C. Cullens Jr** one third of my estate, to be equally divided between them and if one of them should die then it must be equally divided between the two surviving ones, and if two should die then the remaining one to heir the whole of the one third of my estate, but if all should die without legal heirs then the whole of it to revert back to my bodily heirs. Third I will and bequeath unto my daughter **Mary M. Rasdall** wife of **L. D. Rasdall** the remaining one third of my estate and if she should die then it is to go to her son **U. Rumsey Rasdall** or if she should give birth to another heir or heirs to be equally divided between them. Fourth I further will and bequeath that the land that **Jo. C. Cullens Sr.** now owns deeded to him by me during his natural life, at his death be equally divided between the aforementioned **Cullens** heirs. Fifth I do nominate and appoint **Thomas J. Smith** and **Lorenzo D. Rasdall** as Guardians for the aforesaid **Georgie O.**, **Henry T.**, and **Jo C. Cullins**. Sixth I further will and declare that I want all my real estate in this and Edmondson County sold to the best advantage and the proceeds of same divided as before named, and what money I now

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have to be divided in the same way. Also I want my stock sold and the proceeds of same divided in the same manner, the above sales to include all of my farming implements & c. Seventh I do nominate and appoint **Thomas J. Smith** and **L. D. Rasdall** my Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the above named Testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 31st day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight

hundred and eighty-three.

H. Smith [Seal]

Then and there signed and published by **Henry Smith** the Testator as and for his last will in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

A. E. Wright

A. Rasdall

W. F. Lyles

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Henry Smith** decd was this day produced in open Court and proved by the oaths of **A. Rasdall** and **W. F. Lyles** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **A. E. Wright** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1886.

S. M. Matlock CWCC

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **M. M. Gordon** of Bowling Green Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory make and publish this my last will and testament. 1st. After my death I desire all of my just debts and obligations to be paid including my funeral expenses, physicians, bills and attention and board during my illness. 2nd After all my obligations have been met

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I desire my Executor to have a neat, though modest tombstone erected to mark my last resting place and I further hereby direct my Executor to purchase a suitable lot in which my remains shall be placed if I shall not have purchased one during my lifetime. 3rd I desire my watch to be given to any one of my departed husband's brothers who will first obligate himself to erect suitable tombstone to the grave of my departed husband; but in case none of said brothers shall so obligate himself I desire the watch sold and the proceeds of same used for the purpose above indicated. 4th I bequeath all of my wearing apparel furniture, books, bed clothing, and other articles of a personal character to my sister Mrs. **Hallie T. Hines** to do with just as she may desire, and further if it should not be necessary to dispose of two town lots I have situated near the double springs pike to accomplish all of the foregoing directions and specifications in that event I bequeath said lots to my sister Mrs. **Hallie T. Hines** in fee simple. 5th If after complying with the foregoing directions and specifications there is anything in money or other property left I hereby bequeath the same to my father and mother to be divided equally between them and to be used for their especial comfort and happiness. 6th I hereby appoint my father **H. K. Thomas Sen** Executor of this will and request that he be able to qualify as such without giving security. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, this 21st day of Feby 1880.

M. M. Gordon

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **M. M. Gordon** decd was this day

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produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **H. K. Thomas Sr** and **Saml Hines** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **M. M. Gordon** decd. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **M. M. Gordon** decd which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22nd day of November 1886.

S. M. Matlock Clk.

By B. F. Gardner DC

In the name of God Amen. I **M. A. Mitchell** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and conscious of the uncertainty of human life and desiring to dispose of my property in accordance with my desire I hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all former will by me made. Item 1st I desire that my just debts be first paid. Item 2nd I desire and direct that my Executor hereinafter named sell and dispose of all my estate both real and personal and he is authorized to sell same privately

or publically as he my think best and after the payment of all my just debts I direct said Executor to pay the proceeds of said sale over to my mothers three sisters, **Sarah Roberson**, wife of **Jno Roberson** of Cooper County Mo. and **Easter Edwards** of the State of Louisiana and **Martha Roberts** wife of **Elisha Roberts** of the State of Texas, if they be living if dead then to go and descend to their children or grandchildren. If either of said three sisters should be dead without issue then I direct that portion to be divided equally between the remaining sisters aforesaid of my said mother or their children. I have not heard from any or either of my Aunts mentioned above and cannot now tell how many if any are living nor

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do I know the whereabouts of their children & c but when I last heard from them they resided as above set out. Lastly I do hereby appoint and nominate as Executor of this my last will and testament Dr. **T. L. Hobbs** of Warren County, KY. Witness my hand this 5th day of March 1885.

Attest:

M. A. Mitchell

S. M. Matlock

P. C. Moss

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Nov Term 1886

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **S. M. Matlock** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **P. C. Moss** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **M. A. Mitchell** decd which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as clerk of said court this the 1st day of Dec 1886.

S. M. Matlock Clk

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produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **H. K. Thomas Sr.** and **Saml Hines** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **M. M. Gordon** decd, whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of **M. M. Gordon** decd which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 22nd day of November 1886.

S. M. Matlock Clk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **L. C. Porter** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. 1st I will that all my just debts owing to me at the time of my death be paid. 2nd I will that my funeral expenses including a suitable head stone for my grave be paid. 3rd I will that the residue of my estate shall be equally divided between my two grandchildren **Blanche Barriger** and **Lilly C. Lucas** and my sister **Lee Ann Porter** and that in the event that either one of these three relations die without surviving heirs of their body, then this one's portion shall be equally divided between the other two and I further provide that the portion falling to **Lilly C. Lucas** shall be held in trust for her by my Executor hereinafter named, and the annual proceeds be paid to her for her sole use and benefit uncontrolled by her husband or anyone else. 4th I hereby appoint **John E. Younglove** as the Executor of this will. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name in the presence of witnesses, this 26th day of Nov 1886.

Witnesses **J. N. McCormack**

R. M. Cox

L. C. Porter

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **L. C. Porter** was this day produced

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in open court and proved by the oath of **R. M. Cox** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. N. McCormack** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be

recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **L. C. Porter** decd which is now done accordingly. Witness my hand this 24th day of January 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clk
By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Charles N. Graham** being of sound mind and of disposing memory but in feeble health and desiring to make a disposition of my property do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. Item first After my just debts are paid I will and bequeath all my property both real, personal and mixed to my brother **Milton R. Graham** This June 1st 1886.

Wm Quisenberry
J. L. Isbell

Charles N. Graham

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Charles N. Graham** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Wm Quisenberry** and **J. L. Isbell** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 24th day of January 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clk
By F. B. Gardner DC

I **Henry Skiles** a resident of the city of Bowling Green County of Warren State of Kentucky a person of color, being reminded of the uncertainty of life and being now in

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the enjoyment of usual good health and having a sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as and for my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Item 1st. It is my will that after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid that my wife **Nancy** shall have all of my property both real, personal and mixed so long as she may live or until she should marry again. Item 2nd After the death or widowhood of my said wife it is my will and desire and I so direct that each of my three children **Bety Rodes**, **Web Skiles** and **Louis Skiles** shall have out of my estate the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) if living, if either should be dead then I direct that said amount be paid to the children of such children or children if any if none then the sum or sums aforesaid shall revert to and remain a part of my estate. Item 3rd It is my will and I so direct that all remaining portion of my estate after the death or widowhood of my said wife shall go and pass to my daughters **Emily Hale** and **Damsel Skiles** equally if living if not to the child or children of the one who may be dead if any, if none then her portion to go and descend to the survivor. If both of my said daughters **Damsel & Emily** should be dead without issue then the portion of my estate so willed to them shall be equally divided among such of my children as may then be living or their representatives if either should be dead Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 1884.

Witness **S. M. Matlock**
D. T. Hamill

Henry Skiles [His mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Henry Skiles** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **D. T. Hamill** one of the subscribing witnesses and proved thereto who also proved the attestation of **S. M. Matlock** the

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other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 28th day of February 1884.

S. M. Matlock Clk
By F. B. Gardner DC

I **Thomas W. Fowler** of the city of Bowling Green in the County of Warren and State of Kentucky, hereby revoking all former wills and testaments, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and now being of sound mind and disposing memory and in the perfect possession of my mental faculties, do hereby this day make, publish and declare to the world this my last will and testament to wit: After the payment of all my just debts I hereby will give and bequeath to my beloved and cherished wife **Anna Fowler** all my property of whatsoever kind, real personal or mixed in possession, reversion and remainder, and I hereby appoint my said wife **Anna Fowler** my sole Executrix

without bond to carry out the provisions of this will. This the 13th day of January 1884.

Signed sealed and delivered in our presence

Witness

Thomas W. Fowler

J. T. Beauchamp

M. J. McAuliffe

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Thos W. Fowler** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jas T. Beauchamp** and **M. J. McAuliffe** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 28th day of February 1887.

S. M. Matlock

By B. F. Gardner DC

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I hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. I give and bequeath unto my beloved mother **Jane A. Wilkins** all property of whatsoever kind I may own at the time of my death. I hereby appoint **J. C. Sims** Esq Executor of this will Given under my hand this 30th of December 1885.

W. T. Wilkins

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct April Term 1887

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **W. T. Wilkins** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. C. Sims** and **Jno. M. Wilkins** to be wholly in the handwriting of the said **W. T. Wilkins** deceased. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of April 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

I **Moses Hess** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make this as my will. I hold a note on **Edwin Revis** dated 1st April 1875 for about twenty three hundred and fifty dollars, which note I filed for allowances and payment against the estate of said **Revis** in suit brought by said **Reavis**'s Administrator or personal Representative and the allowance and payment of the amount due on said note was resisted by said **Reavis**'s children and not wishing any trouble with them I withdrew said note and claim and now in consideration of said position I hereby will and devise said note to said **Reavis** children which I intend shall be in full if any and all sums of interest or shares they may or can or could or might receive from my estate at and after my death. That is, I will hereby and herein that they nor any of their shall receive any other sum, thing, or property from

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or out of my estate at or after my death. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 10 day of April 1883 in presence of

S. M. Matlock

Moses Hess

James H. Rose

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. H. Rose** and **S. M. Matlock** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Moses Hess** decd Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 23rd day of May 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clk

Bowling Green Ky, January 1886

I **John M. Scott** of Warren County Ky being now of sound mind but somewhat afflicted in body do make this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments heretofore made by me. Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Nannie E. Scott** twenty acres of the tracts of land on which I now live to be laid off to her of the North Westside of said house tracts to be held by her in fee simple. Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Nannie E. Scott** during her widowhood all my personal estate to sell a sufficiency of which to pay all my debts and

use the remainder as she may see proper for the use of herself and children, and I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Nannie**

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E. Scott during her widowhood all of my land after taking off the twenty acres heretofore as disposed of to use and manage as she may think proper to raise, maintain and educate my children and support herself. Item 3rd Should my wife **Nannie E. Scott** so marry then I will and bequeath that all the property both personal and real be divided between my wife **Nannie** and my children equally. The shares of my children to be held and used by my said wife **Nannie E.** during the minority of my children for their use and benefit. It is understood that this property named in this Item is to be held by my wife **Nannie E.** until the youngest child is twenty one years of age. Item 4th I make constitute and appoint my wife **Nannie E. Scott** Executrix of this my last will and testament. Requesting the County Court to take the bond of said **Nannie E. Scott** without any security. Signed in the presence of

A. P. Murray

F. M. Hardcastle

John M. Scott

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **Jno M. Scott** decd by the oaths of **A. P. Murray** and **F. M. Hardcastle** the two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 27th day of June 1887. S. M. Matlock Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I **Cornelius T. Romans** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing mind but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament. First I desire that all my just debts and burial expenses be paid out of my personal effects Second I desire that the residue of my estate whether real or personal be given to my beloved sister **Louisa A. Romans**. By which I mean to give her my interest in my fathers estate in addition to any property that I may now have in possession. I also hold two notes against my brother **Isaac M. Romans** for \$40 the other for \$50 each given in consideration of a town lot and in the town of Raleigh Saline County Illinois which I give to her and desire that the interest of my brother **Isaac M. Romans** in our fathers estate be subjected to the payment of said notes and interest. Lastly I desire that my sister **Louisa A. Romans** execute and carry out this my last will and testament and that she do so without being required to execute bond as is usual. Witness my hand this the 11th day of June 1881. Signed and acknowledged to be the last will and testament of **Cornelius T. Romans** by him in our presence this 11th day of June 1881.

Josie Ellis

B. J. Ellis

C. T. Romans

I appoint **W. T. Ellis** my Executor.

C. T. Romans

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court and proved to be the last will and testament of **C. T. Romans** decd by the oath of **B. J. Ellis** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Josie Ellis** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon same was ordered

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to be recorded, which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 28th day of June 1877.

S. M. Matlock Clk

I **E. A. Cox** of the County of Warren State of Ky do make this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me. Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son **James H. Cox** one half of all the property willed me by my husband **H. H. Cox**. Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my son **James H. Cox** in trust for my daughter **Carrie J. Cox** the other half of all my estate, real, personal and mixed including one half of all the property willed me by my husband **H. H. Cox**. To control manage and use to the best advantage to promote, provide, maintain and

protect his said sister **Carrie J. Cox** in said trust property. Item 3rd: I hereby appoint my friends **Wm Runner, Wm Taylor** and **F. G. Cox** to divide all the real estate herein willed by me equally between my two children **James H.** and **Carrie J. Cox.** **Carrie J. Cox's** half to be held and managed by her trustee **James H. Cox** as directed in item 2d. Executor to this my last will and testament and request that the County Court require no security from said Executor on his bond for Executorship or trusteeship.

Signed and Witnessed in the presence of **Mrs. E. A. Cox.**

J. M. Sterritt
D. M. Barbre

Mrs. E. A. Cox

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct Aug 22, 1887

I **S. M. Matlock** Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Mrs. E. A. Cox**, was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. M. Sterritt** and **D. M. Barbre** the two subscribing witnesses thereto, to be the last will and testament of said **E. A. Cox** deceased Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22 day of August 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clk

I **Caroline Hines** of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky, do hereby make this my last will and testament. It is my desire that my burial expenses be first paid and then the debt I owe **Mrs. Jas D.** and **H. C. Hines** for borrowed money for which I have executed to them a mortgage on my house and lot on Shelby Street in Bowling Green Ky and any other just debts I may owe at the time of my death **Mrs. D. H. Phillips** has kindly loaned me the following articles to wit: three smoothing irons and hook, one linen table cloth, one pitcher, one stew pan, one coffee mill and large iron pot which I desire returned to her after my death. After carrying out the above, I desire if there is anything left of my estate first that all my kitchen utensils and kitchen furniture be given to **Stuart Hines** (Col.) as a small recompense for his many kindnesses to me. Second Whatever may remain I hereby bequeath to the colored Methodist Church on Shelby Street known as Taylor's Chapel to be use by its trustees as they may deem best for the interest of said Church. Witness my hand this 24th day of April 1886.

Signed and acknowledged by **Caroline Hines** to be her last will and testament in our presence and we hereby sign this in her presence and in the presence of each other this 24th day of April 1886.

S. M. Matlock
Jas D. Hines

Caroline Hines [Her mark]

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I **S. M. Matlock** Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Jas D. Hines** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Caroline Hines** deceased and the said **James D. Hines** also proved the attestation of **S. M. Matlock** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Caroline Hines** decd which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 22d day of August 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clk

In the name of God Amen. I **Maurice Higgins** of the city of Bowling Green, Warren County and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and memory do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First I give and bequeath unto my wife **Eliza Higgins** all my real and personal estate consisting of household and kitchen furniture and vacant lot on Church Street and running back 200 feet to an alley, being 200 feet from the corner of Barry and Church Streets and joining **P. P. Phillips** lot. Second I hereby nominate and appoint my wife **Eliza Higgins** my Executrix, without bond. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 10th day of August 1887.

Maurice Higgins

The above and foregoing instrument was the will thereof signed sealed and published by **Maurice Higgins** as and for his last will and testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed

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our names as witnesses.

S. M. Matlock

G. S. Hollingsworth

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **S. M. Matlock** and **G. S. Hollingsworth** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Maurice Higgins**. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of said **Maurice Higgins** deceased. Given under my hand this 26th day of Sept 1887.

S. M. Matlock

I **William G. Allen** of Warren County being in feeble health and advancing in years and desiring to make a disposition of my property to be enjoyed after my death, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. First After my death I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debt shall be paid out of my estate. I won a tract of land in Warren County on which I now reside containing about one hundred and ninety to two hundred acres all or about all of which is enclosed also another tract close by in said count of about one hundred acres on which **George Hendrick** and his mother now live. I also own a lot of stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and also wagon property. if after my death it should become necessary to sell and of my debts I desire that such of it shall be sold for that purpose as my beloved wife **Amanda Frances** may designate I hereby give to my said wife **Amanda Frances** all of my said land, and all of my personal property that may not have to be sold to pay my debts as afsd. and that may be on hand at the time of my death all of which property I hereby give to my said beloved wife as her exclusive property and to be hers in

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fee simple and to with it as she may choose. I constitute my said beloved wife my Executrix and request that the court will require no bond or security from her. Given under my hand in the presence of the subscribing witnesses as appear below this 2d day of October 1877.

Test: **David Kirby**

William G. Allen [His mark]

Fanny P. Hughes

L. C. Porter

Geo T. Ewing

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court filed and offered for probate and the same was proved to be the last will and testament of **W. G. Allen** decd by the oaths of **David Kirby** and **Geo T. Ewing** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of Sept 1886.

S. M. Matlock Clk

Bowling Green Oct 10th 1887

I **Malinda Crenshaw** do make this my last will and testament. First I want all my just debts paid. Second After the payment of my debts I give to my three grand nephews, **Stewart Crenshaw**, **Frank Crenshaw** and **George Crenshaw** all my property of whatsoever kind. Third I desire that my Executor shall dispose of my personal property and pay my just debts with the proceeds and if the same shall not be enough I desire that he shall rent out my house and lot for said purpose and after all these things have been arranged I desire any property I may own

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to go into the hands of a guardian for said boys, who shall pay the interest on rents to said **Stewart Frank** and **George Crenshaw** in equal parts until the youngest shall arrive at full age, and if either shall die without living issue before the youngest attains his majority I will that his part shall go to the other two. Fourth I have a little girl, **Hettie Snyder** living with me and I direct my executor to give her 3 good quilts- Fifth I hereby nominate and request the Warren County Court to appoint **Richard Cooke** Executor of this my will.

Attest

W. M. Briggs
Missouri Campbell
Jno M. Wilkins

Malinda Crenshaw [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jno M. Wilkins** and **W. M. Briggs** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Malinda Crenshaw** decd Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of October 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clk

I **Albert Covington** of the town of Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory and not wishing to die intestate do make and ordain in this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me made at any time. It is my will and I give and devise to my son **Robert W. Covington** the farm I now own near the town of Bowling Green and adjacent to my brother **Euclid M. Covington's** farm on one side and **Vivion Crosthwait's** farm on the other side, containing about five hundred acres. I give and bequeath to my said son all the stock farming utensils implements of husbandry of every

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description on the farm and the property affects of any kind which I own or may have on the farm at my death it being my intention and I so direct that he shall taken and own the farm with everything of every description on it and appurtenant to it as he shall find it at my death reserving nothing thereon for anyone else. Second All the rest and residue of my Estate of any kind and description real mixed and person in this estate or elsewhere I give and bequeath and devise in equal shares to my two daughters **Clara D.** and **Lena H. Covington**. But it is my wish that my daughters shall not divide but hold the property in Common as long as it is mutually convenient and agreeable until both are anxious and willing to divide or unless there shall be some urgent reason or necessity for such division. In any event I forbid a division of the Real Estate Stocks and Bonds between them with less than two years after my death but the same shall be kept together by my Executor till the expiration of said two years and then divide provided the youngest daughter is then of full age and in no event shall the same be divided until she is of full age if living. Third In the meantime previous to a division my Executor shall receive collect and disburse the proceeds or income from same after payment of all proper cash and taxes to them in equal shares. The division of my estate between my said two daughters and any portion of it shall if practicable be effected and agreed upon by my said daughters themselves but no division shall be made or take effect between them unless with the written assent and approval of my Executor that it has been fairly and justly done in kind value and quantity and if this cannot be done satisfactorily between themselves then in that case I authorize and empower my Executor to make the division for them as nearly and exactly in kind value and quantity as possible it being my will and I so direct that each of my daughters shall receive in the division as much real estate in value as the other I do not agree the division of a single house or lot but the

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whole or several divisions of it shall (that is the real estate) be divided so as to reach the definite result of equality Justice and fairness. In case my Executor is required to accomplish this division himself and in case my two daughters are not satisfied with the division he makes between them I recommend that he call in two gentlemen of probity and experience who will advise with him and aid him in making the allotment. All the real estate devised to my two daughters aforesaid I give to them as their "Separate Estate" to be used held and enjoyed by them free from the control and exclusive of any husband either of them my have. And whenever the division of their real estate is made I authorize empower and require my Executor to execute deeds of conveyance to each as their separate estate in law for the shares so allotted acknowledge the same have them duly recorded and do any other act necessary and proper to invest them with the title thereto as herein stated and required and in case either of my said daughters should die leaving no child surviving her then it is my will that the real estate devised to the one thus dying shall pass to the remaining brother or sister or their legal representatives in equal portions per stirpes. All the moneys stocks and bonds which may belong to my said daughters under this will and personalty of every description when divided shall belong to them respectively and shall be paid over to them individually when they arrive severally at full age or

marry and my Executor shall take their individual receipts for same. The said bonds and Stocks shall be and I so direct held and owned by them respectively as their separate estate from and exclusive of the control of any husband either of them may have until they severally arrive at full age or marry my Executor shall hold manage and control all the Estate belonging to them under and by virtue of this will provide for their support comfort and if necessary education and see that theirs is not wasted or exceeded. Except so far as the household fixtures

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kitchen furniture and utensils are concerned, which will be left in their charge and be given up to them. It is my further wish that any of the stocks or bonds belonging to my Estate which may pass to them under this will may with the consent of my said daughters respectively and advice of my Executor be exchanged for similar bonds or stocks of other corporate bodies and be held in the same way or they may be sold and proceeds invested in similar bonds or stocks which shall also be held in the manner just described. Fourth I forbid a public sale of my effects of my Executor but after a division as provided in this will or before and without such a division if it should be preferred by them my daughters or either of them under the Executor's advice and consent may sell so much of the real or personal estate except bonds or stocks as they may deem necessary for their mutual or individual advantage. Fifth Upon such a division of bonds or stocks between my daughters, I require that my Executor shall endorse each one so as to show to whom they belong and how they were held. I request that my Executor shall in every case of importance before he acts under this will take counsel of some one skilled in the law and so far as proper act under his advice and I request that my friend and legal advisor **Robert Rodes** be the individual unless otherwise impracticable or impossible or unless my Executor should have a preference for some other legal advisor in which case it is my request and my Will that my Executor shall select whom he chooses as his legal advisor. Sixth I appoint my son **Robert Wells Covington** Executor of this my will and request that no security of any kind be required of him in any bond he may by law be required to give and I direct that he shall not take or require any commissions or fees for any services he may individually render as Executor of my Estate under this will all of which I require to be done gratuitous. In witness of all which I

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have hereto set my hand this 16th day of February A. D. 1874.

Witnesses:

J. H. Vivion

Albert Covington

J. E. Potter

Codicil 1st. It is my will that my son supply his sisters while they or either of them remains single, to a similar extent and in like manner as I do now with all the products of the farm such as they may wish to consume in housekeeping free of charge or expense to them. Codicil 2nd. It is my desire and will that my son and daughters live together in the same house as long as they can to their mutual advantage or to the advantage of either one of them, to the end that they may promote each others happiness if they are will and nurse and take care of each other if they are sick.

October 16, 1876.

Albert Covington

State of Kentucky Warren County Court set

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County court in the state aforesaid do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **Albert Covington** decd, was this day produce in open court and proved by the oath of **J. E. Potter** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Albert Covington** and the attestation of **J. H. Vivion**, the other subscribing witness thereto, was also proved by the oath of said **J. E. Potter** and the said will and the two codicils thereto were proved by the oath of **J. E. Potter** to be wholly in the handwriting of said **Albert Covington** whereupon said instrument including the codicils was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Albert Covington** deceased, which is recorded accordingly. Witness my hand this 28th day of November 1887.

S. M. Matlock Clerk Warren County Court

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I **Patrick Guinan** a resident and citizen of Bowling Green, Warren County Kentucky and of sound mind and memory make this my last will and testament I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses paid and the balance of

my estate real and personal I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Elizabeth Guinan** the title to same is hereby vested in her absolutely to do with as she may desire. My said beloved wife having aided and assisted me in acquiring all the property I possess it is but just right and proper that I should bequeath same to her which I do by this my last will and I hereby appoint her my sole Executrix to execute this my last will and request that she be allowed to execute bond without giving security. In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this 14th day of January 1887.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence
to be his last will

Patrick Guinan [His mark]

L. Kahn

P. McNamara

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing instrument was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **L. Kahn** and **P. McNamara** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Patrick Guinan**. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Patrick Guinan** decd. Which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 28th day of November 1887.

S. M. Matlock CWCC

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I **John J. Adair** of Warren County Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make declare and publish the following to be my last will and testament. First I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal property. After that is done I will and bequeath to my wife **Sarah M. Adair** all the remainder of my personal property choses in action cash and cash notes to be used enjoyed and disposed of by her as she may think proper. Second I will and bequeath to my daughter Mrs. **Lillie E. Almond** wife of **F. W. Almond** the following described tract of land lying in Warren County Kentucky on the north side of Barren River for and during her natural life free from all debts and contracts of her said husband and at her death the title to said tract of lands to pass to her children in fee simple. To wit Beginning at a black and dead white oak **Schroaders** corner, thence with his line N 8 E 37 poles to a black oak stump & red oak with pointers **Adam Brattons** now **Millers** corner thence with his line S 53 ½ E 100 poles to a red oak his corner thence with his other line S 60 E 64 poles to an ash stump his corner thence with his other line S 56 ½ W 134 poles to a stone his corner thence with his other line S 87 W 30 1/4 poles to a stone his corner thence with his line S 9 E 89 ½ poles to a stone in the Morgantown Road thence with the road N 88 W 104 poles to a stone in said road thence N 20 ½ E 102 poles to a stone thence N 15 ½ W 92 poles to a White oak and red oak on top of the knob **Shroaders** Corner thence with his line S 70 3/4 E now S 69 3/4 E 69 1/4 poles to the beginning containing 159 acres. But it is distinctly understood that this devise of a life estate in the above tract of land is made upon the following expressed conditions that if my said daughter

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Lillie E. Almond shall fail to pay all the taxes lawfully imposed upon said land for two years consecutively or if she shall attempt to sell and convey said life estate then and in either event she forfeits the life estate herein devised to her in the above described tract of land and the title to the same passes immediately to her children in fee simple. Third I will and bequeath to my daughter **Mrs. Sarah J. Keown** wife of **Melville Keown** the following described tract of land lying in Warren County Kentucky the North side of big Barren River for and during her natural life free from the debts and control of her husband **Melville Keown** and at her death the title to said tract of land to pass and vest in her children in fee simple. Bounded as follows: Beginning at a stones on **J. H. Stones** now **Hines** line **W. F. Smiths** corner thence with his line N 13 E 173 poles to a hickory post oak and red oak in the **Widow Smiths** line thence with her line S 69 ½ E 112 poles to a stake thence N 20 E 5 poles to a white oak and red oak corner to **Mrs. Almond** thence with her line S 15 ½ E 92 poles to a stone thence with another of her lines S 20 ½ W 102 poles to a stone in the Morgantown Road thence with said road N 88 W 48 poles to a stone in **Hines** line, thence with his line N 24 W 44 poles to two black Jacks, his corner, thence with his line N 55 3/4 W 99 poles to a stone his corner, thence N 65 W 31 poles to the beginning containing 178 acres. But it is distinctly understood that this devise of a life estate to my daughter in the above described tract of land is made upon the following express condition that if my said daughter **Sarah J. Keown**, shall fail to pay all taxes lawfully imposed upon said tract of land for two years consecutively or if she shall attempt to sell and convey said life estate therein, then and in either event she forfeits the life estate herein devised to her in the above described tract of land and the title to the same passes immediately to

her children in fee simple. I hereby appoint my wife **Sarah M. Adair** sole executrix of this my last will and testament and I here request the Judge of Warren County Court to permit her to qualify as Executrix without security in her official bond nor is she to be required to return to said an inventory or list of sales of my estate my intention being, that she shall not be required to reaccount to anyone for the disposition

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of the property herein devised to her after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses. Given under my hand this 15th day of April 1884. Signed and acknowledged by **John J. Adair** in our presence who at his instance and request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

T. T. Roup

John J. Adair

C. E. Blewett

State of Kentucky Warren County set

I **S. M. Matlock** Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Jno. J. Adair** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **T. T. Roup** to be the last will and testament of **John J. Adair** decd and the signature of **C. E. Blewett** the other subscribing witness thereto was proved by the oath of **T. T. Roup** and **P. J. Potter**. Whereupon same was ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of said **Jno J. Adair** which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of Dec 1887.

S. M. Matlock CWCC

In the name of God Amen, I **William Dodson** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby, make ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. First- It is my will that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be fully paid. Second I hereby devise will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Nancy M. Dobson** all of my real estate situated in Warren County, Kentucky to be held by her for and during her natural life and to descend at her death as hereinafter directed.

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Third I hereby devise to my said wife all of my personal estate to be used disposed of or enjoyed as she may desire but should any part of said personal estate or its increase be owned by my said wife at her death such part to descend as hereinafter directed. Fourth It is my will that in case my beloved adopted daughter **Mattie Dobson** shall survive my wife that the real estate hereinbefore devised to my said wife shall descend at her death to my said daughter **Mattie Dobson** for and during her natural life and at the death of my said daughter shall descend to her child or children and their descendants in fee simple. Fifth It is my will that such part of my personal estate and its increase as may not have been disposed of by my said wife, shall descend at her death to my said daughter **Mattie Dodson** to be held as her separate property and to be used and disposed of as she may desire but should she own any part thereof or its increase at her death the same to descend to her children and their descendants. Sixth Should my daughter **Mattie Dodson** die before my wife and leave a child or children surviving her then it is my will that all of my real estate and such part of my personal estate and its increase as may not have been disposed of at the death of my said wife shall descend to such child or children and their descendants - the real estate in fee simple and personal estate absolutely. Seventh Should my said daughter die without issue, before my wife, then it is my will that all of my real estate and such part of my personal estate as may not have been disposed of shall descend at the death of my said wife to my children and their descendants. Eight Should my daughter **Mattie**

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die without issue after the death of my said wife, then it is my will that all of my real estate and such part of my personal estate as may not have been disposed of shall at the death of my said daughter **Mattie**, descend to my children and their descendants, the real estate in fee simple and the personal estate absolutely. Ninth I hereby appoint my good friend **Calvin Keown** as Executor of this my last will and testament and ask the court to permit him to qualify without bond. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 7th day of August 1884.

Witness:

T. J. Smith

William Dodson

Will V. Garvin

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **T. J. Smith** and **Will V. Garvin** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **William Dodson** decd and ordered to be recorded as such which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of Dec 1887.

S. M. Matlock CWCC

This instrument I hereby declare to be my last will and testament. 1st I give to my nephew **R. W. Covington** all my real and personal property of all kinds or nature whatsoever with the following exceptions. 2nd I give to my nieces **Clara Dulaney** and **Lena Logan** all my lots or parcels of land situated in Bowling Green and such L & N RR bonds as I may own. Signed by me this 7th day of February 1888.

Witness:

E. M. Covington

J. W. Jones

J. N. McCormack

Codicil: I appoint **R. W. Covington** Executor and desire that no security be required in

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executing the duties of his office. Feby 7th 1888.

Witness: **J. W. Jones**

J. N. McCormack

E. M. Covington

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **E. M. Covington** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. W. Jones** and **J. N. McCormack** the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said **E. M. Covington** Deceased and the same was ordered to be recorded as such which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 27th day of Feb 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clk

By B. F. Gardner DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Jefferson Kirby** of the County of Warren and State of Ky being a farmer considering the shortness and uncertainty of life, being in sound mind and memory do make my last will and testament. 1st I do give and bequeath to **Mary Kirby** my wife all of my property as long as she lives consisting in personal and real estate. 2nd At her death I want my land being two hundred equally divided between my three sons **Jasper E. Kirby & William H. Kirby & Samuel Kirby**. 3rd The Airs of my daughter **Janie R.** the wife of **James R. Temple** has had their proportional part. 4th Also my daughter, **Nancy J. Simms** has had her proportional part. 5th At the death of **Mary Kirby** my wife I want **William H. Kirby** my son to have all the personal property stock household and kitchen furniture and wagon and farming utensils in testimony where of I have to this my last will and testimony subscribe my name and set my seal this the 4th day of February eighteen hundred and eighty eight.

T. J. Kirby [His mark]

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Signed sealed declared and published by **T. J. Kirby** and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

John R. W. Rose

M. F. Pearson

J. R. Lucas

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **T. J. Kirby** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **John R. W. Rose** and **M. F. Pearson** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of March 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Amanda Frances Allen** do make and publish this my last will and testament. I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable. Second I desire that my bed clothes and wearing apparel shall be taken and go to my three sisters Mrs. **Mary E. Renfrow**, **Matilda J. Low** and **Louisa Renfrow** and my niece Mrs. **Pearl Horn** and request that they shall divide the same among themselves in a friendly spirit and manner. Third I give to my niece Mrs. **Pearl Horn** my set of china white with gilt edges. Fourth. After the specific devise named in the two foregoing items I will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named shall take charge of all my estate of whatsoever kind I may be possessed at the time of my death and sell and dispose of same in the most speedy manner having due regard to the best interests of all concerned, but with full power to act in the premises as

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he shall deem best and in order to carry out this provision he is hereby invested with authority to sell any land or lands I may own at public or private sale and on such terms as to payments as he shall think best, and as my Executor convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers. He is also empowered to sell the lands I may own either in a body or divided and subdivided in lots and parcels. Fifth. Out of the first proceeds or money which shall come to the hands of my Executor after paying any debt that may be owing by me, I direct that my Executor shall erect over my grave neat and proper head and foot stones of the graves of my deceased husband **William G. Allen** and my mother **Sallie Lewis** and my sister **Sarah Elizabeth Lewis** if the same have not been erected by myself. Sixth Of the residue of the money or proceeds of sales of my property after complying with the fifth clause hereof I desire and will that my Executor shall make distribution and division as given and devised in the following clauses. Seventh To my brother **William Lewis** and my three sisters **Mary E. Renfrow** **Matilda J. Low** and **Louisa Renfrow** each the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. Eighth To my nephew **James M. Lewis** son of my brother **William** the sum of Eleven hundred dollars. I give him a larger proportion than the balance of my devisees herein because he has lived and is living with me and looking after my wants and has been dutiful and kind to me and I have confidence will remain so. Ninth To my nephew **Samuel R. Lewis** and my niece Mrs. **Pearl Horn** each I give the sum of two hundred dollars. Tenth to my nephew **John A. Lewis** the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Eleventh To my little nieces **Hattie Renfrow** and **Fannie Renfrow** the infant children of my

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sister **Louisa Renfrow** each the sum of three hundred dollars with the proviso that should either of them die without living issue before arriving at the age of twenty one years then the money herein devised to such one shall go to the survivor and if they shall both die without living issue before arriving at the age of twenty one years then the money devised to them shall go to **Ida Renfrow** **Annie Renfrow** **Harry Renfrow** and **Mollie Renfrow** four other of the children of my sister **Louisa Renfrow** or the ones surviving said **Hattie** and **Fannie**. I further will desire and request that **W. M. Kirby** shall qualify as Guardian for said **Hattie** and **Fannie** and shall take charge of the money herein devised them and pay to them the interest thereon only, until they shall arrive at full age in which event he shall pay to the one so arriving her one half and to the other in like manner when she shall become of age- Twelfth It is my will that the interests in my estate which I have given to my said sisters and my niece Mrs. **Pearl Horn** shall go to and be held by them respectively as their separate estate free from the control management or debts of their husbands or any husband either of them may hereafter have. Thirteenth If after these various sums of money shall have been paid as herein before directed there shall be a surplus, I will that such surplus shall be paid and distributed among my devisees herein before named in the same ratio and proportion as indicated in the bequests made them respectively and if after paying the casts of Administration there shall not be enough to make such in full I will that said devisees shall respectively take and receive of the amount so remaining in the ratio and proportion indicated by said bequests.

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Fourteenth I hereby nominate and request the Warren County Court to appoint **W. M. Kirby** Executor of this will and if shall from any cause fail or refuse to qualify, or accept the offices either as Executor or Guardian I request the Warren County Court to appoint suitable person or persons in his place. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1887.

Attest:

George T. Ewing
David Kirby

Amanda Frances Allen [Her mark]

I **Amanda F. Allen** do hereby make the following changes in and additions to my foregoing will. Item 1. In the second clause I gave my bed clothes and wearing apparel to my three sisters **Mary E. Renfrow** **Matilda J. Low** and **Louisa Renfro** and my niece **Pearl Horn**- I revoke that provision and now give to my sister **Louisa Renfrow** all my wearing apparel and household and kitchen furniture except that I give to **James M. Lewis** and **Ida Renfrow** each one bed and bedding for same- I also give to **Louisa Renfrow** all the fowls and poultry I may own at the time of my death. Item 2. I hereby change the seventh (7th) clause of my said will and give to my sister **Mary E. Renfrow** one hundred and fifty dollars in money instead of two hundred and fifty dollars as in said clause given. And I further change it (said clause) in that instead of giving my sister **Louisa Renfrow** two hundred and fifty dollars I desire and will that she shall have six hundred dollars and I further will and desire that my said Executor shall invest whatever of money may be going to said **Louisa Renfrow** from my estate in land for a home for her the title of said land to be held by her for and during her natural life with remainder to the children or those children who may survive her. Item 3 I further give to said **Louisa Renfrow** one horse and milk cow and one brood sow and enough provision in meat and bread stuff for herself and children and the stock I have given her for one year after my death- January 14th 1888.

Witness:

David Kirby
George Ewing

Amanda F. Allen [Her mark]

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I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will and the codicil thereto was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **David Kirby** and **Geo T. Ewing** the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of **Amanda F. Allen** decd. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk
By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Temple P. Smith** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being sound in mind and of disposing memory and conscious of my approaching mortality do make the following my last will and testament. Item 1st I will and bequeath to my dear wife **Eliza G. Smith** all of my estate, real and personal including my stone quarry with any rents that may become due hereafter during her natural life and requests that she sell publically or privately as she may deem best any of my personal property she can best spare and pay my debts including my funeral expenses, the remainder of the personal property to be sold or used by her as she may think best for the support of herself and children. Item 2nd At the death of my wife **Eliza G. Smith** I desire that my estate be equally divided between my children including my grandson **Barnett Smith** except in the event that our afflicted son **Volney I. Smith** survives my wife **Eliza G. Smith** in that event all or so much of my land as may be necessary be placed in competent hands and the rent of thereof be appropriated to the maintenance of the said **Volney I. Smith** during his natural life and at his death to be equally divided as herein before mentioned.

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Item 3^d I nominate my wife **Eliza G. Smith** as Executrix of my estate with full power to carry out this my will and request and pray the Warren County Court not to rule her to security. In witness whereof I have this day Feb 20th 1888 set my hand and seal in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Witnesses:

Temple P. Smith [Seal]

W. E. Talbutt
Vance Smith

State of Kentucky Warren County Court set April Term 1888

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. E. Talbutt** and **Vance Smith** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk
By B. F. Gardner DC

I J. W. Durkee Sr of Bowling Green Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish the following as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made. 1st I direct that all my just debts and burial expenses be paid as soon as practicable after my death out of my monies that I may leave but if I do not leave money enough for said purpose said debts and expenses may be paid out of the first money collected by my Executors belonging to my estate, provided such collection can be readily made otherwise my said Executors may sell enough of my personal property to raise the sum necessary for said purpose. I desire that my funeral and burial be conducted with as little money and cost as possible, but that it be done decently and appropriately and that my grave be marked with plain yet neat marble slabs with suitable inscriptions

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to be selected and determined by my wife- 2nd I direct that my beloved wife **Hannah Durkee** shall not be charged in the division of my estate with the house and lot on State Street in said city recently occupied by **Joseph Marks**, heretofore conveyed her by me and I hereby give and devise to my said wife for and during her life all of my personal estate of whatsoever kind after the payment of my said debts and burial expenses and also one third of all the real estate of which I may die seized or possessed she shall have the use of said personal estate for her support during her life event to the extent of consuming the whole thereof if necessary and at her death the one third of my real estate herein devised her for life together with such part of the said personal estate as she may not have used or consumed shall go to and be divided between my daughters **Florence Glenn** (wife of **H. E. Glenn**) **Sarah Durkee** and my son **J. W. Durkee Jr** in equal proportions- 3rd I hereby give and devise to my daughters **Edna A. Day** and **Emma A. Vantine** the sum of five hundred dollars each to be paid as hereinafter directed. I do not give to my said daughters **Edna** and **Emma** more than the sums named as I have already done as much for them in the way of gifts and advancements as I will be able to do for my other children. 4th I give and bequeath to my grand daughters **Harriet Day** and **Ida Day** one hundred dollars each, to be paid them by my Executors at my death, if said children are twenty one years of age, if under said age said sums shall be paid to their guardians respectively. 5th All the residue of my estate viz: the two thirds of my real estate not herein before devised and the remainder interest in the one third of my real estate hereinbefore devised my wife for life

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and whatever part of the personal estate bequeathed my said wife that may be left at her death. I hereby give and devise to my said two daughters **Florence Glenn** and **Sarah Durkee** and to my son **J. W. Durkee Jr** share and share alike. 6th It is my wish that none of my real estate be divided during the lifetime of my wife as she and my said children **Florence Glenn Sarah Durkee** and **J. W. Durkee Jr** can divided the rents and profits thereof in proportion to their respective interests therein but if my Executors shall deem it best to divide my real estate or sell same, they are authorized to do so and divide the proceeds as herein provided, the sums devised my daughters **Edna A. Day** and **Emma A. Vantine** are made a charge upon the real estate devised to my remaining children as are also the sums given to my two grand daughter herein before named and if my said children **Florence Glenn Sarah Durkee** and **J. W. Durkee Jr** have not at my death the money to pay said bequests to my said two daughters and grand daughters my Executors may sell so much as may be necessary for that purpose of the real estate devised my remaining children- or my said Executors may if they deem best borrow the money for said purpose - In the event a sale of any part of my real estate by my Executors as herein provided shall become necessary, I hereby empower my said Executors to make deeds of conveyance or deeds of partition in case of a division. 7th. I direct that my son **J. W. Durkee Jr** be not charged in the division of my estate with the tract of land on the Nashville Pike near Bowling Green conveyed him by me and which he has with my consent exchanged for property in Bowling Green and I direct that any notes that may be held against me at my death by my said son shall be paid by my Executors as other debts against my estate. 8th Having the utmost confidence in the

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judgement and fairness of my beloved wife and son above named, and knowing from long experience the affection which my said wife bears for our said children I hereby appoint them, my said wife and son the Executrix and Executor of this my last will and testament, requesting them in the event they need any advice in the management of my estate or in executing the provisions of this will to obtain it of my friend and for some years legal advisor **W. E. Settle** of Bowling Green, and I request the County Court to permit my said Executrix and Executor to qualify as such and to act without security. 9th In the event of the death, resignation or failure to act of either of my said Executors

the other or one acting shall have and exercise all the powers under this will that both are authorized to do. 10th Having disposed of my estate as I believe equitable and justly toward all concerned I commend my Soul to the God who gave it and with whom the redeemed of Earth I hope to enjoy eternal rest. Given under my hand this April 9th 1887.

J. W. Durkee

At the request of **J. W. Durkee** we hereby witness his signature to the foregoing will and he signed his name to the foregoing will in our presence and we have signed our names in his presence and in the presence of each other. This April 9th 1887.

W. E. Settle

Chas Drake

I make and publish the following as a codicil to my foregoing will I have this day given and advanced in land lying in Clay County Illinois to my daughter **Emma Vantine** \$700 said sum being the difference in a note given me by her and her husband for \$500 due Aug 5 1890 and the actual value of said land which is \$1200 and as said gift was and is intended and made in lieu of the \$500 bequeathed said daughter in the 3rd clause of my above will I hereby revoke and annul said bequest to her and direct that she shall have no more of my estate. Given under my hand this Aug 5 1887.

J. W. Durkee

Signed and acknowledged in our presence by **J. W. Durkee** and attested by us as witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other.

W. E. Settle

Chas Drake

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court May Term 1888

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **J. W. Durkee** decd was this day produced in open court and the will and codicil thereto proved by the oaths of **W. E. Settle** and **Chas Drake** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly. Given under my hand as Clerk of said Court this 28th day of May 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Maria Moore** of the City of Bowling Green County of Warren and State of Kentucky being now of sound disposing mind do make and constitute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. First. It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any money that may be left at my death, if none on hand, then out of the first money that may be realized from my estate. Second It is my will and desire that **J. W. Powell** who I now appoint as trustee for my niece **Maudie Maria Moore**, infant daughter of **Thos. J. Moore** decd take and hold in trust for her the one fourth of my estate after paying my funeral expenses and just debts less Three hundred Dollars advanced for her father **T. J. Moore** during his life but should she **M. M. Moore** die before I do leaving no children then her

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portion is to revert back to my estate and be equally divided among the parties hereinafter names. Third It is my will and desire that the five children of my sister **Eliza McNat** decd take and have the one third of the remainder after my funeral expenses and just debts and **M. M. Moores** part above described has been paid. Fourth It is my will and desire that the children of my brother **James M. Moore** take and have the one third of the remainder after my funeral expenses and just debts and **M. M. Moores** part devised has been paid. Fifth It is my will and desire that the children of my sister **Ann S. Powell** take and have the remaining one third of my estate. Sixth It is my will and desire that **W. A. Cooke** who has for years attended to my business for me selling my lands collecting the money and otherwise attending to my interest be liberally compensated for his trouble. Seventh It is my will and I desire and I here request **W. A. Cooke** and **John W. Powell** to act and they are hereby appointed my Executors to carry out the provisions of this my will. In witness to all of which I hereunto set my hand in the presence of **John G. Cooke**, **W. T. Payne** and **Margaret Crosthwait** this 2nd day of October 1882.

Witness **Mag Crosthwait**

Maria Moore

W. T. Payne
Jno G. Cooke

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court June term 1888

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of Maria Moore decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Mag Crosthwait** and **Jno G. Cooke** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of June 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

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I **James Graham** of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. First It is my will and I give and devise to my daughter **Elen Halcom** lot No. 1 in the division of land near the Fair Grounds said lot being the North West corner lot as described on plat made by **L. J. Berry** and being 66 feet by 156 3/4 feet. Second I give and devise to my daughter **Sally Givens** lot No. 2 of same size and dimensions lying adjoining to and South of lot No. 1. Third I give and devise to my daughter **Mary Dugard** lot no. 3 of same size and lying adjoining to and South of lot no. 2. Fourth I give and devise to my son **Henry Graham** lot 4 fronting 66 feet on the alley between my property and the Fair Ground and running back 156 3/4 feet to said lot no. 3. Fifth I give and devise the rest and residue of my land whereon is situated the house now occupied by me said lot being 132 feet by 156 3/4 to my wife **Amanda** for and during her natural life, and at her death the same shall be equally divided between my said four children. Sixth I give and bequeath to my said wife all my household and kitchen furniture and personal effects of every kind to dispose of as she sees proper. And it is my wish and I so direct that **Louisa Weller** my wife's daughter shall (have) the right and privilege of living and residing with her mother on said lot and to make same her home. Seventh I further will and direct that in the event of the death of any of my said children without issue then his or her share of my property shall pass to and vest in the survivor or survivors in equal portions. I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Mr. **L. A. Graham** Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony

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of all which I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of May 1886.

Witness

J. A. Mitchell

I. H. Welch

James Graham

[His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court June Term 1888

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **James Graham** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. A. Mitchell** and **I. H. Welch** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of June 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Thomas Mallory** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make and proclaim this my last will and testament. 1. I do by these presents give and bequeath to my wife **Matilda Mallory** all my property of every kind as long as she remains a widow. 2. At the death of my wife, or if should marry again I will that my property aforesaid should vest in and be the property of my two youngest boys **Simeon Edmond** and **Thomas**, that is my home place and the grounds adjoining and all other property but it is my further will that if my two sons **Elijah** and **Robert** should come home before I die or should come home in twelve months thereafter and remain, then they are to share equally and jointly with their two first named brothers in the property or either of them so returning and remaining shall so share-I don't want my property sold and if any of my sons aforesaid should refuse to live and remain in the

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City of Bowling Green, then he is to have no interest in the property when he leaves but all the title is to vest in those remaining-Witness my hand this June 1st 1888.

Attest: **B. F. Procter**

Thomas Mallory [His mark]

Signed and acknowledged in our presence this June 1st 1888.

B. F. Procter

J. C. Strange

Jerry Winrow [His mark]

W. M. Briggs

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court June Term 1888

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will and testimony of **Thomas Mallory** deceased was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **B. F. Procter** and **W. M. Briggs** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of June 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clk

By B. F. Gardner DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Sintha A. Dearing** of Warren County State of Kentucky declare this to be my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to **Wm Warden** my interest in a tract of land in Warren County on the East side of Drakes Creek known as the **W. W. McNeal** land and bound by a deed helt by him. I also give to **Wm Warden** all the household and kitchen furniture. I also give to **James B. Brent** one note that I hold against him. I give to **James Warden** one note that I hold against him. I also give to **Ruthie Self** one half of the note that I hold against **Dan Self** when collected. I also give to **Jerry Warden** his not that I hold against him as his part of the estate after all just debts are paid the rest of my estate to be divided as follows. To **Wm Warden** two sixes 2/6, to **Mary Hickman** one six 1/6, to **Fannie Briley** 1/6 one six, to **James A. Warden**

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one six 1/6, to **Jesse L. Hickman** one six 1/6. The two notes that **William** and **Fannie Briley** holds I want them collected and divided as the rest. I also give to **James Follin** Color the interest on the note that I hold against him. I appoint **William Warden** Executor of this my will without security-In witness whereof to this my will I set my hand this the 15th day of June 1888.

Signed and delivered in the presence of us

Joseph L. Follin

Jesse L. Hickman

Sintha A. Dearin [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court June Term 1888

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Cynthia A. Dearing** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Jos L. Follin** and **Jesse L. Hickman** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of June 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. G. Gardner DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Wm Meredith** realizing the uncertainty of life and knowing the certainty of death and being of sound mind and memory do make this as my last will and testament-I hereby nominate and appoint my Bro **John Meredith** as my Executor to act without giving bond and direct him to sell enough of my personal property after my death to pay all my just debts and if there is enough property to satisfy my debts I desire that my two bay mares not be sold, but if there is not sell the small one first if then there should not be enough personal property to satisfy my debts then I direct that my timbered land lying on the North side of the Browns

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ville Road or enough thereof to pay the remainder of my debts be sold either privately or publicly at his discretion After my debts are paid then I will and bequeath all my property both real estate and personal to my beloved wife **Sarah Ann Merideth** to have and to hold as long as she lives or so long as she remains my widow. After her death or in case she should marry again, it is my will that all my property both real and personal be sold to the best advantage and the proceeds equally divided between my living children or their heirs unless I or my estate should advance or have to pay an amount for anyone of them, then such is to be deducted from their share until the balance are made equal. Given under my hand and seal this the eighth day of August Eighteen hundred and eighty eight.

Witness

John Meredith
A. G. Meador

Wm Meredith

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Sept Term 1888

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Wm Meredith** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **John Meredith** and **A. G. Meador** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Laura Greer** being of sound mind but somewhat feeble in health make and establish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others made by me. First After my just debts are paid I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter **Carrie Greer** three notes described as follows to wit. One note of nine hundred and ninety and 15/100 dollars executed to me by **Lee Greer** bearing date Sept 8 1887 and due one day after date, and two other notes executed by **James Greer** to me the first for one hundred and thirty five dollars bearing date Sept 1 1887 and due one day after date- (It is my) the second note for one hundred and thirty three and 75/100 dollars bearing date Sept 7 1887 and due one day after date. It is my will and desire that if said notes or either of them shall at any time before my death be renewed that my daughter as aforesaid shall have the same or the proceeds from them and if any interest shall be due and unpaid on any or either of said notes or on the notes renewed I desire and hereby bequeath such interest to my said daughter **Carrie**. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this the 6th day of Oct 1887.

Attest

Emma Greer
Chas Drake

Laura Greer

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Sept Term 1888

The foregoing will of **Laura Greer** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Charles Drake** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Emma Greer** the other subscribing witness thereto- and **Lee Greer** being sworn stated that he was well acquainted with the handwriting of **Laura Greer** and that her signature to the foregoing will is genuine-Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

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In the name of God, Amen. I **Adam Chapman** do make and publish this as my last will and testament. I will devise and bequeath to my beloved wife **Dinah Chapman** all of my property of every kind and description real personal and mixed to be hers absolutely. In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand this 4th day of October 1888. Signed and acknowledged by the testator in our presence and by us as witnesses in his presence.

K. C. Chapman
W. G. Chapman

Adam Chapman [His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court October Term 1888

The foregoing will of **Adam Chapman** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. G. Chapman** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **K. C. Chapman** the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand as Clerk of the Warren County Court this 22nd day of October 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **William Rew** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do by these presents make and publish this my last will and testament Item 1 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Frances Rew** all of my real estate and personal property to be used and enjoyed by her during her life with full power to sell and dispose of any part of it or all. Item 2 I give and bequeath to my nephew **William Rew** son of **Jesse Rew** now of Nashville Tenn. and infant some 3 or 4 years old any and all of my property named in the first item which shall remain undisposed

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of at the death of my wife the said **Frances Rew**. 3rd It is my will that if I should die without issue and should survive my wife that all my property of every kind should go absolutely to my nephew **William Rew**. Dated Bowling Green, Ky this Oct 10th 1887.

Witness **Jno L. Stout**
Saml H. Stout

Wm Rew

I hereby appoint my wife Mrs. **Frances Rew** the sole Executrix of my will and desire that the court require no bond of her.

Witness **Jno. L. Stout**, May 30th 1888

Wm Rew

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1888

The foregoing will of **Wm Rew** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Jno L. Stout** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Saml L. Stout** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand this 26th day of Nov 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **James T. Allen** of Smiths Grove Warren Co Kentucky make this my last will. I give devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal as follows that is to say I give to my beloved wife **Mary Allen** full control of all of my household and kitchen furniture and personal property and real estate to do with as she may think best until my children **Henry D. Allen Martha J. Allen John T. Allen** and **Annie Allen** become of age and as my children or any one of them above named become of age or as soon thereafter as they may desire it to have their part of my real estate after giving to my wife her legal dowery interest. I appoint my wife **Mary Allen** and **R. A. Alexander**

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of this County and the State named above Executors of this my will- In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will. This the April 30th 1877.

James T. Allen [His seal]

The said **James T. Allen** on the day above written signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

R. A. Alexander

N. P. Allen

J. N. Dodson

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State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court Nov Term 1888

The foregoing will of **James T. Allen** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **R. A. Alexander** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **N. P. Allen** and **J. N. Dodson** the other subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as clerk of said court this 26th day of Nov 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

Know all men that I make this as my last will and testament. I will all my personal property together with my interest in real estate to my sister **M. J. Curd** to have and to hold as her own-all that may be left after making such gifts as I have requested-All the parties of Warren County Ky Given under my hand and seal this day and date written above.

Attest

Minnie Taylor
Mary C. Curd

Rilda Curd [Seal]

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The foregoing will of **Rilda Curd** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Mary C. Curd** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Minnie Taylor** the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 26th day of November 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

November 6th 1888

I **V. Armitage** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make and publish this as my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made. Item 1st I desire that all my just debts be paid- Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my son **Harry Armitage** all the lots or real estate that I now own in Fresno Calif and all for which he is to be charged in the distribution of my estate Eight hundred and fifteen dollars. Item 3rd My wife **Sarah Armitage** to receive the full undivided one third interest in my estate. Item 4th The remainder of my estate of every kind I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Armitage to hold for the use and benefit of my two children **Harry** and **Mary J. Armitage** and she is left with full discretion to withhold said money willed to said children or to pay same over to them as she may think prudent. Item 5th I make and appoint my wife **Sarah Armitage** Executor of this my will and direct that no surety is to be required of her as Executor nor for the money or property willed to my said children, as I have confidence that she will be best able to judge when advancements should be made to my said children and also to how to manage my estate.

Witness

Lou M. Robertson

Camilla Herdman

V. Armitage [His mark]

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The foregoing will of **V. Armitage** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Camilla Herdman** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Lou M. Robertson** the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said Court this 26th day of November 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

Know all men by these presents that I **Mary J. Madison** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being of sound and disposing mind and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of this mortal life do by these presents make this my last will and testament as follows: First it is my will and wish that after my decease all my funeral expenses be paid and all necessary expenses incident thereto. And it is my further will and wish that (in consideration of the love and affection which I have for my daughter **Lettie A. Madison**, and the further consideration of the long care and attention she has given me) all the personal property and effects of whatsoever kind of which I shall die seized or possessed of, after paying said funeral expenses, shall be owned and held by said **Lettie A. Madison** to have and to hold same as her own individual property forever to use and dispose of as she may wish and I hereby nominate and appoint **J. N. Russell** and **M. B. Madison** Executors to carry this will into effect. In testimony of which I hereunto subscribe my name the fourteenth day of November A. D. One thousand Eight hundred and eighty seven.

Witness

W. W. Lambert

J. N. Russell

Mary J. Madison

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1888

The foregoing will of **Mary J. Madison** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **W. W. Lambert** and **J. N Russell** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said court his 26th day of November 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Noel Sweeney** of Warren County Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament as follows to wit: First I desire that all my just debts shall first be paid. Second I give and devise to my beloved wife **Jane Sweeney** all the property of every kind now owned by me to have and hold and enjoy for and during her natural life. Third After the death of my said wife I desire and direct that all my lands consisting now of 250 acres on which I now live and all other property left after my wife's death shall be divided among five of my children as follows to wit: **Thomas J. Sweeney** to have two sixths and **Jesse E. Sweeney, George Ann Jones, Nannie E. Halman** and **Mary J. Sweeney** to have each one sixth. Fourth I have recently made a division of my lands and in said division I have given and conveyed to my son **Thomas J. Sweeney** two shares and the two shares now given him in this will and that heretofore given him is for the reason that he has paid and assumed to pay for my son **William H. Sweeney** about two thousand one hundred dollars for which I was bound as security for said **William** - and the money used and to be used by said **Thomas J.** in the payment of said indebtedness of said **William** is partnership money belonging to me and him and the said **Thomas J.** is to account to me for my one half of the said amount paid and assume to be paid for said **William** as aforesaid. My intention in this will is make all my children equal as near as I can do so and for that purpose I request that my son **Thomas J.** shall permit my son **William** to redeem his equal portion if he should pay said **Thomas J. Sweeney** the amount with interest which **Thomas J.** has paid and assumed to pay for him as aforesaid. Fifth I further will and direct that my daughter **Mary J. Sweeney** who has always lived and now lives with me shall have at my death or my wife's death all personal property consisting of livestock household goods & c which she may own in my possession In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of September 1878.

Witnessed by
R. F. Holland
John T. Sweatt

N. Sweeney

I **Noel Sweeney** do make this codicil to this my last will and testament as follows to wit: I give bequeath and devise to my son **Thomas J. Sweeney** all the share and interest in my property and estate which was devised to my son **Jesse E. Sweeney** in the third item and clause of my said will, that is to say, it is my will that my sone **Thomas J.** shall have all the share and portion of my estate which my son **Jesse E.** would have received but for the making of this codicil. I make this change in the disposition of my property not because of any change in my feelings and affection towards my son **Jesse E.** but have made said change with his knowledge and at his request. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of February 1879.

Witnessed
R. F. Holland
John T. Sweatt

N. Sweeney

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The foregoing will and codicil of **N. Sweeney** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Jno T. Sweatt** one of t he subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **R. F. Holland** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said court this 26th day of November 1888.

S. M. Matlock Clerk
By B. F. Gardner DC

In the Name of God Amen. I **Leonidas A. Hawkes** of the County of Warren, State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows hereby revoking all former wills made by me. Item 1st I will and desire that all my just debts be first paid. Item 2nd After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give unto my beloved wife **Ann Hawkes** three thousand dollars to her and her heirs forever to dispose of as she chooses. Item 3rd I give unto my former slave **David Hawkes** of Nottoway County Virginia all my right and title and interest in a tract of land lying in said County and State adjoining the lands of **William P. Grammar, William N. Clarke, Thomas F. Epes** and others owned jointly by Dr. **William F. Thompson** and myself containing five hundred and thirty five acres more or less, my said interest being one undivided half of said land to him and his heirs forever- Item 4th I give unto my former slave **Henry Hawkes** of Virginia two hundred fifty dollars to him and his heirs forever. Item 5th I give unto my friend **William Upson Senior** of Nottoway County Va one thousand dollars to him and his heirs forever.

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Item 6th I give to **Peter E. Harris** of Kentucky in trust for the benefit of my tried and true friend **Richard Epes** Clerk of the County of Nottoway County Va five hundred dollars - said amount is not to be liable in any way for any debt of said **Epes** but to be used as he may need, he to be the judge as to how and when he needs it, to him and his heirs forever. Item 7th The balance of my estate of every kind and description real, personal and perishable, including all monies on hand or due me or on deposit, all cash notes, bonds, and stocks, & c & c I lend unto my beloved wife **Ann Hawkes** during her life for her comfort and support giving her the right to use as much as is necessary for her comfort and ease she to be the Judge in all cases as to her necessities. Item 8th At the death of my wife **Ann Hawkes** I give out of the property or estate lent her during her life in the 7th item of this my will unto **Josie Lee Barnatt** of Port Gibson, Mississippi Five hundred Dollars and unto my friend **Benjamin L. Williams** of Nottoway County Virginia I give five hundred dollars to them and their heirs forever. Item 9th The balance of my estate of every kind and description real personal and perishable monies notes bond stocks & c & c lent my wife **Ann Hawkes** during her life and not disposed of in the 8th Item of this my will and not used by my wife under the 7th section of this my will - I give at the death of my wife **Ann Hawkes** unto the children of my uncle **William Moody** and the children of my Aunt **Sarah Marable** who was brother and sister to my mother to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever, but if none of the children (or their heirs) of my said uncle and aunt are alive or can be found at the death of my wife **Ann Hawkes** to heir and receive the estate given them at the death of my said wife, In in that event and in that event only , give the estate given to them unto my friends **William P. Grammar**, **William Upsen Senior** and **Benjamin L. Williams** of Virginia and **Peter E. Harris** of Kentucky to be equally

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divided among them to them and their heirs forever. Item 10th I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife **Ann Hawkes** my Executrix and will and desire that she shall qualify as such under this will without giving any security on her Executorial bond and that no inventory or appraisement shall be made of my estate, and that she shall take immediate possession of my estate and that no person or persons under any pretense whatever shall have any right to interfere with her in the management of my estate and I request my friends **Clint Cooksey** and **D. W. Wright** to act as attorneys for my wife whenever she needs legal advice- In testimony of all of which I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th day of July 1877.

Witness

L. D. Rasdall
E. M. Hatcher Jr
W. H. Cooke
J. W. Mays

Leonidas A. Hawkes [His seal]

The word be interlined after the word to and the word it interlined after the word needs in the 6th item and the word dollars interlined after the word hundred in the 8th Item of the foregoing instrument was done before it was signed by the Testator in our presence all four of us being present at the time the testator signed and witnessed by us.

L. D Rasdall
W. H. Cooke
E. M. Hatcher Jr
J. W. Mays

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Set February Term 1889

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of **Leonidas A. Hawkes** was this day produced in open court and properly proved by the oaths of **L. D. Rasdall** and **W. H. Cooke** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also testified that said will was wholly in the handwriting of said **L. A. Hawkes**, whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded by the Clerk of this court which is now done accordingly. Witness my hand this 25 day of February 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk
Warren County Ct Ky

Bowling Green, Kentucky Dec 14, 1888

I **Andrew Walker** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make and publish this as my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made. Item 1st. I desire that all my just debts be paid. Item 2nd I will and bequeath to each of my sons **John Walker** and **Lafayette Underwood** five dollars (\$5.00) each. Item 3rd My wife

Emily Walker to receive the full undivided one third interest in my estate. Item 4th The remainder of my estate of every kind, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Emily Walker** to hold for the use and benefit of herself during her natural lifetime. She to sell off lots or real estate as she desires. Item 5 Upon the death of my beloved wife **Emily Walker** all my remaining property is to revert to my beloved daughter **Jennie Woods** and upon her death the remainder of my estate is to revert to my two sons **John Walker** and **Lafayette Underwood** to be equally divided between them. Item 6th I make and appoint my wife **Emily Walker** Executor of this my will and direct that no surety is to be required of her as Executor, nor for money or property willed to my said children. As I have confidence that she will be best able to judge when advancement should be made to my said children and also as to how to manage my estate.

Witness

Harry V. Armitage
Sarah E. Armitage

Andrew Walker

State of Kentucky Warren County Court Sct March Term 1888

The foregoing will of **Andrew Walker** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Sarah E. Armitage** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Harry V. Armitage** the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand as Clerk of said court this 25th day of March 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Catharine Fitzpatrick** of Bowling Green, Warren County Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make ordain and publish this my last will and testament as follows to wit: First I desire that all my just debts including my funeral expenses be paid. Second I devise will and bequeath to my sons **Edward L.** and **John W. Fitzpatrick** the sum of Five Dollars each to be paid to them by my Executor hereinafter named. Third. I will and bequeath to my son **P. H. Fitzpatrick** and my daughter **Maggie C. Fitzpatrick** all of my estate real and personal of every kind and description to be by them held, owned and enjoyed equally- I nominate and appoint my son **P. H. Fitzpatrick** my Executor of this my will and testament and direct that he shall be not required to give bond as such Executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 1st day of September 1888.

Attest: **D. T. Hamill**

Witnesses **Frank Maier**
Raffaele Borrone

Catharine Fitzpatrick [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court March Term 1889

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Catharine Fitzpatrick** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **Frank Maier** and **R. Borrone** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25 day of March 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

Whereas **L. A. Hawkes** during his lifetime made and published his last will and testament which is dated July 19th 1877 and whereas **L. A. Hawkes** departed this life on the ____ day of ____ 1889 and after his death said will was at the Feb Term 1889 of the Warren County Court duly admitted to probate and whereas by the terms of said will a bequest was made to me **Ann Hawkes** and also certain bequests were made to other parties, and whereas it was provided that after the payment of said bequests, all the remainder of the estate of **L. A. Hawkes** decd of every kind real and personal was loaned to me during my natural life for my support and comfort, and at my death to descend to certain parties named in said will, Now therefore I, **Ann Hawkes**, in consideration of the foregoing relinquish what is given to me under said will and claim her dower and distributable share in such estate as the widow of **L. A. Hawkes** decd April 19 1889.

Witness

D. W. Wright

Ann Hawkes [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing renunciation was this day produced to me in said county and acknowledged

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by Mrs. **Ann Hawkes** to be her act and deed and that I have recorded said renunciation with this certificate in my office. Given under my hand this 19th day of April 1889. S. M. Matlock Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I **Andrew H. Kellis** being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament to wit: First- that all my just and legal debts shall be paid including my funeral expenses. 2nd I will and desire that **William V. Kellis** have, own and possess ten acres of land where he now lives including house and barn. 3rd I will that **Mary C. Kellis** who now lives with me shall have all of the residue of my property including both real and personal and perishable property to have, hold and possess during her life time amounting to about one hundred and thirteen acres more or less. 4th I also will and desire that at the death of **Mary C. Kellis** all the aforesaid land amounting to one hundred and thirteen acres more or less, also household goods and perishable property shall go to my niece **Winnie Ellen Huffines**- I **Andrew H. Kellis** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky do make this my last will and testament March 15th 1888.

Attest

Andrew Kellis

J. M. Briggs

Jno W. Berryman

C. E. Morris

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court April Term 1889

The foregoing will of **Andrew Kellis** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **J. M. Briggs** and **Jno W. Berryman** the two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness

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my hand as Clerk of said Court this 22nd day of April 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

Know all men by these presents that I **James M. Tucker** of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being now in my 81st year of age being of feeble health but of disposing mind and memory do make constitute and establish this my last will and testament. First it is my desire after my decease that my Executor or Executors herein named shall have this my last will put to record in the proper office. Second that they shall pay all my just debts if any with funeral expenses. Third I now have eight living children and one deceased daughter leaving heirs to all of which I have heretofore made some advancements. And it is my desire now as it has been heretofore to make all my children as near equal in favors from me as possible or convenient to do. Therefore it is my will none of them shall be required to refund or pay back anything I have advanced to them. Fourth, I now give and bequeath to my son Dr. **J. E. Tucker** and his children the house and lot at Oakland which they now occupy. Fifth I hold a life policy of my son Dr. **J. E. Tucker** for four thousand dollars as protection or collateral security for a debt of eight hundred dollars note executed to **L. A. Hawkes** now decd now when this debt is paid off and discharged I give and bequeath to my daughter in law **S. J. Tucker** wife of **J. E. Tucker** and their children all the residue or balance of said life policy. Sixth After having made the preceding special bequests I now desire that all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal be devised or distributed equally between all my children to wit **Moses Tucker W. H. Tucker J. E. Tucker H V Tucker Martha A. Wooten J. M. Tucker Columbus** and **Charley Tucker** and also the heirs of my decd daughter

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Mary E. Halsell, Edy Gossom and **John Halsell** the two grand children sharing equal in one child's part. 7th This clause is inserted to cover a little oversight my son **Moses Tucker** has occupied a house and lot of mine at Cave City for a number of years which cost me \$12 hundred dollars but has not been conveyed to him, therefore I give and bequeath that house and lot to him as his balance of full share in my whole or entire estate- and the foregoing general distribution will be between 8 in place of nine children. I hereby appoint my son **Charles Tucker** and **J. S. Jordan** Executors of this my last will and testament this the 12th day of August 1889.

Witness

J. S. Jordan
J. J. Claypool

J. M. Tucker

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court August Term 1889

The foregoing will of **J. M. Tucker** decd was this day produced in open court and duly proved by the oath of **J. S. Jordan** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **J. J. Claypool** the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said court this 26th day of August 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Puss Gamble** do make and publish this my last will and testament. First I desire that I may be decently and properly buried. Second I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable and convenient.

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Third I give and bequeath all my estate of every description to my brother **Dan Pearson** and my nephew **John Pearson** and my two nieces **Lottie Pearson** and **Ann Clark** to be given them in equal parts- that is one fourth to each. Fourth I hereby nominate and request the County Court to appoint **Ezra H. Hollan** the Executor of this my will, signed this first day of August 1889.

Attest

Jno M Wilkins
W. F. Ennis

Puss Gamble [Her mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court August Term 1889

The foregoing will of **Puss Gamble** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Jno. M. Wilkins** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **W. F. Ennis** the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon, the same was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said Court this 26th day of August 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I the undersigned in view of the uncertainty of life deem it prudent to make the following statement and disposition of my private property. The debt on St. Josephs Church on January 1st 1887 was \$5512.45 all of which is owing to myself for money advanced in favor of the church excepting \$900 to Mrs. **Fitzpatrick** \$400 or \$500 (I am not sure but note will show it) to Mrs. **E. Hogan** \$412 to Mrs. **Volpert** Jan 1st 1887, \$100 to Mrs. **A. Sharer** To my brother **Frank deVries** I give all that remainder of my patrimony now in the hands of my sister in law **Elizabeth deVries** living in Gestel and Poloarthum Holland-Also my French clock and gold watch and to his wife, **Margaret**, my table silverware, to Mrs. **C. Volpert** is due a salary from 1st Jan 1887 at the rate of \$125 per year and to her

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shall be given my cow and kitchen clock. My mare shall be sold for the benefit of the Church- My household furniture I leave to my successor in office- My chalices, missal and all other church ornaments I leave to the church, as also all the money advanced to the Church and everything about the place not mentioned herein, provided that A high mass be offered up for my soul every month during the first year after my death and every year on the anniversary of the same for twenty five years and that besides one hundred low masses be celebrated for me within one year of my death. My library may be disposed of by my successor as he thinks best, the proceeds to be used for masses for my soul. Bearing malice to no one I however humbly beg pardon of any and all whom however unintentionally, I may have offended, and beg (all) to pray for me and to forgive me my many shortcomings in my long and arduous administration of the parish-my only prayer is that St. Josephs Church which it fell to my lot to build up from its foundation may prosper more and more-Peace be to all.

J. deVries, Pastor

My brother **Frank** is hereby appointed sole administrator without security.

J. deVries, Pastor

Done in Bowling Green, Warren Co. Ky this 16th day of July 1887.

Witness

John Vogel Jr
Frank DeVries

State of Kentucky Sct

Warren County Court August Term 1889

The foregoing will of **J. DeVries** was this day produced in open court and proved by the oaths of **John Vogel Jr** and **Frank DeVries** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Witness my hand as Clerk of said Court this 26th day of August 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk
By B. F. Gardner, DC

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I **Geo Lehman** of the County of Warren State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament and all wills prior to this are null and void. First. Its my will that my funeral expenses and just debts are paid. Second. I give to my nephew **George A. Collett** absolutely my farm known as "Lehmans Garden" situated in Warren County Ky near the city of Bowling Green. Third It is my will that all other property both real and personal shall be sold to pay my debts and what is left its to be divided in five equal parts and my brother **John Lehman** or his heirs to receive one part and **J. Bamberger** the husband of my sister or his heirs to receive one part and my niece Mrs. **Emma Webb** to receive one part and my niece **Lizzie Davis** to receive one part, and my nephew **John H. Collett** to receive one part. Fourth. I give jointly to my nephews **Geo A. Collett** and **John H. Collett** the claim I have against the government of the United States for burning my Hotel known as the **McLoud House**. Fifth Its my will that my nephew **Geo A. Collett** by my administrator and Executor and I hereby appoint him of this my last will and testament and direct that he shall not be required to give any bond, I also give him the power to sell my property in order to pay such debts as I owe, either at private or public sale. I also direct that he have two years to pay said bequests. In witness hereunto I set my hand this twentyeth day of December A. D. 1888.

George Lehman

Signed published and declared by the above named **George Lehman** as his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as witnesses of the same.

Adolph Bloch
Jno Edwell

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The foregoing will of Geo Lehman decd was this day produced in open court and duly proved by the oaths of **John Edwell** and **Adolph Bloch** and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said court this 26th day of August 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk
By B. F. Gardner DC

I **G. W. Rone** of Warren County State of Kentucky being in feeble state of health and impressed that I cannot live long but being possessed of a sound mind and disposing memory desire to make this my last special will and testament. First-I desire that out of my personal estate and moneys that may be on hand at my death (outside of my life policy herein after more fully described and specially disposed of) My just debts together with my burial expenses be paid after which the remainder of the same and all my landed estate be distributed to my wife and all my surviving children as directed by the Statutes of Kentucky. Secondly. I desire that my policy in the Mutual benefit Life Insurance Co. Newark N J. be specially distributed as follows to wit I bequeath to my son **K. V. Rone** one hundred and fifty dollars of said policy 2nd I bequeath to my son **Joseph Rone** one hundred and fifty dollars of said policy and 3rd I bequeath to my daughter **Virginia S. Gross** two hundred dollars of said policy and 4th I bequeath to my sone **C. B. Rone** one hundred and fifty dollars of said policy. 5th I bequeath to my daughter **Evy E. Rone** two hundred and twenty five dollars of said policy. 6th I bequeath to my son **Thos S. Rone** two hundred and twenty five dollars of said policy. 7th I bequeath to my son **Harland Rone** two hundred and twenty five dollars of said

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policy. 8th I bequeath to my son **Ab Rone** two hundred and twenty five dollars of said policy. 9th I bequeath to my infant son **Phreman Rone** two hundred and twenty five dollars of said policy. 10th I bequeath to my wife **Udora Rone** two hundred and twenty five dollars being the remainder of said policy and these special bequests of said policy money are made to the parties herein named in addition to their distributable share of my real and personable estate herein first above mentioned. Thirdly. I Hereby constitute and appoint my sons **K. V. Rone** and **Joseph Rone** my Executors with the power to act after they shall have given bond to be approved by the County Court of Warren County Ky. Witness my hand this the 13th day of Feb 1889.

Attest

W. H. Cherry
B. F. Edrington

G. W. Rone

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court September Term 1889

The foregoing will of **G. W. Rone** decd was this day produced in open court and duly proved by the oath of **W. H. Cherry** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **B. F. Edrington** the other subscribing witness thereto, Whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said court this 23rd day of September 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **William Runner Sr** of the County of Warren and State of Ky do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say. First It is my will and desire that my burial expenses and all debts that I may hereafter create, be paid. Second After the payment of debts and funeral expenses are paid I desire and will that the remainder of estate be equally

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divvied between my children now living. Third It is my will and desire that the heirs of my son **Silas M. Runner** decd shall have no part of my estate having heretofore advanced to them all I desire them to have. Fourth I do hereby constitute my friend **W. H. Blewett** Executor of this my last will with full power to sell and convey any and all property that I may die possessed of, hereby revoking all other former wills and testaments. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Sept 1st 1889.

Attest **J. W. Alexander**

A. C. Runner

William Runner [His mark]

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Sept Term 1889

I **S. M. Matlock** Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Wm Runner** decd was this day produced in open court and duly proved by the oaths of **J. W. Alexander** and **A. C. Runner** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 23rd day of September 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

I **Mag Crosthwait** give all my undivided real and personal effects to my sister **Maria Crosthwait**-Also my interest in the house lot my bro **Sam Crosthwait** sharing it his life time- Should she die without disposing of the real it shall go to my nephews **Lucien** and **Edward Sanson** or which ever one survives her-Also the silver desert spoons to **Lucien** the small ones to **Edward** with the butter knife. When the town lots are sold the proceeds are to go to pay my bro **John Crosthwait** my part due for the bought interest in the house lot and if any over the one hundred

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dollars due its to go to my sister **Maria Crosthwait**-After my burial expenses and debts are paid, all money or anything pertaining to money shall go to my sister **Maria**-I appoint her administratrix without security with **Will A. Cook** her advisor. March 1888.

Witness **Will A. Cooke**
H. P. Cartwright

Mag Crosthwait

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court October Term 1889

The foregoing will of **Mag Crosthwait** was this day produced in open court and duly proved by the oaths of **W. A. Cooke** and **H. P. Cartwright** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said court this 28th day of October 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

State of Kentucky, Warren County

I **J. P. Perkins** of the State and County above named being sound in mind and of disposing memory do hereby make and decree the following as my last will and testament Viz Item First it is my desire that my just debts be paid and that my body be decently buried. Item Second I will and bequeath to my beloved wife **Elizabeth Perkins** all of my estate of every kind whether real or personal during her natural life, she is to have the right to use the proceeds thereof to her support or as she may think proper-She may sell or use as she may see proper any of the personal property. Item third At the death of my wife **Elizabeth Perkins** I desire and will that my estate be equally divided between my seven living children and the children of my deceased

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daughters **Louisa Arnold** and **Etta Nall** that is to say the children of **Etta Nall** one share and the children of **Louisa Arnold** one share making nine shares into which my estate is to be divided. Item Fourth I appoint **John C Read** Trustee for the children of my deceased daughter **Etta Nall** and place in his hands the management and control of their part of my estate and to pay to each one their equal part as they arrive at the age of 21 years. Item fifth I appoint my sons **Benjamin F. Perkins** **J. T. Perkins** and **John C Read** my Executors to carry out this my last will and testament and request that the Warren County Court do not rule them to security. In witness thereof I have this day subscribed my name and set my seal this the 24th day of May 1888 and in the presence of witnesses.

Witness

Vance Smith

Charles Asher

J. P. Perkins [Seal]

Codicil No. 1

In relation to my grandchildren **Mollie** and **Alice Nall** I desire that in the event of the death of one them without children the portion of my estate allotted to her shall be given to her surviving sister and in the event of both of the above named grandchildren dieing without children I wish their portion of my estate to revert to the other heirs of my estate 3rd July 1888.

Witness

Charles Asher

Vance Smith

J. P. Perkins

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1889

The foregoing will and codicil thereto, of **J. P. Perkins** decd was this day produced to me in my office and proved by the oaths of **Charles Asher** and **Vance Smith** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as Clerk of said Court this 25th day of November 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

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Be it known to all whom it may concern that I **Eva N. Cooksey** being of sound mind and disposing memory and desirous of making a last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me made at any time do now make ordain and publish this as my last will and testament as follows to wit 1st I direct and order that all my just debts be paid of every kind. 2nd I give and bequeath to Mrs. **Ada A. Hill** all my household and kitchen furniture. 3rd I give and devise to my only child **Clinton Hill Cooksey** all my real and personal estate of every description as his own in absolute fee simple except the household and kitchen furniture just above mentioned which I give to Mrs. **A. A. Hill** and except also my wearing apparel of all kinds which I have and which I give and step-daughter **Maggie A. Cooksey**. 4th In bequeathing my personal effects to my son **C. H. Cooksey** as above state, I desire to call special attention to my god watch and ring which I wish him to own and to keep and guard with vigilance as momento of myself at least till he is

twenty one years old. 5th I desire and request that **R. E. Cooksey** shall remain and continue to act as Guardian of my son **C. H. Cooksey** at least till he becomes of the age of fourteen years when he may select if he chooses a Guardian for himself by doing so before and in the presence and with the approval of the Judge of the Warren County Court sitting in open court. In the meantime and so long as he is my sons Guardian, I order and direct that said **R. E. Cooksey** (and this applies to any other Guardian who may succeed him as such) take care of manage and supervise all of my sons real and personal estate rent out the land and provide against all injury thereto from waste or otherwise. To effect this, I invest him with immediate power and possession after my death- But 6th I don't wish the said **R. E. Cooksey** or any other Guardian of my son to have or take the personal care or custody of my son

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as long as Mrs. **A. A. Hill** may live as I will and direct that she shall have the personal care and custody of my said son so long as she may live or until he arrives at the age of twenty one years and I likewise desire that my son shall keep the ring watch and personal effects which he may have in the way of clothing in his own possession under the direction and management of Mrs. **A. A. Hill**. 7th I direct and order that my sons Guardian shall use and manage the estate I have given to him in the best manner he can and out of the proceeds annually at least but semi annually if possible shall pay all taxes and other just liabilities of my son or his estate and the residue he shall pay to Mrs. **A. A. Hill** to defray his expenses as far as it may go for board, clothing or other necessary-If in any event, the proceeds he may receive from this rent or use of the land may not be enough to discharge all these liabilities of my sons-the Guardian must resort before selling the land or causing it to be sold-to the other personal estate held or owned by my son but not derived from me. My son has some such personal estate and I wish to preserve the real estate intact and inviolate as far as possible I do not wish to overlook the fact that I have a great affection for my step children and would like to extend to each of them some token of my kind regard by which to remember me but I am not able to do so. I would be gratified however if my son could be raised and grown up in the same family with them so long as they can be kept together. 8th In case **R. E. Cooksey** should fail or refuse to act as Guardian for my son then I will and direct that my friend **Chas C. Smith** act as such in his place in whom I invest the same power and privilege and to whom I give the same directions that I have given to the former -- In case Mrs. **A. A. Hill** from any cause should fail or refuse to take personal care and custody of my son as above directed then I give the same

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power and direction to his Guardian that I have conferred on her as to his care custody and education which I desire and order shall be fully and adequate in all respects-trusting in all respects to her or his judgement and discretion in the execution of my purpose as to the education and raising. I appoint **R. E. Cooksey** Executor of this will and in witness of all which set my hand hereto this 28th day of May 1889.

Witnesses

Mrs. **Eva H. Cooksey**

W. H. Blakeley

Mrs. **Mary C. Liveley**

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1889

I S. M. Matlock Clerk of the Warren County Court do certify that the foregoing will of **Eva H. Cooksey** decd was this day produced in open court and duly proved by the oaths of **W. H. Blakeley** and **Mary C. Liveley** the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Given under my hand this 25th day of November 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By **B. F. Gardner** DC

I Solomon Hines this Aug 29th 1889 having already reached an age which is allotted to few to attain and knowing that my days are numbered being of sound mind and disposing memory do declare publish and express this as my last will and testament. First I hereby will and request that **C. J. Adams** a man who has befriended me and in whom I have great confidence shall be my Executor and that he shall be permitted to qualify without bond. Second To **Nancy Hines** the widow of my deceased son **Calvin Hines** I will and devise all of the nob side land included within the following boundary. Beginning at the well known Ash Corner and running thence in an Easternly direction with **Clarkson** line to **C. J. Adams'** corner in said line thence in a Northernly direction with **C. J. Adams'** line to the bluff thence following

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said bluff in a Westernly direction to Mrs. **Mary E. Vanmeters** line thence with Mrs. **Vanmeters** line in a Southerly direction to the Beginning. To have and hold said land to use control and dispose of as the above named **Nancy Hines** may deem fit. Third To my daughter **Emeline Jones** wife of **Crocket Jones** I bequeath all of my household and kitchen furniture utensils beds bedding and all of my tools and farming implements in addition to the above I will and devise to said **Emiline Jones** the following described tract of land it being all of the land included in the following boundary excepting two small parcels herein after named, beginning at **C. J. Adams** corner on the pike and running thence in a Westernly direction with **C. J. Adams**' line to **C. J. Adams** corner in said line thence from said corner with the course and in the direction of **C. J. Adams**' back line extended to **Miller's** line thence with **Millers** line to the turnpike thence with said pike to the beginning **C. J. Adams** corner. To have and to hold the above described personal property and the above bounded tract of land (with exceptions hereinafter named) free and separate from the control and debts of her husband to use and dispose of as said **Emiline Jones** may deem proper and fit. Fourth Out of the above bounded land willed **Emiline Jones** I will and devise one quarter of an acre in the corner included by **Millers** line and the pike to the Hines Grove Church and to its Trustees **Henry Blackburn** and **Solomon Hines** and their successors in perpetual succession for the benefit of said church. Fifth Also out of the above named boundary describing **Emiline Jones** tract I will and devise about three acres which I have already staked out near the above named Church to **C. J. Adams** my Executor to sell and dispose of as he may deem best for the benefit of my estate.

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Sixth To my beloved son **Benjamin Hines** and to my beloved daughter **Jenny Beck** wife of **Jack Beck** I will and devise all of my land not herein before disposed of to be divided equally accordingly to its value between said **Benjamin Hines** and said **Jenny Beck**. The division is to be made by **C. J. Adams** my Executor and said **Jenny** and **Benjamin** are to abide by his decision. That part of said land which is to be set apart for said **Benjamin** until his return from the West and should said **Benjamin** fail to return said land is to be disposed of by said **Adams** for the benefit of the heirs of said **Benjamin**. Should the said **Benjamin** be not found and have no bodily heirs the land is to be sold for the benefit of my estate. Seventh I desire to pay that my stepchildren **Aggie** and **Belle** I have done as much as I was able and have now nothing further to give them. Eighth If after paying all of my indebtedness and the division of the above land there should remain anything after paying the expenses of administration I desire that it be divided between my heirs according to law. In testimony of the above I have hereto caused my name and hand to be set.

Witness

Solomon Hines [His mark]**Joe C. Kouwenbergh****Bob Wilford Jr**

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1889

The foregoing will of **Solomon Hines** decd was this day produced in open court and proved by the oath of **Bob Wilford Jr** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **Joe C. Kouwenbergh** the other subscribing witness thereto whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Witness my hand as clerk of said court this 25th day of November 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

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I **Cecilia Valenti** of Bowling Green Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory and desirous of disposing of my property by will do hereby make this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all wills heretofore made by me. Item 1st I will and so direct that after my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Item 2nd I further will and direct that after my debts and funeral expenses mentioned in item 1st shall have been paid that all of my property, real personal and mixed belonging to me at that time be divided between my children as hereinafter mentioned-Having heretofore made large advancements to my son **Flaviola Valenti** far in excess of any made to my other children I will to him five dollars and no more that after my death the remainder of my property be equally divided between my other three children **Lizzie Valenti** **Minnie Valenti** and **Philip Valenti** as soon as **Philip** arrives at the age of twenty one years but to be kept and controlled by my Executors hereinafter mentioned until **Philip** does arrive at the age of

twenty one years and the rents of my property and the interest on the notes money or bonds which I may own at my death shall be used for the benefit of my said three children and their support to wit **Lizzie Minnie** and **Philip Valenti**. And the property so willed to **Lizzie** and **Minnie Valenti** to be their separate estate free from the control of any husband they or either of them may have at my death or thereafter but either one may sell and convey her interest in her share of my real estate at her option and when **Philip Valenti** arrives at the age of twenty one years and at that time either one of my daughters shall be married and other unmarried then the unmarried one is to have one half my said property including two rooms in my dwelling house until she

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marry if ever and in that event the property aforesaid to be divided equally between **Lizzie Minnie** and **Philip** but as before stated to be the separate property of said **Lizzie** and **Minnie** free from the control of any husband they may have. Item 3rd I hereby appoint my daughters **Lizzie** and **Minnie Valenti** my Executrix of this my last will and testament to carry out its provisions and request the court in which this will is probated and they are to qualify as Executrices to permit them to do so without requiring them to give security. In witness of which I hereto set my hand this 14th day of Oct 1884.

Witness

D. T. Hamill

G. C. Cooksey

Cecilia Valenti

State of Kentucky Sct Warren County Court November Term 1889

The foregoing will of **Cecilia Valenti** decd was this day produce in open court and duly proved by the oath of **D. T. Hamill** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of **G. C. Cooksey** the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand as clerk of said court this 25th day of November 1889.

S. M. Matlock Clerk

By B. F. Gardner DC

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