

are suitable and proper parties to take charge of and manage the estate of said testatrix and execute said instrument according to the terms thereof; and that under the terms of last will testament my bond is required of them as such executors it is therefore by the court ordered, adjudged and decreed and the court doth order, adjudge and decree that letters testamentary on the estate of the said testatrix be granted unto the said petitioners on their severally taking the oath by the statute in this behalf prescribed.

And the said Charles A. Kincaid Sr., Spencer Montgomery and George Montgomery appeared in open court and took said oath by the statute prescribed and the said letters testamentary were accordingly issued unto them.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December A.D. 1869

Wm. Cunningham Judge

Last Will and Testament of Richard Winters, decd.

Canton Miss. 29<sup>th</sup> 1860  
 My last Will and Testament of Richard Winters State of Mississippi - Madison County. I wish all my just debts to be paid a few only of which exist, as I owe no large amounts to any one. a few store of that all, After my debts are paid & all funeral expenses I will my entire estate personal & Real to my wife Sallie Winters, with the request that Hattie Walker shall always have an ample support, and in case of marriage such assistance in starting in life as my wife shall deem best & advisable. If my Mother needs anything I know my wife will supply her. If my wife dies proper to marry again I especially request she shall before such an event provide for Hattie liberally and also my Mother & all others dependent on my kindness & charity. I appoint my wife Sallie Winters my executrix without security and hope & expect Mrs. W. Georgan & W. A. Steele will render every assistance she may need in winding up my estate. I have made some special bequest of Wm. Georgan which I wish him to attend to. I give the subjoined list of assets which I am possessed of & hereby will

|                        |                      |            |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Pike Lapeyre & Brother | N.O. Gold            | \$18000.00 |
| Couch & Georgan        | about                | 9200.00    |
| "                      | Gauntbarko about     | 3000.00    |
| Pike Lapeyre & Brother | collections (about)  | 1800.00    |
| Conrad Kay & Co        | (old account)        | 2000.00    |
| "                      | 103 bales Cotton     | -          |
| Arkansas Lands         | 3000 Acres           | -          |
| Madison Land           | Section 13 640 Acres | -          |

House & Lot, Banking Office & Lot  
 Odd Villars Hall Stock \$600.00  
 Rail Road Stock & Bonds 200 Bonds, Stock 67 Shares  
 in the office of Rail Road not taken out at Water valley. Bills & receipts  
 & accounts can all be found in my Portfolio.  
 Special deposits with C & H. & gain will be found by  
 examination 40 acres of land near Mr. Booth's  
 place beyond my house. Besides other things which  
 have escaped my memory, but my books & papers  
 will show. Given under my hand & Seal this  
 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1860  
 Witnesses  
 David Deau Richard Hunter,  
 W. M. C. Jones  
 Mountfort Jones

Being now in feeble health, but of sound and disposing  
 mind, I, Richard Hunter do hereby declare the following to be  
 a Codicil to my last will and testament, to wit:  
 Having been engaged in the business of Banking, in Cass  
 Madison County, Mississippi, which has caused me to  
 engage in negotiating buying and selling, Bills of Exchange,  
 promissory notes &c. and to become a receiver of  
 deposits for debts of the debtors of said County, and  
 being <sup>interested</sup> to the interest of my own estate, as well as of  
 said depositors, and of debtors transacting business  
 with me as Banker as aforesaid, and having entire  
 confidence in the fidelity and business capacity of  
 Reice H. Hunter and W. A. Steele, I do therefore, here  
 make Constitute and appoint the said Reice H.  
 Hunter & W. A. Steele the executors of this Codicil by  
 my last Will, and request that at no stage shall  
 any bond be required of my said executors, and  
 my said executors are hereby vested with full power  
 and are expressly directed to conduct said busi-  
 ness of Banking according to their own best  
 judgment with a view to its being wound up and  
 concluded at such time as they can be done  
 in the judgment of my said executors of this Cod-  
 icil, in the usual course of Banking so as best  
 to promote and subserve the interest of my  
 Estate, after my death, as well as of those doing  
 business with me ————— as aforesaid, my  
 said Executors may receive and pay out deposits,  
 collect debts due to me as Banker as aforesaid  
 and in short do every act as my Executors in  
 conducting assets and paying liabilities of my said  
 Banking business, and in ever other way in their  
 judgment right and proper in the liquidation



and final adjustment of and settlement of said  
Banking business, within such time as in the  
Judgment of said Executors the same can  
safely be done with a view to the interest of said  
said Executors may also employ such Clerk or  
Clerks in said business as may in their Judgment  
be necessary, and at such reasonable Salary or  
Salaries as they may think best to aid them in the  
adjustment and settlement of said, my said  
Executors are also empowered and authorized  
to Close and settle all balances with my Corres-  
ponding Banks and individuals, pertaining to  
my said Banking business, to execute drafts and  
checks, and give receipts, and as aforesaid to do  
and perform an and every act pertaining to said  
business, as their Judgment may dictate with a  
view to its final adjustment and settlement as  
aforesaid, The profits and balance in hand per-  
taining to said Banking business, to fall into my Estate  
and to be appropriated in conformity with the directions  
of my last Will herebefore made and executed, after the  
closing up and settlement of said Banking business  
as aforesaid. Signed Sealed, published, and declared  
as the Codicil to the last Will & Testament of Richard  
Winter this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1870.

Richard Winter (Seal)

by S. D. Calhoun

I, the undersigned hereby attest and Certify that the  
 foregoing was declared by said Richard Winter as a  
 Codicil to his last will and testament and that the  
 same was signed with his name, by S. D. Calhoun  
 at the special request of said Winter, and that the  
 same was so signed in his presence and in the  
 presence of each of the undersigned, on this July  
 12<sup>th</sup> 1870, Signed by us in the presence of the said  
 testator Richard Winter, and at his request, and in  
 the presence of each other this July 13<sup>th</sup> 1870

C. B. Alloway

A. H. Ford

A. H. Cope

In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament  
and Codicil of Richard Winter deceased.

Be it remembered that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1870  
there was presented in open Court a Certain instru-  
ment purporting to be the last will and testame-  
nt of Richard Winter deceased, purporting to be signed

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by him, and attested by David Deau, W.M.C. Jones  
and Mantfort Jones, and purporting to have been  
dated July 29<sup>th</sup> 1866, and that there was also found  
in an open book a certain instrument of writing  
purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will and testam-  
ent of the said Richard Winters deceased, to have been  
signed and sealed by the said Richard Winters by  
S.D. Galhoun on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1870, and  
that they attested by C. B. Gallaway, A. H. Ford and  
A. H. Cager and thereafter came into open Court  
David Deau, and Mantfort Jones two of the subscri-  
bers witnesses to said last will and testament  
and also John H. Georgetown, Frankline Smith and  
O. M. B. S. all of whom were duly sworn and  
testified in open Court, as follows. The said David  
Deau testified that he subscribed said instrument  
purporting to be said last will and testament  
as a witness thereto, at the request of the said Richard  
Winters, who said it was his Will and he wanted  
him - said Deau to witness it as such, and that  
he also saw the said Mantfort Jones subscribe  
said instrument as a witness upon a like  
request of said Winters upon a like declaration  
and that he said Deau and said Mantfort Jones  
subscribed the same as witnesses as aforesaid in the pres-  
ence of said Winters, and in the presence of each other, but  
said Deau does not remember to have seen the other sub-  
scribing witness to said instrument the said W.M.C.  
Jones subscribe said Will. The said Deau also testifi-  
ed that said Richard Winters at the date of the declaration  
and request aforesaid, was of sound and disposing  
mind and memory, more than twenty one years of age  
and a resident Citizen of Madison County Mississippi  
and that he died a resident Citizen of said County  
and State. That said W.M.C. Jones is now dead. The  
said Mantfort Jones testified that the said Richard  
Winters declared said instrument his last will and  
testament and requested him the said Mantfort  
Jones and the said David Deau, and the said W.M.C.  
Jones, to subscribe the same as witnesses thereto,  
and that he and the said Deau and the said W.M.C.  
Jones attesting witnesses to said instrument, each  
subscribed the same at the request of said Richard  
Winters, in the presence of said Richard Winters, and  
in the presence of each other. That said W.M.C. Jones  
a subscribing witness to said instrument is now  
dead. That at the date of the declaration and request  
of said Richard Winters, as aforesaid, he the s

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Walter was a resident Citizen of Madison County  
Mississippi (and continued to be such to the time of  
his death) of sound and disposing mind and memory  
and more than twenty one years of age. Said John  
H. Ferguson and Franklin Smith testified that  
they had often seen said Richard Walter write  
and were familiar with his handwriting, and that all  
of said instrument purporting to be his last Will  
was written wholly by him the said Richard Walter  
and that the signature thereto is the veritable and  
genuine Signature of said Richard Walter, and the  
said Messrs. M. B. Bride testified that they had often seen  
the said W. M. to James write, was familiar with his  
handwriting, and that his signature as a witness  
to said will is his true and veritable signature.  
Came also into Court C. B. Galloway, A. H. Ford  
and A. H. Caze, the subscribing witnesses to said  
instrument in writing purporting to be a Codicil to  
the last will and testament of said Richard Walter  
deceased, and S. S. Colhoon, all of whom were duly sworn  
in open Court, and testified, as follows, The said  
Galloway, the said Caze, these two being attendant  
physicians upon the said Walter in his last illness  
and the said Ford respectively testified that they  
saw the said S. S. Colhoon sign and seal said  
instrument purporting to be said Codicil in the name  
of said Richard Walter, at the special request of said  
Walter, and that said Walter declared in their presence  
that the same was the Codicil to his last Will and testa-  
ment and signed as such on said July 12<sup>th</sup> 1870  
and that they the said C. B. Galloway, A. H. Ford and  
A. H. Caze signed the same as witnesses at the  
request of said Richard Walter, and in his presence  
and in the presence of each other, and that said  
Walter at the time of such declaration and request, and  
several signatures as aforesaid was of sound and  
disposing mind, more than twenty one years of age  
and a resident Citizen of Madison County, Mississippi  
where he had a mansion house and usual place  
of residence and that he died a Citizen of said County  
and State, a few days thereafter, at his mansion house  
in said County, & his usual place of residence, and  
the said S. S. Colhoon testified that he signed the  
name of the said Richard Walter to said instrument  
purporting to be this Codicil as aforesaid, on  
the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1870, and affixed the seal  
thereto at the bedside of the said Richard Walter, and  
at the special request of the said Walter to his own



and that the said Winter declared the same to be a Codicil to his last will and testament in his presence and in the presence of all the subscribing witnesses thereto, and that each of said witnesses subscribed the same at the request of said Winter in the presence of said Winter and of each other.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that said instrument of writing of date July 27<sup>th</sup> 1866 as aforesaid be admitted to Probate and established and is declared to be the true original last will and testament of said Richard Winter deceased, and as such be filed and recorded as required by law and that letters testamentary without bond or security issue thereon to Bonie D. Winter upon his taking the oath required by law according to the provisions of said Will, except as to the Banking business otherwise provided for by the Codicil and that said instrument of date July 12<sup>th</sup> 1870 be admitted to Probate and established, and is declared to be the true original Codicil to the last will and testament of the said Richard Winter deceased and as such be filed and recorded as required by law, and that letters testamentary issue according to the provisions of said Codicil to Rice H. Wiegler and W. A. Steele to carry out the provisions of said Codicil, upon their taking the oath required by law, without requiring bond or security.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed in open court this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1870

Sam. Young (Seal)  
Chancellor

The Last Will and Testament of  
P. B. Hoy. Deceased

State of Mississippi }  
Madison County }

In the name of God. Amen -  
I P. B. Hoy, of said County, do make public and ordain this my last Will and Testament

- Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my body shall be decently buried by the side of my beloved wife in the Cemetery at Cayton commonly called the new Gravel yard.
- Item 2<sup>nd</sup> That my Executor to be hereinafter named, shall out of such personal property as I may be possessed of pay

off and discharge my funeral Expenses, and the Medical & Drug bills during my present sickness and those that may be made in any future sickness.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and desire that J W Baughm of the City of Canton & County aforesaid shall become the Guardian of the Person and Property of my daughter and only child, Dora Hoy, and I hereby make, constitute and appoint said J W Baughm such guardian during the infancy of my said daughter.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> It is my wish and desire that my said daughter Dora, shall have an opportunity of receiving a complete thorough and accomplished Education, and to that end I request that her guardian will place her in some Institution of learning where she can acquire such an Education.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby make, constitute and appoint said J W Baughm Executor of this my last will and testament. And having full confidence in the integrity and capacity of said Baughm, it is my will and desire that the Honorable Chancery Court will not require the said Baughm to give Bond for the faithful performance of his duties as Executor as aforesaid, and further that he will not be required to give Bond for the performance of his duties as Guardian of my said daughter.

Given under my hand & seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May AD 1870 P. B. Hoy, Esq.

Signed in our presence and the presence of each other at the request of the testator P B Hoy.  
John Erickson  
Wm E Hoy

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of P B Hoy deceased.  
Upon reading and filing the petition of J W Baughm for Probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of P B Hoy late a resident of this County deceased, and for letters testamentary thereon and on taking and reading, the testimony of William E Hoy and John Erickson subscribing witnesses thereto, the Court after hearing all the proofs submitted, and considering the same being now satisfied, that said instrument is fully and legally established, as the true and original last Will and testament of the said P B Hoy deceased, and that the said P B Hoy was on the day of the date of said Will of lawful age to devise, and of sound and disposing mind and memory and in law entitled to make said Will. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed, that the said instrument in writing be admitted to Probate

and recorded, as the true and original last will and testament of the said P B Roy, deceased, And it is further ordered and decreed that letters testamentary of said Last Will and Testament be granted to James W Baughm, on his taking the oath prescribed by the Statute, and that a warrant of Appraisement issue in this behalf according to the Statute.  
Ordered, adjudged & decreed this July 19<sup>th</sup> 1870 Signed in Open Court

Sam Young Seal  
Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of  
John B Jenkins Deceased

Madison County }  
State of Mississippi } Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1870

In the name of God, Amen I, John Bate Jenkins of the County of Madison being of sound mind, memory and understanding do make, publish & declare this my last will & testament in form following to wit,

I give my body to the dust, my soul to God who gave it, my property or worldly Estate I dispose of as follows:  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I wish all of my personal property sold and all of my just debts paid or settled.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> After my personal property is sold and debts paid whatever is left I wish to be divided equally among my four (4) children James W Jenkins, Charles Jenkins, William H Jenkins & John B Jenkins

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby appoint my friends J G Fellows & W W Rucker of said County Executors of this my last will & testament

John B Jenkins Seal

Signed, sealed, published, and declared, in the presence of, the testator, and in the presence of each other, who at the request of the testator signed the same as witnesses thereto

As above dated

A R. Mary  
W W Rucker

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing }  
purporting to be the last Will and testament of }  
John B Jenkins, Deceased. }

and filing the petition, duly verified of J G Fellows for probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the last Will and Testament of John B Jenkins }  
Upon reading



deceased, late a resident of this County, and for letters testamentary thereupon. and on taking and reading the testimony of A B Macy & W Ruckew subscribing witnesses, adduced & preferred and submitted, and maturely considering the same, being now satisfied that said instrument is fully and legally established as the true and original last will and testament of the said John B Jenkins deceased; and that the said John B Jenkins was on the day of the date of said will that is to say, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September A D 1870 of lawful age to devise, and of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, and of right and in law entitled to make said Will. It is thereupon considered, ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and recorded, as the true and original last will and testament of the said John B Jenkins deceased. And it is further considered, ordered, and decreed, in opinion of the said J P Fellows, that letters Testamentary of said last Will and Testament be granted to the said J P Fellows & W Ruckew, upon their taking the oath prescribed by the Statute, and entering into bond in the sum of Four thousand Dollars with J Gilman and C B Galloway as their sureties.

Ordered, adjudged, and decreed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1870 in Vacation

J P Jeffery  
 Clary Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of Benjamin F Bowling Deceased.

In the name of God, Amen: I Benjamin F Bowling being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will & Testament; hereby revoking all former Wills.

1<sup>st</sup> I will and desire that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my dear Wife, Mrs Betty Bowling all my property, real, personal and mixed, and of every nature & kind, subject only to a qualification hereinafter mentioned. viz. I will and desire that all my property in first place shall go to my wife as aforesaid, but if there should be born to my wife, a child or children within nine months after my death, I then will and devise my property as follows, two thirds of all my property absolutely to my wife, Mrs Betty Bowling the remaining one third to said child or children born as aforesaid.

3<sup>rd</sup> In the event of the death of said child or children, mentioned in Article 2<sup>nd</sup> unmarried, or married leaving no lawful issue

the one third part so left to said child or children, to go absolutely to my said wife. Meaning hereby in the first place, to bequeath all my property to my wife, but in the event of the birth of a child or children within nine months after my death, two thirds of said property to my wife, and one third to said child or children, the Mother to be sole kin to said child or children should said child or children die without leaving lawful issue.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and desire that if a child or children should be born to my wife as aforesaid, that my wife shall be guardian of the person & estate of said child or children and I hereby appoint her such guardian in this, my last Will.

5<sup>th</sup> I will and desire that my wife, Mrs Betty Bowling and W. O. Harrison be and they are hereby appointed executors of this, my last will and testament and that said executors be not required to give bond on taking out letters of administration.

6<sup>th</sup> I will and desire that my present business the Pease Hotel & my Plantation be both carried on the same as if I was living in for and during the year 1870, and I hereby authorize and empower my said executors or their successors, to do and perform any and every act necessary and proper to be done to carry out this request as herein expressed in Article 6<sup>th</sup> after the close of the present year. Leave it discretionary with my said executors, as they shall deem it best for the interests of my estate, to continue said business or not.

7<sup>th</sup> I will and desire, and hereby give full power and authority to my said executors, or their successors, full power to purchase any real or personal estate or both, whenever they shall deem it to the interest of my estate, or to sell any part thereof, to give receipts, deeds or other necessary papers or papers requisite for this purpose, hereby conferring upon my said executors, or their successors, full power and authority to purchase or sell whenever they shall deem it to the interest of my estate.

8<sup>th</sup> Should a child or children be born to my wife within nine months after my death, I wish that no bond be required of my wife as guardian of said child or children -  
Witness my hand & seal this 24<sup>th</sup> July 1870 Benj F Bowling Esq

Witnessed by  
B. J. Sumner  
E. A. Sumner  
David Piogree

State of Mississippi }  
Madison County }

Chancery Court  
July Term 1870

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of B. F. Bowling deceased.

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This cause coming on this day to be heard and considered by the Court on the Petition of William O Harrison & Bettie Bowling accompanied by an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will & testament of said Bowling deceased praying for the admission to Probate of said instrument in writing as the last will & testament of B F Bowling deceased and the grant unto them of letters testamentary thereon & it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court here now that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February A D 1870 said B F Bowling made, published and declared the instrument of writing now before the Court produced to be his last will and testament & that the said B F Bowling was at that date of sound & disposing mind & memory over the age of twenty one years and entitled under the laws to make said will & testament & that said B F Bowling has since said date departed this life & that he was at the date of his death a citizen of Madison County in the State of Mississippi & that the greater part of his personal estate was located in said County and State at the date of his death, it is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed that said instrument in writing purporting to be the last will & testament of B F Bowling deceased be & the same is hereby decreed & declared to be the true, original last will & testament of said Bowling deceased & is ordered to be recorded as such last will & testament. And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that petitioners are in said last will & testament nominated & appointed Executor & Executrix thereof without bond or security - and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said petitioners are suitable & proper parties to have charge & management of the Estate of said Bowling deceased it is therefore ordered by the Court that letters testamentary on said last will & testament be & the same are hereby granted unto the said William O Harrison & the said Bettie Bowling on their taking the oath by the Statute in this behalf prescribed. And the said William O Harrison & Bettie Bowling having appeared & taken the said oath letters testamentary were accordingly issued unto them  
Ordered, adjudged & decreed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July A D 1870  
Dany Young  
Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth J. Lott  
Deceased.

In the name of God, Amen. I Elizabeth J. Lott of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi. Being of sound mind, memory and understanding do make, publish and declare this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all prior wills, in form following to wit: I give my body to the dust, and my soul to God, who gave it, My property or worldly



Estate I dispose of as follows.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give to Elisha Lott the portrait of his grand father Emory. The large Mahogany Bed Case, the bed six common chairs, one common plain bedstead & bed.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give to John B Lott my Mahogany Side Board and one Feather Bed.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give to Bessie Lott my wardrobe and one Side Saddle.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my namesake Elizabeth J Lott my large Selzer Saddle and one Ladies Side Saddle.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give to Martha R Whithead two Feather Beds, my old Rocking Chair and two Combs and Colours or my silver plated Castors which ever she may prefer.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give to Mrs Elizabeth Howcast one Feather Bed, in addition to what she has already received & conveyed away this being all that I wish her to receive of my estate.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give to Mrs E V Dickson one Rocking Chair.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I give to Eliza J Lott my French Bed Stead with the mattress & Feather bed and Bed covering attached with a safe parlor Carpet & parlor Chair.

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give to my servant, colored woman Nunda Lott one Cow & Calf if in the opinion of W B Lott she is worthy of receiving it.

Item 10<sup>th</sup> I give to W B Lott my Stock of Cattle & Horses & Sheep Oxen and all the Residue of my Home hold & Kitchen Furniture of every kind and Description not otherwise disposed of by this will including Hauls & Ware ware also one mule & what corn I may have & what ever money I may die possessed of as he is expected to provide for me while living pay my debts after my decease.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint W B Lott my Executor and request that no Bond or security be required of him by the Court.

Elizabeth J Lott Exec

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other at the request of the Testatrix signed the same as witness thereto this December the 6<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Witness by W M White  
N J Rimmer  
Thomas Ward

In the matter of the Estate of Elizabeth J Lott deceased.

The petition of W B Lott praying that a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth J Lott, deceased, be admitted to probate, and for the grant of letters Testamentary.

upon the same, coming on this day to be heard upon  
said petition, said writing, the Evidence of Wm White, Thomas  
Ward and N P Rimmer, subscribing witnesses thereto, and  
it appearing that said decedent departed this life on  
the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1870. that she was at the time  
of the execution of said writing to wit the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1869  
a resident citizen of the County of Madison, State of Mississippi  
and was of full age over the age of twenty one years and of  
sound and disposing mind; that at said time she pub-  
lished & declared said writing to be her last Will and Testament  
that she signed the same as such in the presence of said  
Wm White, Thomas Ward & N P Rimmer. that said parties  
are credible witnesses and that each of them attested  
the same at her request and in the presence of each other  
And it appearing further that said W B Latt was appointed  
by said writing to be the Executor of the same, without  
bonds and security, that said W B Latt is over the age  
of eighteen years, of sound mind capable of making  
a contract, and has never been convicted of an infamous  
crime.

It is thereupon ordered adjudged and decreed  
that said instrument of writing be and the same is  
hereby fully established as the last Will and Testament  
of the said decedent, and that the same be admitted to  
probate, and it is further ordered that letters Testamentary  
upon the same, be granted unto the said W B Latt, without  
bond and security, upon his taking the oath prescribed by  
Law for the faithful discharge of the duties as such.  
Ordered, adjudged and decreed the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October  
A.D. 1870

J. J. Jeffery Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Henry Seimer  
Decedent.

Know all men by these presents that I Henry Seimer of  
the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being in good  
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 before made.

First I hereby direct that all of my just debts and funeral  
Expenses, and the legacies herein after given shall be paid out  
of my Estate as soon after my death as it is practicable  
to settle up my said Estate.

Second. After the payment of my said debts and funeral  
Expenses I give and bequeath to my faithful servant  
Rosetta one Hundred dollars (\$100.) to be paid to her  
by my legal representative as soon as my Estate can be



settled up.

Third I give bequest and devise to the three daughters Mary Decker Elizabeth Daily and Margaret A Daily of my niece Mrs Margaret Noonan deceased formerly Margaret Daily late of Christ County and State of Arkansas all the residue of my Estate consisting of Money and Personal and real Property to be divided amongst them Equally that is to say, to the said Mary J Daily I give bequest and devise the one third part of all the said residue of my estate both real and Personal, to the said Elizabeth Daily I give bequest and devise one third part of all the said residue of my said Estate both real and Personal and to the said Margaret A Daily I give bequest and devise the remaining one third part of all my Estate both real and Personal.

Fourth. It is my desire that all my Property in Madison County in the State of Mississippi both real and Personal to be sold as soon after my death as the Probate Court of said Madison County may deem best in order that a division of the funds arising from the proceeds of the sale thereof may be made and the same paid over to my said legates according to my directions herein before given.

In testimony whereof I hereunto authorize my hand and seal to be set by one of the subscribing witnesses hereto D B Scarborough and I publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Five

Henry Seimur E. Seal

By D B Scarborough

Signed and sealed by D B Scarborough one of the subscribing witnesses for the said Henry Seimur at his request and published and declared by the said Henry Seimur 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 subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

D B Scarborough

John D Hogan

Bartholomew Alsop.

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Henry Seimur, deceased Miss Feby Form 1870.

The Petition of

Praying for Probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Seimur, deceased coming on this day to be heard & considered upon said petition upon the depositions of D B Scarborough, Bartholomew Alsop who are subscribing witnesses to said instrument & the proofs in said case taken and it appearing to the satisfaction



of the Court that said witnesses, who are residents of the County of Chicot in the State of Arkansas, personally appeared before John F. Lewis an Acting and duly Commissioned Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1869, and made oath that said D. B. Scarborough signed said instrument of writing, by the direction of & in the presence of the said Henry Blinn, deceased, & in the name of said deceased, annexed to the Commission heretofore issued from this Court to said John F. Lewis to take the depositions of said witnesses, that said deceased was of sound & disposing mind at the time of the signing of said instrument, and that said witnesses subscribed their names thereto in the presence, and by the request of said deceased, and it appearing further to the Court that said deceased was domiciled in the County of Madison State of Mississippi at the time of his death, and was of lawful age to devise, to wit, of the age of 21 Years, & that said instrument is attested by three credible witnesses: it is thereupon ordered, adjudged & decreed that said instrument of writing be admitted to Probate and recorded as the true & original last will & testament of the said Henry Blinn, deceased.

Ordered, adjudged & decreed the 5 day of March 1870.

H. Ben Cunningham  
Probate Judge  
Madison Co.

The Last Will and Testament of  
Edwin H. Coleman, Deceased.

I, Edwin H. Coleman of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind, and memory do make public and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid with set amount spent after my decease, and that my personal estate shall in the first place be applied in payment, satisfaction and discharge of said debts and funeral expenses to my wife, E. J. Coleman and Miss V. Coleman, I give and bequeath the dwelling house, wherein I now reside and which I now occupy with the outbuildings, household and kitchen furniture, and also the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit, being in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi known as the South East quarter of Section Twenty Seven, and the West half of South West quarter of Section Twenty Six, sit in Township Two Range Three East containing two (2) hundred and forty acres in which the above named dwelling house is situated.

And I hereby constitute and appoint — of this my last Will and Testament, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day of 2<sup>d</sup> Feb. A. D. 1871.

Edwin H. Coleman. Seal.

Signed, Sealed and published by the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in our presence at his request and in the presence of each other, and so by us witnessed on the day of the date thereof

J. S. Farmer.  
F. D. Coleman.

The State of Mississippi }  
Madison County }

Chancery Court. July Term. A.D. 1871.

personally appeared in open Court this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1871. J. S. Farmer and F. D. Coleman subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Edwin H. Coleman deceased, which said instrument was for file in said Court, who being severally sworn depose and say, that they saw Edwin H. Coleman sign said instrument in writing here now produced, that he the said Edwin H. Coleman published and declared to them that he made and intended said instrument for his last will and Testament and that they each of them signed said instrument as subscribing witnesses thereto at his instance and request and in his presence and in the presence of each other said witnesses were sworn and depose, that said Edwin H. Coleman was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, over the age of twenty one year and a Citizen of Madison County, having his mansion house in said County, and having and possessing real and personal estate in said County and that said Edwin H. Coleman upon the execution of said will had no heirs at law.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court }  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July. A.D. 1871. }  
J. S. Jeffrey, Clerk }

F. D. Coleman.  
J. S. Farmer.

Recorded. July 15<sup>th</sup> 1871.

In the <sup>matter</sup> of the Estate of }  
the Will of Edwin H. Coleman dec'd }

This Cause coming on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1871 to be heard and considered by the Court upon the petition of Joseph C. Richards accompanied by an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of said Edwin H. Coleman deceased praying for the admission to probate of said instrument in writing, as the last will and Testament of Edwin H. Coleman deceased and the grant unto him of letters of administration with the will annexed, no executor being appointed by the Testator in said will and all parties in interest being desirous that said petition should be granted, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court here now that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1871 said Edwin H. Coleman made, published and declared the instrument in writing now before the Court produced, to be his last will and Testament, and that the said Edwin H. Coleman was at that date of sound and disposing mind and memory, over the age of Twenty one years and entitled under the law to make such will and Testament, and that said Edwin H. Coleman has since said date departed this life and that he was at the date of his death a Citizen of Madison County in the State of Mississippi, having a mansion house in said County and owned and possessed of real and personal estate in said County, and it also appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that there are only two witnesses to said last will and Testament and that there is no executor named or appointed in said last will and Testament, and that it is the desire of all parties in interest that said Joseph C. Richards should have the administration of said Estate, and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Edwin H. Coleman died without leaving any widow, child or single and unmarried child and that the next of kin desire the appointment of said Joseph C. Richards and as administrator, to the will annexed. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that said instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Edwin H. Coleman deceased,

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he and the same is hereby decreed and declared to be the true, original last will and testament of said Edwin W. Coleman deceased. so far as the personal estate of said Edwin W. Coleman exist or is concerned but not as to the realty and the same hereby ordered to record as such. and, it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that said Joseph C. Richards is a suitable and proper person to have charge and management of said Estate and that the estimated value of said Estate is Eight Hundred dollars. and the said Joseph C. Richards having offered to take into Bond according to law in the Sum of Eight Hundred dollars as administrator with the Will annexed of said Edwin W. Coleman with two Sureties therein to-wit: S. D. Coleman and S. J. Coleman, which said sureties are hereby approved of by the Court, therefore the Court doth further order and decree that letters of administration with the Will annexed on the Estate of said Edwin W. Coleman he and the same are hereby granted to the said Joseph C. Richards upon his executing bond with the Sureties aforesaid and in the penalty aforesaid and upon his taking the oath by the Statute in this behalf prescribed and the said Joseph C. Richards having executed said Bond and taken said oath Letters of Administration with the Will annexed of Edwin W. Coleman deceased were accordingly issued to said Joseph C. Richards. Given under my hand and Seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July. A.D. 1871.

Sam Young  
Chancellor

### Last Will and Testament of Jesse Averitt - Decreed.

The Last Will and Testament of Jesse Averitt of Low County, and State of Florida

In the name of God, Amen! Jesse Averitt of the County of Low and State of Florida do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I have signed my name and being to God who grant it and my body to the earth, to be lawfully interred without obsequies. And so to such earthly things as I have bequeathed to be interred in the earth, as to which I have bequeathed at the time of my death. I do will, bequeath and dispose of the same in manner following:  
First. I do direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as may be found convenient and practicable.  
Second. I do hereby appoint my daughter Harriet Louise Averitt, Trustee for my son Walter W. Averitt, his wife and their children, now to be born or to be born: and it is my will and desire that the portion of my estate which which would otherwise fall and go to the said Harriet be vested in the said Harriet Louise in fee simple forever: and that she possess, control and manage the same subject nevertheless to the express trust, that she apply the proceeds, rents, issues and profits thereof as far as may be necessary to the support and maintenance of the said Walter his wife and his said children, and the education of the latter and that the surplus of said rents issues & profits be accumulated for the benefit of said wife and children and that on the death of the said Walter, the said trust do terminate and that thereafter said trust property with all accumulations thereof, be distributed and divided between his widow and children in accordance with the laws of Florida now in force on the distribution of the estate of intestates. The foregoing trust is however created subject nevertheless to the following express conditions, that it shall be subject to the discretion of the said Trustee that should she at any time hereafter, consider it consistent with the best interest of the beneficiaries, to terminate said trust, she is hereby authorized and empowered so to do and by and she is executed to carry said trust property and all accumulations thereof, by absolute title to

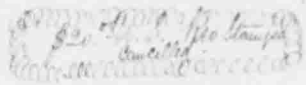


Said Walter. Third. It is my will and desire that so much of my estate as shall remain after the payment of my just debts be divided into four equal portions and I do give and bequeath one of said portions to my said daughter Harriet Louisa for herself in fee simple absolute, one of said portions to her as trustee (as aforesaid) for my son Walter, his wife and children, one of said portions to my son James L. Devitt and another, and the last of said portions to my grandson John P. Devitt, the portions to be paid James and the said John to them in fee simple absolute. But inasmuch as I have heretofore made considerable advancements to the said James the said Walter, and to the father of the said John in his life time, it is my will and testament that each and every of said portions whosoever that should and bequeathed to my said daughter for her own benefit be subject to deduction to the extent of the amount of said advancements. The advancements heretofore made to my son Walter are evidenced by certain promissory notes and mortgages of his to me now in my possession. Lastly I do hereby make manifest and apparent my daughter Harriet Louisa executor of this my last will as to so much of my estate as is a way, to wit: to the said James L. Devitt, Executor of the same, as to so much thereof as may be due to the said James L. Devitt.

In witness whereof, Jesse Devitt the testator hereunto has set his hand and seal this 10th day of December, A.D. 1870.

Jesse Devitt

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Jesse Devitt as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed the names as witnesses hereto in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other.



F. A. Boyd,  
W. F. Boyd,  
W. S. Boyd.

Filed in my Office this 10th day of December, A.D. 1870.

J. F. Bernard,

County Judge

State of Florida }  
County of Leon }  
I personally appeared before me, J. F. Bernard, Judge of the County of Leon, State of Florida, the said Jesse Devitt, who being duly sworn to and being that Jesse Devitt did in his presence, sign, seal and publish the foregoing paper relating to his last will and testament and that he, the said witness, signed the same as a subscribing witness at the office of said testator; and that the said testator signed said paper relating to his last will and testament in the presence of said F. A. Boyd, who likewise signed said paper relating to his last will and testament in the presence of said testator, and also in the presence of the other witnesses and that to verify the same said paper relating to his last will and testament of said testator.

Witness to and subscribed before me this 10th day of December 1870.

J. F. Bernard,  
County Judge

F. A. Boyd.

State of Florida }  
County of Leon }  
Court of probate.

The Last Will and Testament of Jesse Devitt having been proved before me, in due form of law by the F. A. Boyd one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: It is ordered that the same be allowed as proved and admitted to record. 20th Dec. 1870.

J. F. Bernard,  
County Judge.

State of Florida }  
County of Leon }  
I personally appeared Harriet Louisa Devitt, Executrix named, in

the Last Will of Jesse Covitt, deceased, who being duly sworn, declared and says that he will well and truly perform the said last Will: will pay all the just debts of said Testator as far as his assets will extend and the law directs; and dispose of the residue of said Estate according to the Will of such Testator and render a true account of her Executorship when thereto legally required.

Witness my hand and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of December 1870.

J. T. Howard  
County Judge

H. Louisa Covitt.

State of Florida  
County of Leon

H. Louisa Covitt Executor named in the last will of Jesse Covitt deceased, having come in and qualified as Executor of said last Will, it is ordered that this Testamentary do issue to the said H. Louisa Covitt. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1870.

Filed 21<sup>st</sup> December, A. D. 1870.

J. T. Howard. County Judge

County Judge

State of Florida  
County of Leon

J. T. Howard Judge of the County of Leon in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Jesse Covitt late of said County deceased and also of all claims relative to the estate of the same and the qualifications of the Executor and that the said will and Executor have been duly filed and recorded in my office.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto  
my hand and official seal of office this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of February, A. D. 1871.

J. T. Howard.  
County Judge

### The Last Will and Testament of W. G. Thompson decd.

In the name of God Amen, I William G. Thompson of Madison County State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and memory do publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made: —

I leave 1<sup>st</sup> It is my wish and Will that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be named.

I leave 2<sup>nd</sup> I hereby will and devise the rest and residue of the Estate, both real and personal of which I may die seized and possessed and all my claims in action and rights to property to John and Helen, Children of Amelia Jefferson a freed woman now living on my place near Canton in said County to be used and enjoyed by them as a Joint Estate until the younger shall come of age, the proceeds to go to their joint and common benefit until they become of age, the real estate unless sold until they are of age; and as soon as they are both of age it is my will, desire and direction that the said land be divided between the above named John and Helen equally with due regard to quantity and quality and that all my personal property then remaining shall also be equally divided between the said John and Helen — and it is further my will and desire that if the said John or Helen should die before the younger shall arrive at age, the Survivors shall have and enjoy all the property real and personal hereby devised —

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> But it is nevertheless my will and desire that the said Amelia the Mother of said John and Helen shall have and receive from my said Estate a comfortable support and living during her natural life or so long as she may choose to live on the place now occupied by me, which living and support, my executor is requested and directed to furnish to her from my Estate with due regard to economy and the preservation of the rights of the above named devisees.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> It is further my will and desire that none of the wood or timber on my said land shall be sold unless it shall become absolutely necessary for the maintenance and support of said devisees or their said Mother and that said wood and timber be only used as far as shall be necessary for fuel and the keeping up of the improvements on the place.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that the Probate Court or any other Court having jurisdiction in the matters of Wills and Estates of decedents shall have jurisdiction over my estate only as far as to make the probate of my will, appoint an Executor or Administrator and qualify him, and request him to make publications to creditors and that my executor be relieved from the necessity of making any annual accounts or filing any inventory unless an application of a creditor, or one of the above named devisees in which event it is my wish that the Court shall entertain the application it being my desire simply to save my estate from the expense of inventory and annual accountings.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Joseph C. Richards as my Executor requesting that he shall not be required to give either bond or security.  
Signed under my hand and Seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1870

W. F. Thompson

The foregoing writing was subscribed by the Testator in our presence and by him declared to be his Last Will and Testament, and each of us in his presence and at his request and in presence of each other subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March A. D. 1870.

Filed for Record this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept A. D. 1871  
Recorded Sept 19<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1871

J. V. Fitchett  
Peter Brown  
W. S. Bailey

Decree probating the Will of W. F. Thompson.

In Vacatino.

{ Chancery Court of Madison County in the State of Mississippi. September 18<sup>th</sup> 1871.

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William F. Thompson deceased.  
Upon reading and filing the petition duly verified of Joseph C. Richards for probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the last will and Testament of William F. Thompson deceased, late a resident of this County, and for Letters Testamentary thereupon and on taking and reading the Testimony of J. V. Fitchett, Peter Brown and William S. Bailey, subscribing witnesses thereto. The Court after hearing all and singular the proofs and allegations adduced, preferred and submitted and maturely considering the same



being now satisfied that said instrument is fully and legally established as the true and original last will and Testament of the said William G. Thompson deceased and that the said William G. Thompson was on the day of the date of said will that is to say on the Thirty first day of March A.D. 1870 of lawful age to devise and of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, and of right and in law entitled to make said will. It is therefore considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and recorded as the true and original last will and Testament of the said William G. Thompson deceased, in witness whereof the said Joseph C. Richards that letters Testamentary of said last will and Testament be granted to him the said Joseph C. Richards on his taking the oath prescribed by the Statute and it being expressly provided in said last will and Testament that neither Bond or Security shall be required to be given by said Joseph C. Richards as Executor and no inventory to be returned to this Court and the Court being satisfied from the proofs in the cause that there are no or no debts due by the said William G. Thompson deceased except of funeral expenses and costs incurred in the last illness of the said Deceased it is considered and further decreed by the Court that the said Joseph C. Richards for the present shall act in his capacity of Executor of said William G. Thompson deceased without executing any bond giving any security or returning any inventory of the goods chattels, rights and credits of said William G. Thompson deceased.

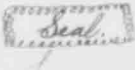
Ordered, Decreed and enrolled on the Records of the Probate Court of Madison County this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of September A.D. 1871. C. S. Jeffrey Ck.

The Last Will and Testament of Kate Lindemann.

Filed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1869

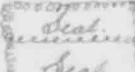
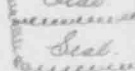

State of Mississippi }  
 County of Madison }  
 I, Kate Lindemann of the County of Madison, being of sound mind, memory and understanding do make publish and declare this my last will and Testament in full following, to-wit;

I give to my Husband Louis Lindemann all my right title and interest of and in any distributive share of the property of which my late husband died possessed, to-wit. N<sup>o</sup> 21 E<sup>o</sup> 1/2 N<sup>o</sup> 21 1/4 less 10 acres out of the N. E. Corner W<sup>o</sup> 1/2 S. E. 1/4 Sect. 23 T. 9. R. 2. E. 110 acres & Lot 4 Sqr 2. 40 feet front on Canton with the improvements &c. thereunto belonging.

Kate Lindemann. 

Signed, Sealed, published and declared in the presence of the Testator and in presence of each other who at the request of the testator, signed the same as witnesses thereto.

This, the sixteenth day of August A.D. 1869.

F. Petersen   
 A. Schultze   
 C. P. Burne 

Chancery Court of }  
Madison County. }

In Vacation  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1870.

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing }  
purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of }  
Kate Lindemann, Deceased. }

Upon reading and filing the petition duly  
verified of Louis Lindemann for Probate of a  
certain instrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the Last Will and Testament of Kate  
Lindemann deceased, late a resident of this County, and on taking and reading the testimony of  
H. Petersen, A. Schultze & G. P. Bunnie, subscribing witnesses, adduced, preferred and sub-  
mitted, and maturely considering the same being now satisfied that said instrument is fully  
and legally established as the true and original last Will and Testament of the said Kate  
Lindemann deceased. And that the said Kate Lindemann was on the day of the date  
of said Will, that is to say, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1870, of lawful age to devise  
and of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding and of right and in law entitled  
to make said Will. It is thereupon considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the  
said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and recorded as the true and original last  
Will and Testament of the said Kate Lindemann deceased.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, A.D. 1870.

J. S. Jeffries  
Chancery Clerk.

## Last Will and Testament of Lucas Vanarsdell

Lake County, Mississippi }  
July the Third the Year of }  
our Lord one thousand }  
eight hundred and sixty two }

I Lucas Vanarsdell con-  
sidering the uncertainty of human events and know-  
ing that at some time death will visit all cre-  
ated mortals think proper to make my last will  
and Testament. I hereby create my wife Catherine  
Vanarsdell my sole and only Executor but not  
to give any bond or security as such of this my  
last Will and Testament after the payment  
of all of my just debts. I wish my wife the  
said Catherine to have and control all of  
the goods, chattels, effects, lands and tenements  
of which I may die seized and possessed, to  
have hold and control the same as to her  
seemeth proper during her natural life or wid-  
owhood. As our children grow up and mar-  
ry or settle to themselves and my wife the  
said Catherine so do and keep a full and  
accurate account of the same, with a view to

an equal distribution among them In case that the said Catherine should think proper to marry again and does marry then and in that case it is my will that the above foregoing Ie and the same is hereby made null and void and in that event I wish all of the effects of which I may die seized after payment of my just debts to be divided according to law between my said wife Catherine and all of our Children.

signed and sealed the day and date above written in the presence of the subscribed witnesses

Walter Cotton }  
Robert Bain }  
F. K. Cotton }

Lucas Vanarsdel

Sep. the 7<sup>th</sup> 1867 I Lucas Vanarsdel say this will shall stand as above written I hear call on the present subscribing to witness the same  
H. Howard L. Vanarsdel  
W. D. Vanarsdel  
A. B. Vanarsdel

In the matter of the Probate of the will of Lucas Vanarsdel.

On petition of Catherine Vanarsdel and presentation of a paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Lucas Vanarsdel late of Madison County Mississippi and on satisfactory proof that the said writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lucas Vanarsdel was wholly written and subscribed by the said Lucas Vanarsdel, and was by him published and declared as his last will and testament and that the said Lucas Vanarsdel was at the time of making his said last will and testament of sound and disposing mind and memory and was more than twenty one years of age and it further appearing from the evidence adduced that the said Lucas Vanarsdel for some time before and at the time of his death had a fixed place of residence in the said County of Madison and died thereon or about the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1874. It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lucas Vanarsdel be admitted to record as the Last Will and Testament of the



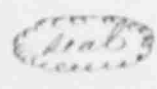
said Lucas Vanareddell and the same is hereby duly probated and established as such, and it appearing from said will that Catherine Vanareddell was by said testator named and appointed in his said will as his sole executrix of the said will and that said testator, by his said will directed that the said executrix should not be required to give bond as such. It is ordered that no bond shall be required of her but that letters testamentary be issued to her as such executrix upon her taking the oath prescribed by law in such case.

Done in vacation in the Clerk's Office of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1872  
 O. S. Jeffrey Clerk

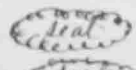
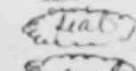
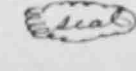
**The Last Will and Testament of Martha Smith of the County of Madison State of Mississippi**

I Martha Smith of said County & State do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament: negating any and all testamentary dispositions or Wills by me heretofore made.

I hereby devise, give & bequeath all of my property of whatsoever kind & character whether it be real, personal, or mixed rights, credits, choses in action of all kinds, movables & estate of all descriptions and kind to my Daughter Letitia Smith, whom I hereby make my sole legatee & heir to all of my estate, which I now have or may hereafter be entitled to.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my name and seal, this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October A.D. 1871.  
 Martha Smith 

Signed, sealed & published by the testatrix as her last Will & testament in our presence at her request and in the presence of each other and so by us witnessed on the date thereof

Names of Witnesses  
 R. G. Smith   
 J. Powell   
 W. H. Hines 

Probated April Term 1872 Chancery Court

My Will,  
Written with mine own hand, this 15th day 1860

Anna J Goodloe

In the first place I give my soul to ~~my~~ soul to my ever blessed Heavenly Father: Thus present in Our God, who has ever led and preserved me, and I hope will receive me into his Kingdom of peace and joy forever. My body I wish laid by my beloved husband the Rev. G. S. Goodloe and at a convenient time an iron railing over the said and a tomb or monument erected to both of us in one burial place to the last of our children.

I want my children to get some friend to assist them in dividing my property. Every cent I own I wish promptly paid. After Winter is paid for his attention to my business, I wish an equal division of all I own between my children except to Mary, I wish her to have Alice, Peter and Rosa more than the others she being older. Ned Tom must account for other negroes he has received and Francis whom he sold and after valuing them with mine receive for Mary an equal share with the others. This property I bequest to my children to use, sell and dispose of as they think proper, but if they die without children or without a will, then whatever portion of this property they die possessed of shall be divided among my other children or their children.

Mattilda must be sold and the money appropriated to the paying any money I owe or if none is owed the money must be divided with other money or property. To Hattie A. Walker I wish either purchased or selected from the plantation whichever the children prefer a maid and given to her as a token of my affection for her.

Witness  
My A. Booth  
H. & Dawson,

Anna J Goodloe

The State of Mississippi

Madison County In the Probate Court of said

(County as the March term A. D. 1866. Term of

In the matter of the instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Anna J Goodloe deceased.

It is remembered that at a term of the Probate Court begun and held at the Courthouse in and for said County on the second day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six, personally appeared H. & Dawson, one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Anna J Goodloe, who having been first duly sworn deposed and said that she signed said instrument now before the Court at the request and in the presence of said testatrix, who, published and declared the same to be her last will and testament, the deponent further stated that she was not positive as to time of said signing but thought it to have occurred about the date of said instrument, said deponent further stated that said instrument was in the hands writing of said testatrix, and that her own genuine signature was thereon affixed, and further that said testatrix was of sound mind & disposing

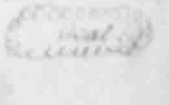
memory and over eighteen years of age.  
 And the Court here now being fully satisfied that said instrument  
 is fully and legally established as the true original last will and  
 testament of Anna G Goodloe deceased, and that the said Anna Goodloe  
 was at the date of making the same of sound mind and disposing mem-  
 ory and of lawful age to make said Will. It is therefore considered  
 ordered adjudged and decreed that said instrument of writing be  
 admitted to probate and recorded as the true original last will and  
 testament of Anna G Goodloe died, and it is further ordered adj. of C  
 and decreed on the petition of Wm G Goodloe that letters testamentary on  
 said last Will & testament be granted him upon his taking the oath  
 prescribed by the Statute and entering into bond in the sum of three thou-  
 sand dollars with H L Love & John Dawson as sureties.  
 March 13th A.D. 1866. Wm M Campbell J. C.

The State of Mississippi  
 Madison County. In the Probate Court of said County at the  
 March term A.D. 1866 then.

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing  
 purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
 Marcus Ross.  
 It is remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of the County and  
 State of said County and held at the Court House thereof on the second  
 Monday in March A.D. 1866, personally appeared in open Court, J. P. Parker

Last Will & Testament of Marcus S Ross Decd

In the name of God Amen I Marcus Ross wife of William C Ross of the County of Madison  
 and State of Mississippi do make this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all  
 by me at any time before made. I will bequeath my whole Estate both real and personal to my beloved  
 children, born of my marriage with my said husband, to wit: to them and their heirs for ever each  
 to take an equal share & part but it is my will & desire that out of the profits rents & income of my said  
 estate so much as may be necessary for the comfortable support & maintenance of my said husband &  
 my said children for the proper education of said children, be first received & applied to that purpose.  
 After the support, maintenance & education of the Deceased or survivors of them so that the said William  
 C. Ross shall receive from said fund a comfortable support for and during his natural life but no part  
 thereof shall be liable for any debt or liability contracted or to be contracted by him or his executor, if any  
 of such profits rents & income are not used such amounts as may be paid & expended for support & main-  
 tenance & education as aforesaid shall remain & continue for the use of the said children who  
 existed for their benefit or the proceeds & income of such investments to be also applied, if necessary, as aforesaid,  
 said, all taxes, assessments & charges of that kind upon said Estate to be paid out of the profits rents,  
 & income. I will and desire that my said husband shall have the possession, control & management  
 of my said estate & of the profits rents & income thereof for the use and benefit of my said children for  
 the purposes aforesaid, that he be required to give no bond or security for the performance of the trusts  
 hereby committed to him. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty eighth day  
 of July A. D. 1870.

M. S. Ross. 



The foregoing writing was this day signed and published by the said Testatrix in her presence as and for her last Will and Testament and we herewith at her request sign our names as witnesses thereof in her presence and in the presence of each other.

Wm. L. Bibb. (Witness)  
 Austin Neely. (Witness)  
 Ezekiel Watkins (Witness)

September 16<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1871.

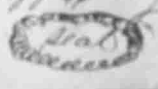
In the matter of the Estate of  
 Marion S. Ross deceased.

The petition of W. E. Ross praying that a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Marion S. Ross deceased, be admitted to probate and for the grant of letters testamentary upon the same coming on this day to be heard upon said petition, said writing the evidence of Wm. L. Bibb, Austin Neely, and Ezekiel Watkins subscribing witnesses thereto. And it appearing that said deceased departed this life after having executed said Will that she was at the time of the execution of said writing to wit; the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1870. a resident citizen of the County of Madison, State of Mississippi and was over the age of twenty-one years and of sound and disposing mind; that at the time she published and declared said writing to be her last will and testament that she signed the same as such in the presence of said Wm. L. Bibb, Austin Neely and Ezekiel Watkins that said parties are credible witnesses. And that each of them attested the same at her request and in the presence of each other, and it appearing further that said Wm. E. Ross was appointed by said writing to be the Executor of the same, without bond and security that said Wm. E. Ross is over the age of eighteen years of sound mind capable of making a contract. And has never been convicted of any infamous crime.

It is thereupon ordered, adjudged and decreed that said instrument is valid in and the same is hereby fully established as the last will and testament of the said deceased. And that the same be admitted to probate. And it is further ordered that letters testamentary upon the same be granted unto the said Wm. E. Ross without bond and security upon his taking the oath prescribed by law for the faithful discharge of the duties as such.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1871.  
 E. S. Jeffery, Clerk.

# Last Will and Testament of Milas M Cooper

In the name of God. Amen -  
 I, Milas M Cooper of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills -  
 1<sup>st</sup> I will and desire that all my just debts shall be promptly paid, and for said purpose dedicate all my property -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> After the payment of my just debts, I will and bequeath the remainder of my property except as herein otherwise disposed of to my wife, Mary S Cooper one half of the remainder & balance to my children living at the time of my death, share and share alike -  
 3<sup>rd</sup> I give grant and bequeath to my said Wife, Mary S Cooper in Trust all my law books and Office Furniture owned by me individually and all my interest in all law books and Office Furniture belonging to the firm of Stumm & Cooper, and request that she, as said Trustee upon coming into possession of same will deliver them to S. J. Stumm -  
 4<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Mary S Cooper, Testamentary Guardian of the persons of my children -  
 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint S. J. Stumm, Guardian of the Estate of said children -  
 6<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint S. J. Stumm, Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, and desire and request that he be not required to give any bond, as such Testamentary Guardian or Executor -  
 7<sup>th</sup> I hereby clothe my said Executor with full power to sell or dispose of any property of my Estate, real or personal, as he shall deem best for the interest of my estate, and on such terms as he shall consider to be the interest of said Estate to execute and deliver all necessary papers that may be required to perfect said sale or sales, without obtaining any order of Court for said sale or sales -  
 8<sup>th</sup> I hereby clothe and empower the Testamentary Guardian of my children, herein named, full authority to expend on my children or any of them, such amount of money as he shall consider necessary for their proper support, education and maintenance - if necessary to exceed their income without obtaining any order of the Court for said expenditures, over and above their income -  
 In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my name and affix my seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1872 M. M. Cooper 

Signed, in the presence of the testator  
 & in the presence of each other, he  
 signing in our presence & declaring  
 it his last Will & Testament

W. J. Masby  
 Pattie Cochran  
 Thel. H. Bailey

Probated April Term AD 1872 Chancery Court

Last Will and Testament of Martha  
 E. Wilson, deceased.

In the name of God, Amen I Martha E. Wilson  
 of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi  
 being of sound mind memory and understanding do make  
 publish and declare this my last will and Testament  
 in form following to wit. I give my body to the dust  
 and my soul to God who gave it. My property or worldly  
 Estate I dispose of as follows. I give to my husband  
 William W. Wilson all my Estate both Real and personal  
 Sept 6<sup>th</sup> AD 1871

Martha E. Wilson <sup>her</sup> <sup>mark</sup> <sup>State</sup> <sup>Execut</sup>

Signed, stated, published, and declared in the presence  
 of the testator, and in presence of each other sons at the  
 request of the testator signed the same as witnesses  
 thereto

Jackson Brown  
 Peter Whelan  
 W. B. J. Barnett

State of Mississippi  
 Madison County

I William W. Wilson do hereby  
 certify that the within last will and Testament made  
 by my wife Martha E. Wilson is approved and sanctioned  
 by me in testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and  
 Seal this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1871

Wm W. Wilson <sup>Execut</sup>

Probated May 14<sup>th</sup> 1872  
 In Vacations Order Clerk Min. P. K. page 59



Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Carrett

The Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Carrett, aged fifty two of the City of Canton County of Madison State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eliza Carrett during her natural life my lot and residence situated on Hickory Street after the death of my said wife Eliza. I will, devise and bequeath the said lot to my daughter Emma Carrett with all the appurtenances thereto belonging to her and her heirs forever.

2<sup>nd</sup> To my Son Benjamin Carrett Jr. I will, devise and bequeath my lot situated on the corner of Peace and Hickory Streets, the same purchased by me from the Estate of Joel B. Ozier with all the appurtenances thereto belonging to him and his heirs forever.

3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my brother James Carrett my Executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will and Testament, having confidence in his integrity, I do not require him to give bond or security as such Executor. I wish my Executor to manage my entire estate and carry on the same business we are now engaged in so long as he may deem it profitable and to collect all the rents owing from the lease of my property, and to pay off and discharge all my lawful debts and the remainder to go to the support of my family requesting my Executor to remain with my family and provide for their welfare.

Signed and sealed this Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1872  
By Singleton Carrett in the presence of  
the Testator and by his express direction  
Benjamin Carrett

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Benjamin Carrett in our presence and acknowledged by him, to each of us, and read to at the same time published and declared

ed the above instrument so subscribed to be his  
Last Will and Testament; and we at the testator's  
request and in his presence have signed our  
names as witnesses hereto, and written opposite  
our names our respective place of residence.

George Harvey Cauton Miss  
Jas. W. Curving " "  
Ella Burries " "  
Singleton Barrett Cauton Miss

Protested September 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1872  
In Vacation Order like Min. Book pg 69

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Last Will and Testament of Catherine A. M. Willie, dec'd.

I wish to leave my property to my dear children in the  
following manner.

To my dear daughter Lucy I give my entire Simmsasha  
plantation, excepting the Mill seat which I have disposed  
of to my dear son William.

The homestead I leave conjointly to my dear daughters  
Kate and Lucy.

The balance of my landed estate lying in the County of  
Madison I wish divided among my children, excepting  
my daughter Lucy for whom I have provided as above.

To my dear son William I have already given in fee  
simple one half section of land on my Madison place, this  
must in the distribution of the land be taken into con-  
sideration as part and parcel of his share. The balance  
of my land to be divided equally among my remaining  
children.

My silver I wish divided among my children in the  
following way.

My dear daughter Katy having already received from me  
a tea service in silver I leave to her a pair of salt cellars,  
two coasters, small silver waiter my largest plated waiter  
& butter dish and sugar spoon.

My daughter Ann having received from me a tea service in  
silver I leave to her my Spoon, and salt cellar with  
picks & my large silver cup with handle.

To my daughter Ida I leave my Turin in silver, two  
coasters, one dog fork & six large & six small  
forks, and six fruit knives.

To my daughter Lucy I leave my Grand mother's  
set of silver & one tea pot, a sugar dish & one goblet  
one of my cream jugs, a half of my beaded set of spoons



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One doz Forks 6 Large & Six Small Forks, my sauce boat  
and cake basket & waiter belonging to it. Six Fruit knives, one  
small cup.

To my daughter Maggie. I leave my silver pitcher, one  
of my silver dishes, one doz Forks, six large & six small  
Forks -

To my son William. I leave the Coffee pot that was  
my Father's one sugar dish and my smallest cream jug.

To my son James. I leave one of my silver dishes and  
one doz Forks six large and six small Forks.

To my son Thomas. I leave one of my dishes, a set of  
Spoons six large, and twelve small spoons.

To my son Richard. I leave one of my dishes, the half  
of my beaded set of Spoons or six large, six dessert & six  
small spoons. my Ladle and my graving spoon and six  
Fruit knives.

My pictures I wish divided among my children in the  
following way.

To my daughter Kate. I leave the portrait of  
herself and the miniature of my mother.

To my daughter Ann. I leave the cabinet picture of  
herself and her sister Ida, and my grandmothers portrait

To my daughter Ida. I leave my portrait taken when  
I was young, and my Great grandmothers miniature.

To my daughter Lucy. I leave the portrait of her  
dear Father, and her sister Floras first likeness.

To my daughter Maggie. I leave the picture of a child  
at prayer, and the largest likeness of her sister Flora.

To my son William. I leave the large painting containing  
a likeness of himself his father Edward & of my

To my son James. I leave the portrait of my Father.

To my son Thomas. I leave the oldest portrait of  
his dear Father & my Engravings.

To my son Richard. I leave the miniature of his mother  
Richard, my four Oil Landscapes.

My Books I wish divided among my children. The  
Family Bible I give to my daughter Lucy.

The Stock that I leave I wish divided among my children  
My entire house hold furniture including bed and table linen

I leave to my daughter Lucy with the exception of a few  
articles which shall be named below.

To my daughter Kate, one black Marble topped dressing  
table, the plainest oak Chamber set, one small Mahogany  
wash stand - One Glass pitcher & one small glass bowl.

To my daughter Ann. The drawing room Etagere and  
my great grandmothers slab, two small gilt Fruit stand.

To my daughter Ida. The old carved bedstead Walnut  
dressing table, two of finest decanters. The Piano was given to



My by my dear Father. The best Chamber set in oak the  
 largest centre Joint stand and two celery glasses.  
 To my daughter Maggie. The old Family bedstead, one oval  
 dressing table and one small glass bowl.  
 To my son Willie. Six chairs and one sofa that were  
 my Father's - my medicine chest and one fine candle stand.  
 To my son Thomas, my dear Father's great chair, one  
 fine candle stand. The book case was given him by his Uncle  
 Abram  
 To my son Richard. The Joint drawing room mirror, the  
 Old sideboard 1 pr fine decanters

Kirkwood March 30<sup>th</sup> 1871. W. M. Hillie

Probated January 15<sup>th</sup> AD 1873. Decd in Letts Minute BK  
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Last Will and Testament  
 of Harriet Byars, deceased.

Filed February 1<sup>st</sup> 1872

I Harriet Byars of the County of Madison  
 and State of Mississippi do make and publish  
 this my last Will and Testament, hereby recalling  
 and making void all former Wills by me at any  
 time heretofore made: And first I direct that my  
 body be decently interred and that my funeral be  
 conducted in a manner corresponding with my Estate  
 and Situation in life, and as to such worldly Estate as  
 it has pleased God to intrust me with. I give and  
 bequeath the Same as follows:

First: I direct that my just debts and funeral expenses  
 be paid as soon after my decease as possible out  
 of the first monies that come into the hands of my  
 Executor.

Second: I give and bequeath to my great grand daughter  
 Mattie Blodson, daughter of William A & Martha Blodson  
 a cow and a calf.

Third: I give and bequeath to my grand daughter  
 Mattie Byars, daughter of A F and Lucy Byars one  
 feather bed.

Fourth: I give and bequeath all the remainder of  
 my Estate real personal and mixed to my son  
 Cornelius M Byars absolutely.

I hereby appoint my said son Cornelius M Byars

The Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby  
desire that no security shall be required of him for  
the faithful execution of this trust.

In witness whereof I Harriet Byars, the testatrix,  
have to this my Will written on one sheet of paper  
set my hand and seal this first day of June in  
the year of Our Lord One thousand, Eight hundred,  
and seventy two

Harriet Byars

signed sealed & declared by  
testatrix to be her last Will &  
Testament in our presence  
who have signed the same  
as witnesses in the presence of  
and at the request of the said  
testatrix and in the presence  
of each other.

J. S. O'Leary  
Martha B. Robinson  
Jno. S. Robinson

Probated February 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1873 Record in Clerk's Office 1873  
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Last Will and Testament

Almira M. Lockett, deceased  
Filed February 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1873

In the name of God, Amen.  
I, Almira Margaret Lockett, wife of Josiah Lockett,  
of the County of Madison, State of Mississippi, being  
of sound mind, do make this, my last Will and Testament.  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath all my lauded estate  
consisting of a tract of land lying in said County and  
State and containing eighty acres more or less, if being  
the place of my present residence to my four children  
Robert Lattimus Lockett, Francis Ellen Walker, wife of Willie  
J. Walker, George Seldun Lockett, and Mary Catharine Ann  
Wife of Benjamin N. Arroy, Share and Share alike  
Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I do as much as I have recently advanced  
to Robert Lattimus Lockett the sum of five hundred and  
twenty five dollars, and to George Seldun Lockett the  
sum of two hundred dollars. It is my will and desire  
that out of the monies belonging to me now in bank  
in Clayton Mississippi with State and State Executors  
a sufficient amount shall be given to my said son  
George and my two above mentioned daughters.

to equal the sum heretofore given to my son Robert and that the residue thereof after paying my just debts and funeral Expenses shall be equally divided between my above mentioned four children.

Now God It is my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my property whether personal or mixed be equally divided between my said children Now I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Robert Latimer Lockett Executor of this my last will and testament and request that no bond be required of him for the performance of his duty as said Executor In Witness Whereof I have hereunto signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for my last will and testament in the County aforesaid on this the Second day of February A.D. 1873  
Almira M. Lockett

Near Canton in said County of Madison State of Mississippi on this the Second day of February A.D. 1873 The above named Almira Margaret Lockett signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for her last will and testament; and we in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses  
J. L. Masby  
R. A. Colquhoun  
Geo. R. Hearn

Probatd February 30<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1873. Decree in Clerk's Minute Book on page 81.

Last Will & Testament of James Marney dec'd  
Filed January 9<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1873  
County Court December Term 1872

State of Tennessee }  
Rutherford County } A Quorum term of the County Court for said County was begun and holden in the Court House in the town of Newfreesboro on the first Monday in December it being the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of said month and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy two, and of American independence the ninety seventh year. By the worshipful John Wood, Chairman, Geo. W. Smith and Geo. H. Clark Associate Justices present and presiding.

The following proceedings among other things were had.



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The Court then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John Woods

G. W. Smith

J. H. Clark

Tuesday morning Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 o'clock A. M. 1872

The Court met pursuant to adjournment, John Woods Chairman, G. W. Smith and J. H. Clark associate justices present and presiding, when the following proceedings among other things were had to wit:

James Maney dec'd

A paper writing purporting to be the last will, and testament of James Maney dec'd was this day presented in open Court for probate and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oaths and examination of E. W. Hancock and W. W. Wendel, the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon Lewis M. Maney and H. M. Maney the executors nominated in said Will came into Court and gave bond in the sum of Sixty four thousand dollars, without security they having been exempted from giving security by said Will, and they having been qualified according to law, to them a true testamentary are ordered to be issued to them.

Which said Bond is in the words and figures following to wit:

County Court December Term 1872.

L. M. Maney & H. M. Maney  
Executors of the Will of } Copy of Bonds  
James Maney deceased }  
Executors Bond

State of Tennessee }  
Rutherford County } We L. M. Maney & H. M. Maney  
are bound to the State of Tennessee in the penalty  
of Sixty-four thousand dollars,  
Witness our hands and seals, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Decem-  
ber 1872,

The condition of this obligation is such, that, whereas, the above bound L. M. Maney and H. M. Maney have been appointed executors of the will of James Maney deceased.

Now if the said L. M. Maney and H. M. Maney shall well and truly perform and discharge all the duties and obligations which are or may be required of them by law, to be performed and discharged, as such executors then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

Witness

James C. Oslin Clerk.

L. M. Maney

W. H. Maney



Approved by the Court Dec Term 1872

John Wood's Chairman.

State of Tennessee

Putnerford County } To L. M. Maney & W. H. Maney  
Citizens of Putnerford County.

It appearing to the Court that James Maney  
has died leaving a written will in which you  
are appointed Executors which has been duly  
proved in open Court, and you having given  
bond and qualified according to law, and it  
having been ordered by the said Court that letters  
testamentary issue to you.

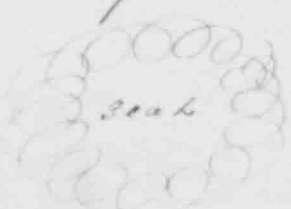
It is therefore to empower you, the said L. M. Maney  
and W. H. Maney to enter upon the execution of said  
Will, and take into your possession all the pro-  
perty, and to make to the next Court a perfect  
inventory thereof, and make due collection of all  
debts, and after paying all the just demands  
against the testator, and settling up the business  
of said estate according to law, you will pay over  
and deliver the property and effects that may re-  
main in your hands, and do all other things that  
may be required, according to the provisions of the  
said Will and the laws of the land.

Witness James C. Oslin Clerk at Office the 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1872, and the ninety seventh year of American  
Independence.

James C. Oslin Clerk

State of Tennessee

Putnerford County } I James C. Oslin Clerk of the  
County Court for said County do certify that the  
foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceed-  
ing of said Court in the adm<sup>nt</sup> and qualification  
of L. M. Maney & W. H. Maney as Executors of James  
Maney deceased,



In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the seal  
of said Court at office at Murfreesboro  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1873

James C. Oslin Clerk

State of Tennessee

Putnerford County } I, John Wood Chairman of  
the County Court for said County do certify that  
James C. Oslin whose official certificate appears  
above is now and was at the date thereof Clerk of

the County Court for said County, duly elected and qualified as such, and that his said certificate is in due form of law, and the signature thereto purporting to be his is genuine.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office, at Murfreesboro the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1873.  
John Woods Chairman  
Rutherford County Court

State of Tennessee }  
Rutherford County } J. James O. Colvin Clerk of the  
County Court for said County do certify that John Woods whose official certificate appears above is now and was at the time of signing the same, and at the date thereof Chairman of the County Court for said County, duly elected, commissioned and qualified as such and that his said certificate is in due form of law, and the signature thereto purporting to be his is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office at Murfreesboro the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y 1873.  
James O. Colvin Clerk

I'mpressed with the uncertainty of all things here below and living in hope of peace in a better world I James O. Colvin whilst in health and in the possession of my mental powers do make the following testamentary disposition of those temporal goods and possessions with which a kind Providence has blessed me. All that pertains to my burial I leave to my children they know the place I prefer and there no doubt they will lay me.

1<sup>st</sup> I wish and direct that all such debts as I may owe may be properly paid by my executors.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and devise to my daughter-in-law Mary I Mary wife of my son R. H. Maney the following real estate situated near Murfreesboro in Rutherford County Tennessee to-wit: one tract of land containing two hundred and seventy eight acres which I purchased of W. W. Bell and valued at eight thousand dollars, one other tract containing one hundred and forty six acres which I purchased of Sally Bell



valued at seven thousand dollars, and also another tract adjoining the last & situated on the Lebanon & Marlborough Turnpike road containing sixty one acres which I bought of Daniel Seaman valued at twenty six hundred dollars and for a more particular description of said several tracts of land reference is here made to the deeds of said vendors conveying them to me to have and to hold the same during her natural life for the benefit of herself and children. Upon her death I give and devise the same to the children of my son W. M. Maney and his wife Mary L. to any that may be born to them hereafter equally with those living at this time to have and to hold the same to them and their heirs forever. There charge as advanced to my son W. M. Maney the following property & money here before given him to wit: a tract of land containing three hundred acres off the east end of my homestead tract situated on the Marlborough & Casco's Turnpike road as the same was laid off to him by private commissioners in the division of my homestead tract of land which is more particularly described in a plat of said division in my possession furnished by James E. Sumpkins Esq. which tract is valued to him at twenty thousand dollars, a house & lot in the town of Marlborough valued at thirty five hundred dollars and a law office in said town valued at seven hundred and fifty dollars also twelve hundred dollars paid for him for the Telegraph printing office and two thousand dollars in cash advanced him all of which advancements together with the lands devised to his family are valued at forty five thousand and fifty dollars exclusive of slave property advanced him.

<sup>and</sup> To my daughter in law Adaline wife of my son L. M. Maney I give and devise the tract of land containing my former residence including the mansion and spring being the western tract of the three in which my homestead was divided and containing two hundred and fourteen acres for a more particular description of which reference is made to a plat of division furnished by J. M. Sumpkins Esq. Surveyor to have and to hold the same for the benefit of herself and children during her natural life. Upon her death I give and

devise the same to the children of my son L. M. Maney and his wife Adaline to any that may be born to them hereafter equally with those living at this time to have to have and to hold the same. To them and their heirs forever said tract of land is valued at twenty thousand dollars. I here charge as advanced to my son L. M. Maney the following property to wit one thousand acres of land west of the west fork of Home river valued at twenty thousand dollars and four thousand dollars in cash advanced him making in all advancements including the tract of land above devised to his family the sum of forty four thousand dollars exclusive of slave property heretofore given him.

4<sup>th</sup> To the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble I give and devise the following property to wit: The house & lot in Clarksville where they resided purchased of Wm. S. Christy situated at the intersection of College & Spring Streets valued to them at thirty five hundred dollars. I also give and devise to them a tract of land in Putnam County Tennessee containing six hundred and forty acres adjoining the lands of the late Joseph Phelps on the south of Geo. W. Childress on the west of L. H. Carney on the north and W. Lane on the east being the same tract conveyed to me by James C. Elmore to whose deed reference is here made valued to them at sixteen thousand dollars. I also give and devise to the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble two hundred and sixty four acres of land from my homestead tract being the middle portion of the division before referred to and more particularly described in the surveyor's plat to which reference has been several times made which is valued to them at twenty thousand dollars, all of which lands and property above mentioned I give and devise to the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever. I here charge as an advancement to my daughter Mary W. Keble the sum of two thousand dollars in cash which with the real estate herein devised to her children makes in all the sum of forty one thousand and five hundred dollars exclusive of slave property heretofore advanced to her. I also will and direct that the land reserved

by me in the late division of my landed estate lying around the Baptist Female Institute be divided equally between my two sons L. M. Maney and H. H. Maney and the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble one third going to each of my sons and the other third to the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble.

5<sup>th</sup> I authorize and instruct my executors to sell all my real estate in Mississippi at such time and in such manner as they may think most expedient and the proceeds of such sales together with any other funds coming into their hands and belonging to me be all equally divided between my two sons L. M. Maney & H. H. Maney and the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble, my two sons having one third each and the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble the other third, and I further will and direct that the money coming to the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble shall be so invested as may seem best to my executors.

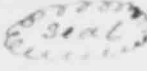
6<sup>th</sup> And whereas the lands assigned to the families of my sons L. M. Maney and H. H. Maney have been laid waste and greatly injured by the armies encamped in this vicinity and the lands purchased of James C. Moore and given in this testament to the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble have escaped injury I hereby release my sons L. M. Maney and H. H. Maney from the payment of any sums of money as an amount due for any excess in the value of the property assigned them at the time I made them those advancements and it is my will and I do devise that as regards all divisions how far of my property they be considered as having received equal advancements.

7<sup>th</sup> I further will and direct that my son in law Edwin C. Keble shall have the use of the dwelling house occupied by him during his life for the benefit of himself and the children of my daughter Mary W. Keble and I hereby appoint said Edwin C. Keble trustee for his children for the management of their property and I request the children that allow him a reasonable support from the proceeds of their property.

8<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint Lewis M. Maney, H. H. Maney & Edwin C. Keble the executors of this my last will and testament and having entire confidence in



their capacity & integrity I hereby release them from the burden of giving security for the faithful performance of their trust.

James Maney 

Test

E. W. Hancock witnessed this will the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1866  
W. W. Wendel " " " " " " " "

County Court Decr Term 1872

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Putherford County }

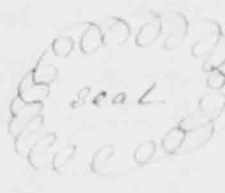
The foregoing papers writing was this day presented in open Court for Probate and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oath and examination of E. W. Hancock and W. W. Wendel the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1872.

James C. Oslin Clerk

State of Tennessee }  
Putherford County }

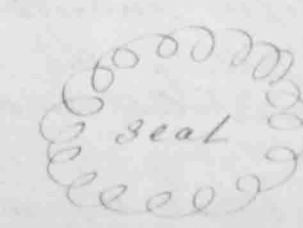
I James C. Oslin Clerk of the County Court for said County and State do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of James Maney deceased, together with the proceedings of said Court touching the probate of said will and the certificate of Probate thereon, as the same appears of record and now on file in my office.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office, at Murfreesboro, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1873  
James C. Oslin Clerk

State of Tennessee }  
Putherford County }

I John Woods Chairman of the County Court for said County and State do certify that James C. Oslin whose official certificate appears above is now and was at the date thereof Clerk of the County Court for said County, duly elected and qualified as such, and that his said certificate is in due form of law and the signature thereto purporting to be his is genuine.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office at Murfreesboro the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1873  
John Woods Chairman Putherford Co Ct

State of Tennessee  
 Rutherford County } I, James C. Oslin Clerk of the  
 County Court for said County do  
 certify that John Woods whose official certificate  
 appears above is now, and was at the time of  
 signing the same, and at the date thereof Chair-  
 man of the County Court duly elected, commis-  
 sioned and qualified as such, and his said  
 certificate is in due form of law, and the signa-  
 ture thereto purporting to be his is genuine.  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and affixed the seal  
 of said Court at office, at Murfreesboro  
 the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1873  
 James C. Oslin Clerk

Last Will and Testament of David  
 Goodloe, deceased. Filed March 27<sup>th</sup> 1873

Being of sound mind and disposing memory  
 I David Goodloe, now of Madison County, Mississippi  
 make this my last Will and Testament,  
 First, and above all, I thank God  
 that I believe the Truths of His Holy Word, and trust  
 joyfully to his love & Mercy for Salvation through my Lord  
 and Saviour Jesus Christ & Glory be to the Father, and to  
 the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning  
 is now and ever shall be. World without End. Amen  
 Amen.

I wish, and so Will it, that the real Estate  
 interests which I own in the Plantation in Issaquena  
 County, Mississippi and known as the Goodloe Place  
 be held together by my Executor, until my share of existing  
 debts are paid, and the rents and profits have yielded  
 a sufficient sum for the Erection of a suitable Memorial  
 Shaft of White Marble at the grave of my Mother and  
 Father, After which I bequeath to my brother William Hamilton  
 Goodloe in trust for his Children, that one fifth interest  
 in said plantation which I hold by purchase from him  
 hereby giving to my said brother full power & authority  
 to Rent, Lease or Sell that one fifth interest as he  
 may in his judgment deem it fitting the interests  
 of his Children. I release him from all indebtedness  
 to me whatever.  
 The other one fifth interest in the said plan

estate, which I hold by inheritance from my father, I bequeath in equal parts to my sisters Mary ~~Edwards~~ and Annie E Goodlow, and to my brother James F Goodlow. Of such monies as I may have in hand or deposit I give fifty dollars to the Vestry of ~~St. James~~ Church at Berne, De Soto County, Mississippi to use in building their new Church Edifice: the residue of such monies to be equally divided amongst my brothers and sisters.

I give my fine black Marble Clock and my photograph Album, and heavy gold-headed cane to my brother James L Goodlow.

My books, papers, Ammons, trunks and clothes I give to my brothers William Hunter and James L Goodlow.

I give my small gold watch to my sister Annie E Goodlow, and my large gold watch to my brother William Hunter Goodlow to be held by him to be given to the first son of himself or of my brother James L Goodlow, who shall be named David.

I give my oil painting portrait of myself to my sister Mary E Love.

I give my picture of General Robert Lee to my brother Col William Love and the picture of John Rodgers, and the framed picture of Charles McCobb I give to my brother William Hunter Goodlow.

I give my ivory headed cane to my nephew Robert A Spout.

I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Col William Love of Madison County, Mississippi, to be my sole Executor without requiring him to give any bond whatever for the proper & faithful execution of this my last Will and testament.

And upon all near and dear to me together with all my fellow men I pray the love & peace of God forever.

Witness my hand and seal done at the residence of my brother Col William Love near Canton, Madison County Mississippi this the sixteenth day of March 1873.

David S Goodlow (Seal)

Witnesses  
Lagayette Townes  
J P Powell  
W A Steels

Probated Clerk's Minute 936 page 83  
Mch 28<sup>th</sup> 1873.



Last Will and Testament of  
 Agnes McClusky

Filed for Record May 5<sup>th</sup> 1885

In the name of God Amen.

I, Agnes McClusky of the City of Canton, county of Madison and State of Wisconsin, being of sound mind memory, and understanding, do make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament in form following, to wit: I give my body to the dust, and my soul to God, who gave it; my property, or worldly estate, I dispose of as follows:

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I give to my children Kate and Thomas the house I now reside in together with an acre of land adjoining, described as follows: two hundred feet front on the right of way of N. J. & S. N. R. R. and running back West about two hundred feet.

Item 2<sup>d</sup>. I give to my daughter Ellen, three quarters of an acre on the North East part of my lot fronting the N. J. & S. N. R. R. about sixty feet.

Item 3<sup>d</sup>. I give to my three children Ellen, Kate and Thomas, my household and kitchen furniture together with all my other personal property, not here described.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>. I give to my daughter Mary Wade and her husband Henry, the residue of real estate amounting to about 50 acres more or less.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>. I give to my husband Bernard McClusky, all my cows and other live stock.

Item 6<sup>th</sup>. I hereby appoint my friend John Whelan, of said City, county and State executor of this my last will and testament.

Attest  
 S. W. Wood J.P.  
 Signed, sealed, published, and declared, in the presence of the testator, and in presence of each other, who at the request of the testator, signed the same as witnesses  
 Thine,

Agnes <sup>McClusky</sup> ~~McClusky~~  
 mark

John Whelan  
 Daniel Dunn  
 S. W. Wood.

God will, in case of the death of any of my three youngest children, Ellen, Kate, and Thomas before they become of age it is my will that the property of deceased shall be equally divided among the survivors of my three children here last mentioned.

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give power to my Executor to sell or dispose of my  
childrens property, as to him may seem best, for the use  
and benefit of my children and do appoint him a gu-  
ardian of same, and in case of absence or removal he  
shall have power to appoint a person to act in his  
place.

Attest

Agnese <sup>her</sup> Mc Clusky  
<sub>mark</sub>

Daniel Dunn.

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence  
of the testator and in presence of each other, who at the request  
of the testator signed the same as witnesses thereto

Canton Miss  
February 29<sup>th</sup> 1872.

John Whelan  
Daniel Dunn  
Thomas Keenan

Codicil No 2. In case a claim which I hold against the  
U.S. Government for Corn taken by same in 1864. be collected  
it is my will that my executor after paying my debts use  
the money for the education, clothing, or any way that to  
him may seem best for my two youngest children Kate and  
Thomas, or in case of the death of either one, before the age  
& majority, the said money shall go to the use of the survi-  
vor. I do not require my executor to give any bond  
unless he should conclude to sell my real estate.

Attest

E. S. Jeffery

Agnese <sup>her</sup> Mc Clusky  
<sub>mark</sub>

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence  
of the testator, and in presence of each other, who at  
the request of the testator signed the same as witnesses  
thereto

Canton Miss  
November 8<sup>th</sup> 1872.

John Whelan  
E. S. Jeffery  
Mary Healy

The State of Mississippi this June 26<sup>th</sup> 1872.

Madison County In the name of God, Amen,  
I, Edwin Hamblin of the state  
and County aforesaid, being in perfect mind and  
memory, and in tolerable health. But knowing  
that all men are born to die

Do therefore make and ordain this my last will  
and Testament, annulling and revoking all former  
wills whatsoever. First I recommend my soul to  
Almighty God who gave it, and my body to be  
buried at the discretion of my Friends, then first  
I give to my beloved wife all of what Debts may be  
due, or owing to me, and what cotton I may  
have on hand and what Money I may  
have at my Death and what unmentioned

land I may hold and be possessed of, at my death, to have and to hold during her life or widowhood and all my personal property, and she is authorized to sell or give any portion of the same to any of our children during her life and the title shall be good as if conveyed by me. But at her death or marriage, my daughter Susanna Hamblen shall have one third of what may be in her hands and the balance shall be divided amongst my other children. It is to be distinctly understood that out of the above named debts, debts, and money and personal property my wife must pay five hundred dollars to each of my children, to wit: Susanna Hamblen, Edward Hamblen and Louisiana Hamblen and Delia Scott, and two hundred dollars James K. Hamblen, I also give to my wife during her life or widowhood, one half of the following described land, the South East quarter of section twenty-two, and South West quarter, and West half of South East quarter, and North East quarter of section twenty-three, and North half of East half of North West quarter of section twenty-six, in Township eleven Range four East to have and to hold during her life or widowhood, after her death or marriage to be equally divided between my children Susanna, Edwin P. Daniel, James K. Louisiana, Sally K. Evans Rosamond Clifford & Delia Scott. The other half of the above described land I give to my daughter Susanna Hamblen to her and her heirs forever.

Item the 2<sup>d</sup>. I give to my son Henry Hamblen and to my daughter Minerva Griffin one hundred dollars each to them and their heirs forever.

Item the 3<sup>d</sup>. I give to my daughter Mary Coington the North half of the North West quarter and the North half of the West half of the North East quarter of section twenty, and the West half of the South East quarter of section seventeen and as much of the East half as will include her yard house and orchard, to have and to hold during her natural life by remaining on and occupying the same and to her children if she has any for ever.

But if she should die childless, I give it to my daughter Rosamond and her heirs forever.

Item the 4<sup>th</sup>. I give to my daughter Rosamond Clifford the North half of East half of the North East quarter of section twenty, and the East half of South East



quarter of Section Seventeen minus five yard houses and Orchard of Mary Livingston and the North half of the North West quarter of Section twenty one to her and her heirs forever

Item the fifth I give to my son Daniel Hamblen the South East quarter and two acres off the East side of the South West quarter and fifteen acres off the South side of the North East quarter of Section twenty one and the land I bought of John Sutherland being on the North side of the North East quarter Section Twenty-Eight to him and to his heirs forever.

I will now divide a portion of my land into lots, to wit Lot number one, the South half of the North half of Section twenty and the South half of the North West quarter of Section twenty one.

Lot number two, the northeast quarter of Section twenty one, minus fifteen acres off of South side and North West quarter of Section twenty two minus fifteen acres of South side.

Lot number three, South West quarter of Section twenty two, and fifteen acres off South side of North West quarter of Section twenty two, and West half of the North West quarter of Section twenty seven, and the West half of the North East quarter of Section twenty seven.

Item the 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Edwin P. Hamblen his choice of the above mentioned lots of land to him and his heirs forever.

Item the seventh, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Louisiana Hamblen her choice of the two remaining lots of land to her and her heirs forever.

Item the eighth, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Delitha Scott the remaining lot of land to her and her heirs forever, and each of them three to have five hundred dollars out of my personal estate as above mentioned.

Item the ninth, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah K. Evans the North East quarter of Section thirty five and South half of West half of the North West quarter of Section thirty six to her and to her heirs forever.

All the above mentioned lands are situated and laying in Township number eleven Range number five East, In Madison County the State of Mississippi.

I do hereby distinctly declare that none of the above mentioned land shall ever be levied on by attachments execution or any stress of law to pay

any Debt or debt that may be contracted or entered into by any of the above mentioned children, and if either of them should sell their land I require them to give a preference to the Brother or Sister who holds the adjoining land. If they will give as any one else and I require also. Where it is necessary for one to have a pass over this another's land, that they shall be allowed the privilege by keeping up good gates so as to protect the premises.

Item the tenth,

I give to my son James F. Hamblen two hundred dollars as afore mentioned and all his indebtedness to me which is between seven hundred & eight hundred dollars Item the Eleventh,

I give to my Dear wife the use of all my personal estate and unmentioned land after giving five hundred dollars to each of my children afore mentioned (wifed) Susanna Hamblen Deltha Scott, Edmunt Hamblen and Louisiana Hamblen, and two hundred dollars to James F. Hamblen and one hundred dollars each to Henry Hamblen and Annera Griffin, and paying all my past debts, For her to use and distribute amongst her children or grand children as she may think proper during her life or widowhood and all such acts shall be valid and binding.

Item the twelfth,

I do make and Ordain My Dear wife Louisiana Hamblen my whole Sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this twenty eight day of October, In the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Seventy (1870)

Edwin Hamblen

In the presence of the following witnesses,

W. F. Vaso.

L. P. Uden

Henry F. Adams

A. Perriance Jr

G. D. Maxwell

W. L. Maxwell

# Last Will & Testament of William M. Stewart

Deceased

In the Name of God Amen  
 Know all men by these Presents, That I William M. Stewart  
 of the County of Madison State of Mississippi, being in good  
 health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make  
 and publish this my last will and testament, hereby declar-  
 ing all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made

And as to my worldly Estate and all property real  
 personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed  
 or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease  
 I devise bequeath and assign thereof in the manner follow-  
 ing to wit: My will is that all my just and lawful  
 expenses shall be my Executors burden after my debts be  
 paid out of my Estate as soon after my decease as shall  
 by law be found convenient.

I give devise and bequeath to my dear and beloved  
 wife Emily C. Stewart the full and entire amount of  
 my personal Estate, to have and to hold the same to her  
 and her Executors, administrators and assigns forever

I give devise and bequeath to my dear and beloved  
 wife Emily C. Stewart all of my Land to wit and being in  
 the County of Madison State of Mississippi known and described  
 a full and undivided half interest of the Ac of Ex of Sec 20  
 & 21 of W of N & S and 21 of Ex of Sec 21 also  
 a full and undivided half interest of the Ac of Ex of  
 N W 1/4 and 1/4 of W of N. Ex and 1/4 of Ex of N. Ex  
 all situated and lying Section 20 Township 11 Range 3  
 East. Also a full and undivided half interest of the Ac of Ex  
 of Section 31 Township Eleven Range three East (The above  
 Lands being held by Mrs J. V. Griffin and myself jointly)  
 to have and to hold the same to her and her Executors and assigns  
 forever. And lastly I do nominate and appoint my wife  
 Emily C. Stewart to be the Executrix of this my last will  
 and testament, and I wish that having jurisdiction of this  
 my last will and testament will not require my said wife  
 to give security and sureties of same.

In testimony whereof I William M. Stewart have to this  
 my last will and testament subscribed my name and aff-  
 ixed my seal this the fifth tenth day of May in the year of  
 Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two  
 William M. Stewart

The foregoing piece of writing was signed sealed published  
 and declared by the said William M. Stewart, 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 thereto.

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Witness

Samuel Hamblin  
J. B. Sample  
Ch. Billingslea  
A. A. Griffin

Filed October 1<sup>st</sup> 1873

E. S. Jeffrey Clerk

Non-competitive Will of Edgar M. Newton Decd

State of Mississippi  
Madison County

Mrs Loretta Bard being duly sworn testified that she visited Edgar M. Newton during his last sickness and nursed him, that on the day before his death on the 29 day of August 1873 while she was waiting on the deceased, he said she wanted Puss to have his property. He alluded to his sister Mrs. Norton when he said "Puss", I then called to Dr. Berry who was in the room at the time to come and bear witness to what Mr. Edgar Newton had to say about the disposition of his effects. Dr. Berry then came to the Bed side and in the presence of both of us Mr. Newton repeated the language that he wanted Puss to have all of his effects. Mr. Newton was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time he spoke the above language. Mr. Newton has been living in Mrs. Norton's family about six weeks next preceding his death and died at his Norton's residence in Madison County on the 30th day of August 1873 he was never married and about 32 years of age at the time of his death. He left as his survivors his father David Newton who lives near Lufkin's Ferry Leake County and two Brothers one named John M. Newton who lives near Mobile, Alabama and one named H. F. Newton who lives some where in Texas and his sister Margaret E. Newton whom he called "Puss" and the same spoken of as wishing to have his property.

Seems to and subscribed before me in Open Court this 14th day of

Loretta Bard

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1873  
E. S. Jeffrey Clerk

State of Mississippi  
County of Madison

Personally appeared before me Mayor of Gardi and Ex officio Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State Dr. V. Berry who being duly sworn states on oath that he was the attending Physician during the last sickness of Edgar M. Newton deceased who died in Madison County Mississippi at the

at the residence of George M. Norton on the 30th day of August 1873 that the day before his death while lying on his bed, being aware of the fact that he was going to die very soon he said something to Mrs Byrd his aunt by marriage who was in the sick room at the time about the disposition of his property. The Mrs Byrd called to me to come to the bed side and listen to what Mr Norton had to say about the disposal of his personal effects. I immediately went to the bed side of the sick man Edgar M. Norton and he said in the presence of Mrs Byrd and myself that he wanted "Puss" to have every thing he had owned to Mrs Norton his sister whom he always called "Puss". There was no one else in the room at the time except Mrs Byrd and myself. Said Edgar M. Norton had been living with George M. Norton's family to my knowledge about 8 months next preceding his death he was living with him when I moved to this County. Said Edgar M. Norton was of a sound mind and disposing himself at the time that I was called upon to bear witness to the above spoken language in regard to the disposition of his effects.

Subscribed before me in Open Court the 1st day of *Sept* 7. J. Bury M.D.  
 Oct 20th A.D. 1873

E. S. Duffus Clerk

Filed Oct 20th 1st 1873

E. S. Duffus Clerk

# Last Will & Testament of Hugh Lewis

The State of Mississippi of Madison County and State aforesaid being sound in mind and memory yet sensible of the uncertainty of Human life do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say to my five children already of age and married I have given my own things which I do not wish to be brought into account Settlement and other things I have given them my Best of Rice Plantations in Louisiana containing Sixteen Hundred (1600) acres of land more or less together with every thing on the place belonging to me all being and being in the parish of Washington and Morehouse Louisiana or was when I purchased a little which I have in a few years sold of Eight acres then a certain all of which I wish to be equally divided among my Sons Edward, Man, Elizabeth, Rebecca Anne and Dan. At my death I wish my wife to have my Two Places of One Hundred and twenty (120) acres of land near Madison Station during her lifetime together with all the improvements I may put on the said place and the care of my wife I wish the place to my daughter Lena and I wish to be kept as a home during her mother's life time If Lena should die before she becomes of age or married and have a living child then I wish the place to her Grand son Hugh Lewis Tucker and the balance of my Estate that I shall have he I wish to be divided among my five children I will give my daughter Lena Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in money also my Hickory Lot in the town of Madison Station with all the improvements on the place and one bed and furniture in cedar my five quilts and one gold watch the Horse bridle and Saddle I wish my wife to have two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) in money the New World Robe one of the best beds and furniture the Buggy one Horse a pair of the best the Britt the wagons and yokes planted beds and the kitchen furniture and all the house hold furniture the brought on the place also the Carpets on the floors give one half of the stock of Cattle and provisions and I wish enough to last her out and I may see Dads I will give Gold and ed Care to my daughter Mary E. Ballou I will fifty Dollars to purchase some moments to Dora Edwards I will my Gold watch to my daughter Rebecca Anne I will fifty Dollars to purchase some moments to my step daughter Dennis Mayrassa I will the Bay mare called Jublet The balance of all my Estate at my death after paying all my expenses of my burial I wish to be equally divided among my five children by my first wife. If I ever



obtain any damages from the U.S. Government for property lost on account of said Government during the last war between the States I will it to be divided equally among my wife and my daughter Liza and my other four children I wish my daughter to have what I have left her in consideration of my wish for her to be well educated and to be done on the value of an acre and house land if possible. It is my special request that either my son Dade, or Dr. Edward shall be come Guardian of my daughter Liza and to hold her my money at interest secured by loan on real Estate to the time the value and I do hereby appoint my two sons as my Executors, that is to say Dr. Edward and Dade to carry out my will and wishes as near as possible, and wish that they may not be required to give bond. I wish my Executors to put a good Dr. J. P. ... and the ground at my old place.

In testimony of the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the 24th day of Oct. 1876, Attest the testator

Hugh Lewis

- Just. S. B. Brown 3
- Just. M. D. Rogers 3
- Just. H. L. Lancaster 3

Codicil

I will that in case another child should be born of my marriage with my beloved wife and it should live that it have eight thousand dollars in money and my home and lot containing two acres and situate at Madison Station in Madison County Mississippi and five shares by me from Jackson Home town with all improvements thereon at the time of my death and also one half of the profits of the Hickie Stone House and if the same be ever allowed to be used I wish that my daughter Liza shall receive eight thousand dollars in money instead of five thousand dollars provided for in my Original will to which this is a Codicil and I further desire that my Executors will carry out all the provisions of this Codicil with the same strictness of duty that I feel satisfied they will do in relation to my Original will. Given under my hand and seal the 24th day of May 1876

Hugh Lewis

Signed and sealed in our presence the testator only as signed as witness in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other

- Just. Wm. G. Osion
- Just. A. S. Bennett
- Just. H. L. Lancaster

Codicil

The will mentioned in Codicil No 1 has come to pass and a son  
has been born and his name is Walter Henry Lewis and I wish that  
instead of one half of the profits of the Hickley Store House. That  
husband have the whole of the Store House profits and all the  
Ground that the House stands on "Say" 100 feet front by 100  
feet back. And my daughter Lina Lewis shall have the Hickley  
dwelling House together with all the surrounding buildings  
and the land on which the same stands

Witness my hand and seal the 15th day of September 1892

Witness

R. E. Andrews  
A. A. Hibberd  
Noble Lancaster

Hugh Lewis (Seal)

Codicil No 3

Codicil No one was made upon certain conditions and the  
will therein provided for having come to pass I wish to make  
some alterations in my original Will. Whereas I do wish Hugh  
Lewis further and my Homestead near Madison Station Mississippi  
after the death of my wife in the event that my daughter  
Hugh Lina should die before she becomes of age or was  
married and has a child. I now wish to alter my said  
will in the particular and do hereby alter the same and  
declare my last will and testament as to the said property to  
be as follows. I wish my son Walter Henry to take the place  
of Hugh Lewis further and in respect to my said Homestead  
that is to say in the event that Hugh Lina should die before  
she becomes of age or married and has a child, then after  
the death of my wife, I wish my Homestead as here mentioned  
to my son Walter Henry

Witness my hand and seal the 10th day of October A.D. One thousand Eight Hundred  
and Twenty Two

Witness

W. D. Rogers  
P. A. Culley jr  
J. H. Fink

Hugh Lewis (Seal)

Codicil No 4

I now desire to make certain changes from the disposition of certain  
property mentioned in the foregoing will and Codicils as follows:  
I will that after my death the following property shall be held  
and owned in common by my daughter Hugh Lina and my son  
Walter Henry to wit: my two places at Madison Station, known  
as the "Hickley place" (including the Store House thereon) and  
the "Farm Place" with all the improvements and appurtenances  
thereunto belonging and I further will that after the death  
of my wife, my said daughter Hugh Lina and son Walter  
Henry shall own equally and in common the place on which

In my residence about one mile from said Station and purchase  
of Royal Green and W. Mahone

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my name  
and date this 5th day of March A.D. 1873

August Lewis

Witness  
M. Jenkins  
W. Rogers

L. S. Montgomery  
Filed October 1st A.D. 1873  
C. S. Duffey Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Neal  
In the Name of God Amen

I Elizabeth Neal of the County of Madison  
in the State of Mississippi being of sound mind and memory  
do make public and declare this  
my last will and Testament in words and figures as follows:

1st I will and bequeath to my Step Son John  
L. Treatman of said County and State all of my property  
of whatever kind or character which has since been  
inherited from my late husband William T. Treatman late  
of the County and State aforesaid.

2nd I have by appointment my friend Michael Whener  
of said County my executor to carry out the my last will  
and Testament

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of April 1871  
Elizabeth Neal

Signed Seal published and declared in the presence  
of the undersigned by the testatrix and by the undersigned as  
witnesses at the request of the Testatrix in the presence of  
each other of said Testatrix

On the 24th day of November 1871

J. W. Wood  
J. Ernest  
D. W. Brown

Filed this 30th day of October A.D. 1873

C. S. Duffey Clerk



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Last Will and Testament of William Lambert.  
deceased.

In the name of God, Amen. William Lambert of the County of Madison State of Mississippi, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in form following, to wit: I give my body to the dust, and my soul to God who gave it; my property or worldly Estate I dispose of as follows:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> After the Mortgage held by the "Life Association of America" is paid, I give to my beloved children, the plantation on which I reside, every child to have an equal portion, estimated by the Executors herein after appointed.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I herein authorize and empower my Executors hereinafter appointed to sell the plantation whereon I reside if provided an opportunity should arise in which a price would be obtained to the satisfaction and good judgment of my Executors, and after said Mortgage is paid the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided between my beloved children.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> If the plantation cannot be sold to advantage as specified in the foregoing item 2<sup>d</sup> then I will that my Executors rent and cultivate said plantation to the best advantage for the benefit of my children.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> All my stock, horses, mules and hogs, cattle and sheep I will, that my Executors shall use on the plantation in the cultivation thereof and for the benefit of my children, empowering said Executors to sell any number of horses and mules, and any amount of cattle, sheep and hogs which in the judgment of my Executors can be disposed of without injury to the successful operations of the plantation and comfort of my children, and the proceeds arising from such sales be appropriated to the payment of the debt held against my estate by said "Life Association of America" And after my death I will and desire that my Executors shall take a list, and have all my stock, horses, mules, cattle and sheep and hogs appraised by disinterested persons for the satisfaction of my minor children. And when ever any property is sold for the purpose herein before stated, I will that my Executors shall keep a book of account of same with proper and legal vouchers for the satisfaction of my children as well as for their information

Item 5<sup>th</sup>: I will that my Executors see to it that my three youngest children, Oscar W. Lizzie M. & Eddie D. have all the advantages of the neighborhood schools. And if after their primary education they should desire to enter a higher school, the money necessary for that purpose must be charged to them and accounted for at the final distribution of my Estate which I will to be Equally divided when the youngest child shall have arrived at Majority.

Item 6<sup>th</sup>: I will that when any of my children viz. Albert F. Cornelia Josephine Oscar W. Lizzie M. and Eddie D. arrive at the age of 21 or become married and need and request assistance they shall have what stock or other property that can be spared. And that my Executors keep an account of same, by taking receipt thereof, and said item entered in the book acct already mentioned.

Item 7<sup>th</sup>: I will that my Executors allow Charlotte F. M. who has been a faithful friend to me to have a home on this plantation as long as she lives and to be cared for as follows

Item 8<sup>th</sup>: I hereby appoint my friend Everett Jones Tucker and my son Albert Foster Lambert of said County and State Executors of this my last Will and Testament without bond and security.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1872. William Lambert

Signed, sealed, published, and declared in the presence of each other who, at the request of the testator signed the same as witnesses thereto  
F. H. Pasfoll  
G. W. Edmund  
Joshua Lambert.

Decree admitting Will to Probate recorded in Acts Minutes W. K. A. page 92.

Last Will and Testament of N. W. Hayes  
deceased.

We the undersigned do hereby Certify this to be the last Will & Testament of N. W. Hayes of Madison County State of Mississippi given in our presence this the eighth day of November Year of our Lord 1843.

To Wit: We first Will that Nelson Chickster & his Son Joseph D. Hayes should administer on his Estate & leaves it optional with them to give bonds. Second We wish all his legal debts paid. Third We will that his Store house & Lot in the town of Canton be sold & the proceeds to be equally divided among all of his Children, but leaves it optional at what time said Lot should be sold. Fourth We will that the Expenses of his Son L. P. Hayes Education be paid out of the Money in the hands of Cassat P. Baughn & that half of the Remainder of said Money after the Completion of his Education be given to said Son L. P. Hayes & the remaining half to be divided Equally among his other Children.

Fifth We will his Gray Mule Vic & his Brown Mule to his Son Charles Hayes.

Sixth We will his Brown Mule Dolly & the choice of his White Colt or his Gray Mule Bill to his Son L. P. Hayes the remaining Mules to be sold & the proceeds to be divided among all of his Children.

Seventh We will his Black Horse Sam & his Roan Cow to his daughter Mrs. Celestia Chickster.

Eighth We will his Buggy & Harness to his Son Joseph Hayes.

Ninth We will that his Stock of Cattle Hogs & Sheep be divided equally among all of his Children, or sold as his Administrators think best & the proceeds thereof be divided Equally among all of his Children.

In testimony whereof we hereunto sign our names

J. W. Price  
David Hopkins  
A. Chickster

Decree Probating Will Entered in W. D. N. 3 page 75



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Last Will and Testament of Francis Luckett  
deceased.

In the name of God Amen:  
I, Francis Luckett of the  
County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being in perfect  
health of body but sound in mind memory and understanding  
me, and being desirous of disposing of my worldly estate  
do make ordain publish and declare the following to be my  
last Will and Testament to wit:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give my body to the earth from which it was  
taken and my Soul to God who gave it.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth  
Luckett all the just and residue of my Estate of every  
Character and description (after the payment of my debts  
and funeral expenses) to be paid and enjoyed by her for  
and during the term of her natural life, and after her  
death to be divided between my Son Henry Luckett  
and my two Grand Children Mary Murray and Frank  
Garrott, as herein after specified.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> In the division of my Real Estate I desire  
that my Son Henry Luckett shall have the S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of  
of Sec 15 & 16 N 2 East, and my said Grand Children  
I desire shall have the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of said S E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec 15 &  
16 N 2 East.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Son Henry after  
death of my said wife, all the Stock of Horses Cattle  
Hogs &c then on hand, except One Cow and Calf to each  
of my said Grand Children.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my Son Henry shall manage  
and Control my Estate for his mother and himself, & not be required  
to give any bond or security. But he is hereby required to  
manage the property hereby devised for the best interest of my will  
my said Grand Children and himself.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name  
and affixed my Seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D.  
1872

Sealed, sealed, published and declared  
by the testator as and for his last Will  
and Testament by the testator in presence  
and signed by us as witnesses at the request and  
in presence of the testator and in presence of each  
other on the day and year above written  
D. C. Rowland  
J. Wallace  
H. Walker

Decree Probating Will Entered in Clerk's Office at page 94.

Last Will and Testament of Susan Semmes deceased.

In the name of God! Amen.

I, Susan Semmes, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will, hereby revoking all former Wills, and especially the one made by me about two weeks ago. I will & bequeath my house and lot, on which I now live to my Husband, Sampson Semmes, and all real Estate or interest therein which I own or possess in the City of Canton, intending hereby to leave my husband sole legal owner of all the real Estate I own and possess. Also all my Personal Estate of every nature and kind, except my wearing Apparel, which I will to my Sister Patsy Gray. I will the just payment of all my debts and request my husband to pay them all, so that he may possess and own my house and lot free and unincumbered as his sole and separate property.

I also wish that my husband who I hereby appoint sole Executor be not required to give bond as required by law.

Susan Semmes, Executrix

Subscribed by me in the presence of the testators who acknowledged it as my last Will & Testament and at her special instance and request & she also signing in our presence

James C. Crain  
Richard Douglas  
Sarah Falls  
W. Semmes

December 6<sup>th</sup> 1871

Order probating Will entered in Clerk's Office 93rd St. pg. 54.

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Last Will and Testament Tho<sup>s</sup> C. Ballou, deceased

I declare the following to be my last will and testament. Viz:  
My wife being amply provided for by a Life Policy in the American  
Life Insurance Company, kept up by my means, I desire that she  
have no part of my Estate, real or personal, whether as dower or  
otherwise.

Having kept up a Life Policy for \$5000.00, in the  
Name of S. Ballou, which will come to the benefit of his family,  
I desire that said sum shall be regarded as an advancement  
to him of said sum of \$5000.00, in the division and distribution  
of my Estate so far as regards the rights of my daughter, my  
grand-daughter under this will. The life policy last alluded  
to as kept up by me was on the life of my said Son S. Ballou  
in favor of his my said Son's Wife. In the event that upon  
a division of my property it shall appear that the value of  
the shares of my children shall not equal the sum of  
\$5000.00, then I desire the Child of my said Son S. Ballou  
shall take nothing of my Estate - And Subject to this restriction  
I desire all my Estate, real and personal, to be equally  
divided among my children and my said grand child.  
I hereby appoint my dear wife Mary Ballou and my son  
Edo Ballou, the Executors of this my last will and  
testament, and that no bond be requisite of them, or taking  
out letters or at any stage of the proceedings.  
In the event my grand child, Mary Elizabeth, the daughter  
of my said Son S. Ballou, should die without heirs of her  
body, I desire the share of my Estate to which she will  
be entitled under the foregoing provisions of this will, to come  
to my children and their heirs. I empower my said Executors  
or the Survivors of them to sell at pleasure some of my  
property, real or personal, without bond, with the written consent  
of my Son James and my daughter Emma B. Boyer  
or the Survivors of them.

Signed, published and declared as my  
last will and testament this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
March A.D. 1874. Tho<sup>s</sup> C. Ballou

Attested and Signed by us in the presence of S. C. Ballou, and  
at his request, and in the presence of each other, declared by him  
to be his last will and testament this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D.  
1874, and we certify that we saw the said Ballou sign the  
same on said day

J. V. Powell  
J. F. Kelly  
S. C. Ballou.



Nuncupative Will

In the name of God, Amen.  
 I James Linsg, of the County of Madison,  
 State of Mississippi being of sound mind, memory, and understand-  
 ing, do make, publish and declare this my last verbal will and  
 testament in form following to wit:—

My property, personal and mixed, I give to my  
 wife M. C. Linsg, published, and declared, in the presence of  
 the testator, and in the presence of each other, who at the re-  
 quest of the testator witness the above will herein contained on  
 the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1874.  
Filed April 5<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1874.

Last Will and Testament of Robert Montgomery Deceased

In the name of God Amen-

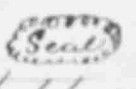
I Robert Montgomery of the County of Lincoln, and State of Mississippi, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in form following To-wit:—

I Give my body to the dust, my soul to God who gave it; my property or worldly estate I dispose of as follows.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I Give to Gertrude Mitchell, my step daughter, and to Ida Hodges my Step Grand daughter, all my household and Kitchen furniture, including all the personal property about my house and Kitchen including also all beds, bedding, Piano &c. and sufficient money out of my estate to support and maintain them, so long as they remain unmarried and sufficient money also to Ida Hodges to educate her; And also all my right title interest and claim in the homestead upon which I now live, and which formerly belonged to my deceased wife Sarah E. Montgomery, it being a one fourth undivided interest in said homestead, the title being derived by me by purchase of Wm L. Mitchell one of the heirs of said Sarah E. Montgomery, deceased.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to William Priestly of Canton Mississippi and Robert Montgomery Jr of Point Coupee Parish Louisiana and James Montgomery of Gayoss, Missouri in equal parts the following described lots or parcel of land situated in the City of Canton Madison County Mississippi, To-wit: The East half and South West quarter, less twenty feet front and fifty feet back in South East quarter of Lot No one in Square No Six in said City of Canton, Madison County Mississippi.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby appoint my friends William Priestly of Canton and A. O. C. of Brookhaven Mississippi, executors of this my last Will and Testament

Robert Montgomery 

Signed, Sealed, published and declared in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, who at the request of the testator, signed the same as witnesses thereto  
March " A.D. 1873.

Daniel Hall  
J. L. White  
J. E. McMain

I, J. M. Buckley Clerk of the Chancery Court of Lincoln County Mississippi, do Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of the last Will and Testament of Robert Montgomery deceased—last of said County, as the same is admitted to Probate in said Court, and on file and of record in my office



GIVEN under my hand and seal of Office this May 15<sup>th</sup> 1873.  
J. M. Buckley Clerk.

The Last Will and Testament of  
Eugene B. Owen, decd.

I, Eugene B. Owen, of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being fully in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament:

Item First: I Will bequeath to my sister Mrs. A. E. Parkdale and to her daughter Miss Birdie Parkdale, and to my sister Miss Emma Owen my real Estate described as follows: 1/2 of Lot 2, Sp. Sec. 3, & 1/2 of Sec. 6, Twp. 7, R. 3, East, in said County and State also two head mules one a sorrel and one a black also all the rights title & profits and interest which I have or may have in and to my deceased Father's estate which is still undivided, and some other pieces of property, of which I may be seized or possessed or have any interest in at the time of my death.

Item Second: (All the property herein bequeathed to each of my sisters above named one third part, and the remaining third part to my said niece Birdie Parkdale.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1892.  
Eugene B. Owen. *(Seal)*

We Certify that the above Will and Testament of Eugene B. Owen was read in our presence in the presence of us in the presence of each other, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept. 1892.

Eugene B. Owen,  
J. D. Dickerson. *(Seal)*  
S. D. Brown. *(Seal)*  
J. D. Dickerson *(Seal)*

Filed December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1892

Codicil.

I, E. B. Owen, of the State of Mississippi County of Madison do hereby make publish this as a codicil to my last Will & Testament. It is my wish, to prevent confusion & misunderstanding in the disposition & settlement of my affairs after my decease, to make provision for Mrs. B. E. Parkdale (my sister) who has been too closely confined over me in her ordinary capacity as nurse to have the opportunity of promising for herself as the other members of my family, and for other sufficient, valuable & satisfactory considerations - that she said Mrs. B. Parkdale be, & hereby constitute and appoint her executrix of my last Will & Testament without requiring her to give bond or security for the performance of said Office of Executrix, and I desire & empower her to take immediate control & charge of all my goods, chattels, books, & whatsoever kind both real & personal & of everything held in my name or by me and of which I may be seized or possessed to hold &



use the same until disposed of according to the better spirit of my will  
 or until some satisfactory arrangement or agreement is made with Miss  
 Emma L. Owen regarding the disposition & settlement of the affairs of  
 my estate, the said Emma L. Owen being one of the devisees of my last  
 will & testament. Mr. Anne C. Harkness is also authorized & empowered  
 to collect all debts due to me or in any manner claimed  
 from me by James P. Owen or otherwise, & to keep & appropriate the  
 same to her own use; as also to have the crop & proceeds thereof, that is  
 or may be grown on any patch or piece of ground called Eugene Owen  
 patch or any such patch or piece of ground that may be or shall in any  
 name or for me or by my devisees or assigns all oats due out of such  
 land under agreements with Mrs. L. Owen, said agreement being that  
 each of us (Mrs. L. Owen & I) should have one half after the said land  
 for seed & I had had three planted) & also by said agreement one half of the  
 here more or less of oats sown by Mrs. L. Owen - a few garden but  
 more than I need - near what is now called the "Lamar Grove" lot  
 Macomber's appropriation to her name of C. C. Treats, accounts, debts & oaths to  
 the said Anne C. Harkness is to dispose of settle my estate according  
 to my will as originally drawn up, & amended as required by Eugene P.  
 Owen & certified to by three witnesses to wit: J. S. Dickinson, S. D. Owen  
 & J. D. Dickerson, the said date of September 1845, and also to  
 request in this & direct to my last will & testament which I did  
 have written in my handwriting wholly, & which date in my dea-  
 subscribe my name this first day of April A.D. 1845 hundred eight hun-  
 dred & twenty three.

Emma L. Owen

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1845

The Last Will & Testament of Charles Maas, Dec'd

In the name of God. Amen!  
 Charles Maas, being of sound mind, knowing the cer-  
 tainty of death and the uncertainty of life, gives, devise  
 and bequeath all of my property to my sister Bertha  
 Maas and all monies that may be collected hereafter  
 the same to be retained and controlled by my brother  
 Eben. Maas for the interest and sole use of my sister  
 Bertha Maas for the term of five years.

I do witness whereof, I, Charles Maas, here  
 to this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name  
 this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1845

Witness  
 August Hairy  
 A. B. Cage



Chas Maas.

Deuce probating above will entered in Clerk's M. B. "A" page 105.

Last Will and Testament of W<sup>m</sup> M. Bride

The Last Will and Testament of William M. Bride, of Madison County, Mississippi;

I, William M. Bride, do make public and declare this my last will and testament, that is to say;  
Item First. I wish my debts paid, and to this end empower my Executors hereinafter named to dispose of any of my property, real and personal, at public or private sale, for cash or on credit, or partly cash and partly on credit; or to borrow money and give notes or other evidences of debt; and to execute mortgages or deeds of trust or other securities to raise money to discharge my indebtedness, which disposition of property, evidences of debt, or securities made by said Executors shall be as valid and effectual to bind my property as if made by myself.

Item Second. The same power as above specified is conferred on my said Executors in reference to the support of and provision for my family, and they are authorized to make any sale exchange or purchase of property for the comfortable support, maintenance and provision for my wife and children temporarily and permanently.

Item Third. I empower my said Executors to carry on to completion, according to their judgment, the building I had partially erected in Canton, on the lots of my children; and to this end, to exercise the power conferred in items one and two hereof; or they may, if they see proper, sell or otherwise dispose of said building, and materials therefor, and may make any contract with my children, who own said lots, to effect justice between my Estate and my said children about said lots, and buildings; and may make any and all contracts for the completion, sale, lease, or other disposition of said buildings which I myself could make.

Item Fourth. After my debts have all been paid and my Affairs settled by my Executors according to the powers conferred on them for that purpose, I desire my property of all sorts to be divided equally, share and share alike, between my beloved wife and children;

Item Fifth. I hereby confer power on my Executors hereinafter named to settle and compromise all debts due to me, or by me in the same manner as I could myself, and to lease my house, lands and buildings and contract for the improvement; lease, sale, mortgage or other disposition of any of my property, real or personal, with a view to the carrying out of my desire, to pay my debts and save my property for the benefit of my wife and children, maintaining them comfortable until my debts are paid and my Estate is settled and secured by bequeathing to them permanently thereafter.



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Item Sixth: I desire my Executors to provide for the education of my children, as far as proper, and my Estate will admit of, and to this end full power is conferred on them;

Item Seventh: I give and bequeath my gold watch to my Son James

Item Eighth: I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my trusted Friends J. J. Gilman and J. A. P. Campbell, as Executors of this my last will and testament.

W. Mc Bride

Signed, published and declared as the last Will and Testament of William W. Mc Bride: and subscribed by us as attesting witnesses in his presence and in the presence and hearing of each of us, this 20<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

C. D. Galloway

A. H. Gage

J. H. Daughan

Decree probating Will entered in Clerk's Min. Bk. pg. 106.

### Last Will and Testament of John B. Montman

The State of Mississippi Madison County

In the name of God, Amen.

I John B. Montman of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind memory and understanding do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in form following to wit: I give my body to the dust, and my Soul to God who gave it, my property, or worldly Estate, I dispose of as follows:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my grandson Jacob Noah Montman all the property which his mother bequeathed to me in her last will, or which she inherited from her mother my late wife, in case said Jacob Noah Montman should die before the age of majority it is my will that said property shall go to his cousins Caroline Smith and Susan Smith now residing in Bavaria Europe.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I desire Tomb Stones to be erected over myself wife and three children Expense of same not to exceed three or four hundred dollars.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I desire to have all my property, both real and personal, sold by my Executor as soon after my death as may seem best to him, said Executor, and on such terms as may seem best and most advantageous to the Estate.



Item 4<sup>th</sup>. The residue of my property, after paying all my just debts including doctors bills, funeral expenses, and those of Administration, etc, I bequeath to my Nephew David Fry now residing in Boston Mass.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>. I hereby appoint my friend John Whelan, of said County and State, Executor of this my Last Will and Testament  
J. D. Troutman

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of the testator and in presence of each other, who at the request of the testator signed the same as witnesses, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December A.D. 1875.

J. D. Troutman

J. A. Cagan

John Whelan

Deed probating Will. Entered in Vol. 11<sup>th</sup> P. 1<sup>st</sup> page 102.

Last Will and Testament of Nancy Mildred Luckitt  
Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1875.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Nancy Mildred Luckitt, being of sound and disposing mind, do make this my last will hereby revoking all others -

1<sup>st</sup>. I wish all my just debts to be paid, and hereby subject all my property thereto.

2<sup>nd</sup>. I bequeath to my Son Oliver A. Luckitt the following property, to wit. My Homestead property, commencing at the Luckitt Spring Road Crossing, from thence running down of the line of the Mississippi Central Rail Road six Pouch to a Stake opposite my present quarter lot, thence West to another Stake opposite Ovasar Luckitt, residence and the RR Crossing thence East to point of beginning, being the old Luckitt residence comprising between ten and fifteen Acres Ways & East S. 9 Sect. 13, County of Madison & State of Miss. I further will to Mary Chatham Luckitt wife of my Son Oliver my bed, mattress bed, shaft, dressing chairs, and the bed clothes belonging to above bed, dining table, wardrobe, and bureau. The above bequest of real Estate to my Son Oliver is on the following conditions, to wit. My daughter Lucinda to have a home at the old homestead, the full & free use of one room, viz. the room known as Lucys room, and to eat at his table, the same as she has always done at home, but to pay to my said son Oliver monthly the sum of eight dollars per month or the sum of ninety six dollars per year, payable at such times as will best suit my daughter's convenience, but it is expressly understood that no payment shall not be made.

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A Confirmation of the rights & privileges herein granted to my said  
daughter and that said rights and privileges herein granted  
to my said daughter shall be for, in and during her  
natural life. If any sale of said Old Homestead, should be  
made by my son Oliver, it must be made subject to the  
rights herein granted to my daughter. Lucy - to wit, the full  
and free use of the room, known as Lucy's room, or in other  
words, Lucy, in, for and during her natural life, is to have  
her room, known as Lucy's room, to use and occupy, as  
she may desire, unless she marries, then said bequest of the  
use and occupation of said room, to cease. If my daughter  
should desire not to eat at the table of my son Oliver, she should  
desire to board elsewhere, it is my express request, and I so  
will that she shall pay the said Eight Dollars per month,  
only for the time my son Oliver shall supply her meals, at the  
request of my said daughter. As to my real Estate, excepting  
what is herein bequeathed to my son Oliver, I desire the same  
to be equally divided between my daughter Lucinda Lockett,  
Viola Harlow Lockett and Mary Sumner Lockett, the division  
to be made by them, and if they cannot agree, to call in  
three friends to make the necessary division, which shall be  
final.

I bequeath to my daughter Lucinda Lockett, the piano, parlor  
Curtains, French Choeil and lounge, five rooms, and the set of  
furniture, known as Lucy's bed room set, small dining table,  
rocking chair, and the cow and calf - including, in said  
set of furniture the bed chairs belonging to said room, and  
all the furniture thereto belonging.

I bequeath to my daughter, Mary Sumner Lockett, my parlour  
Sofa, and 12 parlor chairs, all my crockery and China ware  
of every nature and kind.

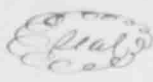
I bequeath my gold watch to my grand son Gustus Lockett  
and the Silver set given to me by my son William, to my  
grand daughter, Lucinda Lockett.

All gifts hereof made and delivered to my children,  
shall not be considered as an advancement, but free gift.  
I hereby appoint my friend Henry Bradford Lippitt, my executor,  
and request that no bond shall be required of him as my said  
Execut.

As to any real or personal property, not herein bequeathed, my  
Executor shall divide Equally between the legates of this will  
viz: Oliver A Lockett, Viola Lockett, Lucinda Lockett and  
Mary Sumner Lockett, and for the purpose of said division  
may call in one, two, or three friends to assist him, and  
said division, when so made, shall be final.

I request my Executor to pay to my friend, Benedict J. Sumner  
Henry D. State the sum of One hundred Dollars, being the  
amount due for professional services heretofore rendered and long since due.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my name and affix  
my Seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April A.D. 1875

Mary Mildred Lovickell 

Witness  
Benedict J. Semmes  
H. S. Fooks Jr  
A. G. Conick

Now probating Will entered in Clerk's Office Book "A" page 108

Last Will and Testament of Mrs. A. D. Anderson dec'd

Madison Co. Miss. Dec 11<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1876. Last Will and Testament  
of Anna D. Anderson.

In view of the uncertainty of life and  
certainty of death, I, A. D. Anderson being of sound mind and  
disposing memory, do make this my Last Will and Testament  
Item 1<sup>st</sup>. To God I surrender my soul in hope of Eternal Life.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. I desire all my legal liabilities promptly paid.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>. I give all my Real & Personal estate and converted into Money.

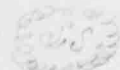
Item 4<sup>th</sup>. To my Grand Niece Millie Ann Anderson I give and be-  
queath the entire proceeds of the sale of my property, to be held  
in trust for her support, by P. M. Ward, his son, or wife, or till  
she dies, and should she die before marriage, then the bequest  
shall descend to said P. M. Ward or his heirs.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>. The above bequest to Millie Ann Anderson is thus con-  
ditioned that the said Millie Ann Anderson shall render implicit  
submission to the parental authority and control of her uncle  
P. M. Ward with whom I leave her and should she fail thus  
to do, said P. M. Ward shall withhold this bequest from her  
and out of it shall supply her necessities as they may arise  
in her future.

Item 6<sup>th</sup>. I hereby appoint P. M. Ward my sole Executor with  
authority to act free of bondsmen and ask of the Court  
this liberty for him.

Given under hand and seal, day and date  
aforesaid

Attest Frank M. Howard  
John M. Vinson  
Frank Yavel

A. D. Anderson 

Now probating Will entered in Clerk's Minute Book "A" page 116



Last Will and Testament of P. O. Gurley dec'd

I Sarah O. Gurley wife of A. M. Gurley of Madison County Mississippi being of sound disposing mind & memory do make publish & declare this as my last Will & Testament

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my wish & desire and I so direct that the residence and land attached thereto now owned by me in the City of Canton in Madison County, Miss. shall be used & occupied by the family as a homestead for them, or rented out by my Executor as he may think best till Sarah A. Gurley reaches her majority or marries and in the event of the death of Sarah A. Gurley before she reaches her majority or marries then I wish the homestead to be used or rented out, as above till my daughter Lucy reaches her majority or marries.

Item 2. I wish my husband A. M. Gurley to occupy the homestead with my other children during his widowhood

Item 3 I will & direct that when my daughter Sarah reaches her majority or marries or in the event of her death before that time, my daughter Lucy reaches her majority or marries, I wish the entire property to be sold by my executor and the proceeds said sale to be divided among my children as follows, My daughter Sarah I wish to receive Five hundred Dollars, and then share equally with my other children in the balance of the money raised from said sale.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I wish my executor to have the entire control & management of my minor children during the time of their minority, and he should remain a widower.

Item 5 I hereby authorize and empower my executor to sell and convey my real estate without being required to obtain an order of the Chancery Court for that purpose.

Item 6. I wish my husband A. M. Gurley to have the control and management of my interest in the Paddlers Shop now owned on at Meridian Miss. while he remains unmarried and then I wish that interest to be equally divided among my children and their representatives if any of them be dead.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> If there should be any death among my children before a divorce of any of my property I wish the descendants of such as may be dead to take the share of the deceased parent.

Item 8 I hereby appoint my husband A. M. Gurley my Executor and direct that he shall not be required to give any security as such as my children think that should arise a necessity for security to be given and in the event of the death of A. M. Gurley before the purpose of this will are performed, I hereby appoint my son J. M. Gurley my executor without security as such unless my children see a necessity for it.

Signed, published and declared as my last Will & Testament in the

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This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb 1876.

Wit. J. M. Downs  
A. W. Stafford  
J. W. Horton

P. O. Gurley *Test*

Codicil to my will  
I hereby desire to change my will so far as the third item is concerned in this that is to say, I will and desire that my property may be sold by my Executor whenever in their opinion or the opinion of either of them it would be for the best interest of those interested for them my said executor or either of them to do so.

Witness my hand & Seal

P. O. Gurley *Test*

Signed & published by the testatrix as a codicil to her last will & Testament in our presence and by us signed as witnesses in her presence & the presence of each other, 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1876

J. M. Baughen

J. W. Anderson

O. A. Lockett Sr.

### Last Will & Testament of Montfort Jones, deceased.

I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made and declare the following to be my last will and Testament, that is to say:

I give devise and bequeath that land in the County of Attala and State of Mississippi, known as the "De Montfort Springs" tract bought by me from Hamilton and a part from the Rutland heirs to Dr. Montfort Jones of Kosciusko in said County and State, and John H. Stokes of Lumburg County, State of Virginia and Henry Stokes and wife Ann Eliza Stokes of Prince Edward County Virginia and Edward W. Craig and Ann P. Craig his wife of Henderson in the State of Kentucky, and I give and devise to same persons aforesaid that land in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi known as my "Artesian Springs" tract being contiguous to the Artesian Springs and I give and devise my Walnut Creek tract of land near the home stead plantation of the late John Kyle, deceased in said Madison County to the said Henry Stokes and his said wife, all the other lands owned by me in Attala County State of Mississippi and not herein before disposed of including my town property in Kosciusko, I give and devise to the said Dr. Montfort Jones, and also that land in said Madison County, Mississippi described as the  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec 1, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec 2, of T9, R 3 East, to the extent of my one half interest therein, and I give and devise to the aforesaid John H. Stokes and Ann P. Craig that land in said Madison County, described as Section twenty except the  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  thereof in T9, R 4 East, and 80 acres owned by me in Section in Sec. 35 and Sections 11 and 12 in T9, R 3 East, and I give and devise to the said Ann P. Craig and John H. Stokes all the land in said Madison County, Mississippi by me or the widow of Britain L. Jones deceased.



proved. I give to all the devises hereinbefore named, in Common and those lots which are unimproved and vacant I give to said Dr. Montfort Jones. I mean in the City of Canton in said Madison County, All my land in Leake County, Mississippi I give to said Dr. Montfort Jones in trust for my old servants Willie and Drew and Jane, and her son Charley, Murray and his sister and Richard, and desire him to divide it equally among them. My Honey Island property, property, in Holmes County, Mississippi, I give and devise to the said Dr. Montfort Jones, all my lands in the State of Louisiana and in the State of Missouri I desire my executor to pay taxes on for three years, at the end of which time I desire him to sell the same and appropriate the proceeds in equal distribution to the aforesaid John H. Stokes Henry Stokes and wife, and Ann P. Craig and Dr. Montfort Jones, my first and second mortgage bonds, and shares of the Capital Stock of the Mississippi Central Rail Road Company. I give and bequeath to the four daughters of the late William G. Corston of Havover Virginia, viz: Ann Eliza, Mary Jane, Fanny and Martha, all my property, real personal, or mixed not hereinbefore disposed of. I give, devise and bequeath unto the said Dr. Montfort Jones and I appoint him the said Dr. Montfort Jones Executor of this Will and request and desire that no bond be required of him as such, at any stage of the administration of my estate, and I desire my executor to pay all my just debts as soon as practicable and if necessary, to sell some of the first and second mortgage bonds aforesaid for that purpose.

Witness my hand and seal this September 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1876.

Montfort Jones

We attest, at the request of Col. Montfort Jones, that he presented the foregoing in our presence, and declared it to be his last Will and Testament, and the same was read to us at his request and in his presence by D. D. Calhoun, witnesses thereto and the said Col. Montfort Jones signed said paper as his last will and Testament in the presence of all of us.

Attest our hands this Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1876.

M. D. Bacon, J. M. Richards, D. D. Calhoun, J. M. Farland  
Jno. W. Yeargain

State of Mississippi  
Madison County

Personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the Chancery Court of said County the within named Montfort Jones who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing Last Will and Testament as his last Will and Testament on the day and year mentioned

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Canton this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1876.



C. P. Jeffrey Clk.



Last Will and Testament of Emily C. Castens died  
Filed July 3<sup>rd</sup> AD 1876

The State of Miss. } Madison County State of Miss  
 Madison County } June 27<sup>th</sup> AD 1876.

In the name of God Amen! I Emily  
 C. Castens of the County & State aforesaid, being of sound and  
 disposing mind, and memory, make this my last will and  
 testament. I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved children  
 William Stewart, Virgil A. Stewart, Caleb H. Stewart and Per-  
 kins Stewart all my property both real & personal to be equally  
 divided among them, excepting however what courtesy my hus-  
 band R. L. Castens may be entitled to by rules of law.  
 I will and bequeath to my afflicted sister Lucy Ann Parish  
 the sum of One Hundred Dollars Annually for her support  
 during life. I hereby nominate and appoint my husband  
 R. L. Castens Executor of this my last will and testament  
 and as Guardian of my above mentioned children during  
 minority without bond or security.

Witness

E. C. Castens 

E. L. Kargon }  
 J. C. Stein Jr. }  
 L. C. Holliday }

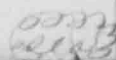
Last Will and Testament of J. R. Moore deceased  
Filed September 21<sup>st</sup> AD 1877

In the name of God, Amen. I J. R. Moore of the County of Mad-  
 ison, State of Mississippi, being of sound mind, memory, and under-  
 standing, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament  
 in form following to wit: I give my body to the dust, and my soul  
 to God who gave it, my property or worldly estate I dispose of as  
 follows:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give my beloved wife the plantation on which I now  
 reside and the eighty acres of land in Section 19, deeded to me  
 by Mrs Nancy Wenter. In the event of the death of my wife  
 before my son arrive to majority, I will that my real estate be  
 managed for his benefit by the appointment of C. C. Postell if  
 agreeable to my wife, to manage his estate for him, to see  
 that his education is attended to properly and that he is fitted  
 for the business of life.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give also to my wife all of the mules and  
 Cattle wagons and farmes utensils, house hold and kitchen  
 furniture.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I make my wife Executrix without bond or security  
 of this my last will and testament and Guardian of my son with-  
 out bond. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1876.

J. R. Moore 

signed sealed and declared in the presence of the testator and in presence of each other who at the request of the testator signed the same as witnesses thereto.

L. W. Gillaud  
J. A. Rose  
J. J. Moore.

Codicil 1<sup>st</sup>

I J. R. Moore of Madison County and State of Mississippi, and maker of the foregoing will and testament, and still of sound mind and understanding do make public and declare this my first Codicil to the instrument already executed as my last will and testament and herewith foregoing in form following to wit:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> In the event of the death of my wife as already mentioned in the foregoing last will and testament before the arrival of my son to majority, I will that all my personal property be sold or tendered within time and good security required of purchasers of said property, and the interest applied to the necessary wants of my said son. And that when the accounts shall be collected arising for the sale of said personal property they the said accounts shall be properly invested for the benefit of my said son.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> Further I will that in the event of the death of my wife before my son arrives at the age of 21 years, as aforesaid my real estate shall be rented out to the best advantage for the benefit of my said son, and when my said son shall have had out of my estate educational advantages such as the schools of Canton or other good Academic schools of our country affords, and my said son shall have arrived at the age of 21 years then all the property of my estate real and personal in bonds notes and securities be turned over to my said son for his sole use and benefit.

Decr 18<sup>th</sup> 1876.

J. R. Moore Test

signed sealed and declared in the presence of the testator and in presence of each other who at the request of the testator signed the same as witnesses thereto.

G. L. Hargen  
J. F. Robinson  
A. L. Robinson

Last Will and Testament of Eugene A. Castine dec'd  
Filed January 7<sup>th</sup> AD 1878.

The State of Miss }  
Madison County } In the name of God Amen, I Eugene  
A. Castine of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory, make

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this my last will and testament. I desire first that all my just debts be promptly paid. I will and bequeath to my sisters Laura Castens and Florence Castens all the all the balance of my property to be equally divided between them. I hereby nominate and appoint Rob. J. Castens Executor of this my last will and testament without bond or security.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1874.  
Eugene A. Castens

Witness

E. L. Kargon  
J. M. Cradler  
D. C. Stein Jr.

Last Will and Testament of Louisa Hoffman dec'd.  
Filed January 20<sup>th</sup> AD 1875

The last will and Testament of Louisa Hoffman of the County of Madison, State of Mississippi  
I Louisa Hoffman of said County & State being desirous of disposing of my worldly estate in view of my approaching death do make, ordain & declare this as my last will & testament, that it is to give devise & bequeath to my husband Robert H. Hoffman of said County all my property & particularly and especially the lot & residence where we now reside, situated on Union Street in Canton in said County & State, including all the buildings & improvements of every kind belonging or appertaining thereto, to have & to hold the same in fee simple.

In testimony of which I hereto set my hand & seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1875.

Louisa Hoffman  
Signed published & declared by Louisa Hoffman as & for her last will & testament in our presence, who in the presence of each other & of the testator & at her request have signed our names hereto as witnesses.

A. W. Stafford  
C. C. P. Henderson  
Sarah Stafford.

Last Will and Testament of Ann Murphy dec'd.  
Filed May 11<sup>th</sup> AD 1878

I Ann Murphy of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi widow of William Murphy do hereby declare this to be my last will & testament. I give & bequeath to my youngest son James



Handy Murphy my Cow Dunny and all the calves of said Cow now belonging to me. also my black mule Palsy. my largest trunk. one bedstead one Mattress. one dark quilt & all of my chickens. I give & bequeath to my son Nestley Collins. my horse mule named Charley. my Cow named Polly. my small trunk. one light quilt one bed spread & one feather bed. I give & bequeath the remainder of my property of every description to my above named son James & Nestley to be equally divided between them. To my sons Nat Collins & Sam Collins I give nothing. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1875.

Aunt <sup>her</sup> ~~work~~ Murphy

Subscribed by the said Aunt Murphy in our presence & in the presence of each other after being fully read to her & declared by her to be her last will & testament.

A. B. Pratt  
Henry R. Smith

Last Will and Testament of Charles C. Shackelford died  
Filed July 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1875.

This Will made on the sixth day of December A.D. 1875  
of Charles C. Shackelford do make this my last Will  
and Testament.

First. I appoint my friend William Priestley my Executor and desire that no security shall be required of him on his official bond as such Executor.

Second. It is my wish and Will that my property shall be equally divided between my children subject to the legacy hereinafter mentioned.

Third. I give to Orsena Shackelford my adopted daughter one lot of ground lying between Fulton and Academy Streets and to front one hundred feet on Fulton & run between parallel lines to Academy Street & lying west to the street on which the old grave yard fronts.

Fourth. I hereby revoke my Will made on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1872 and the Codicil made on 9<sup>th</sup> March A.D. 1874. and all other Wills I may have heretofore made.

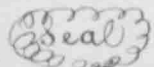
C. C. Shackelford

Last Will and Testament of Emily L. Phillips deceased  
Filed July 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1875.

I Emily L. Phillips wife of Dr. J. A. Phillips, being of sound & disposing mind do

make & ordain this my last will and Testament, revoking any and all testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made. - I do hereby devise & will all of my estate, both real & personal, money, choses in action and stocks to my said husband J. A. Phillips & to my four children (viz) Pettus, Thomas Arthur & Mamie Phillips; each to share equally & alike in my estate. And I do hereby constitute & appoint my said husband J. A. Phillips a trustee for each of my said children who are under the age of twenty one years & my entire estate is hereby vested in him as trustee as aforesaid & he shall have full power and authority to divide my said estate among my children according to the intent of this will, but no division shall be had until the child so entitled to receive their share shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years. And if my husband shall not think it prudent, & best for the interest of either of my said children that their share of my estate to which they may be entitled to receive should not be then allowed them, such then shall not then be given off to them. But their allotment or portion in my estate shall not be given off until my said husband may deem it wise & prudent special confidence being reposed in him, that he will in all things connected with the trusts hereby created act with prudence, & for the best interest of all concerned. My said husband hereby has full power and authority to see & dispose of any and all of my estate whenever he thinks best & any sale of any of my estate so made by him shall vest full & complete title in the purchase. No bond shall be required of him on executing this; my last will & in carrying out the trusts hereby imposed upon him the said J. A. Phillips. If my said husband shall die before my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, then & in that event, I do hereby declare it to be my wish & will that my beloved sister Henrietta Kearney & my son Pettus Phillips to take the place of my said husband in the controll & management of my estate & children & the tuition & custody of my said children who may be under twenty one years are hereby given to Mrs Kearney & to Pettus Phillips in case my said husband should die before that time. - If my daughter Mamie should marry before she attains the age of twenty one years, then in that event it shall be the duty of my said husband to give off to her, her portion of my estate according to the intent of this will just as soon as he can do so without bringing injury upon such other shares of my children as may then be undivided. My son Pettus being now of full age I wish his portion of my estate to be given off to him without delay but not so soon as to embarrass my husband in the execution of this will in so far as the interest of my other children is concerned. -

Witness my hand and seal this the sixth day of December A. D. 1876.

Emily L. Phillips 

Signed & attested by each of us in the presence of each other & in the presence of the said testatrix & at their request of the said Testatrix

D. Leitch  
A. A. Smith  
S. H. Kearney

Last Will and Testament of William P. Dulaney deceased.

Filed December 3<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1878.

State of Mississippi, County of Madison,

Know all men by these presents that I William P. Dulaney of the above named State and County, being of sound mind and memory do on this Twenty fourth day of January A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Seventy eight make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, in form following.

That is to say, I give, devise and bequeath, all my Estate real and personal money in hand, notes, and accounts, and all property of whatsoever kind that I die possessed of unto my beloved wife E. A. Dulaney and my beloved children Maggie A. Dulaney and Julia B. Dulaney to be equally divided between them at such a time under circumstances that I will hereafter in this point out. Should either of the parties of the above named legates marry she is privileged to withdraw her proportionate share at as soon as convenient after marriage the property however to remain in common as long the parties remain single or unmarried. At the arrival of age of legal maturity of the children, each can draw her proportionate part, or before if married. Should a necessity arise calling for the sale of the lands bequeathed to them I would advise that they sell the land in Yazoo County on Yazoo River situated about three and one half miles from the town of Yazoo in the above named State and County and should there be money left after liquidating my or their just debts I request that it be put at interest or to be used by the Estate for estate purposes I hereby appoint my Father Dr. William J. Dulaney of the afore named State and County Executor without requiring Bond of him of this my last will and Testament. In the event of the death of my Father Doctor William J. Dulaney I appoint my beloved wife E. A. Dulaney, executrix without requiring bond of

In witness whereof I have this day and date above mentioned do sealed, published and declared this instrument as my last will and Testament. Done at my residence in Madison County State of Mississippi.

W. P. Dulaney *W.P.D.*

The said William P. Dulaney at the above named place in said State and County and on day and date as above mentioned. Signed, sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will and Testament and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

Attest

A. D. Morrison

E. H. Green

W. C. Sanders.

Last Will and Testament of Leopold Maas deceased.

Filed December 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1878.

Having been sick for sometime. Knowing the uncertainty of death and having real & personal estate, which I wish and my ideas that is right & proper, I do



Item First. I give and devise to my wife Theresa Maas, for and during her natural life, the store house, which I now occupy as a store, in Canton Madison County, Mississippi, with the lot on which the said store house stands, containing Two hundred feet deep or long, and thirty feet wide with the privileges & appurtenances belonging to the same and all other real and personal estate that I may own at the time of my death; provided however and the above devise is upon the express condition that my said wife, Theresa Maas, shall, at all times suffer & permit such of my sons and daughters, by her begotten, as shall be infants, to live with her, until they respectively arrive at the age of Twenty one, or until their respective marriages; & to be sustained, maintained & educated, by her in a suitable manner and according to her pecuniary condition in life. And for the better support, maintenance & education & care of our children, as shall be infants, at my decease, I do hereby dispose of the custody & tuition of my said children, as shall be infants at my decease to my said wife Theresa Maas, until they respectively arrive at the full age of Twenty one years, or until their respective marriages.

Item Second. I give and bequeath to my wife Theresa Maas, for and during her natural life, all of my household goods & furniture and all personal property of every description and at her death to go to our children Albert Maas, David Maas, Caroline Maas, and Rose Maas in equal proportions.

Item Third. After the death of my wife, Theresa Maas, I will and direct, that all of my property, both real & personal, shall be equally as to value divided among, & between, our four children, to wit - Albert Maas David Maas, Caroline Maas & Rose Maas; and I therefore give, devise and bequeath, after the death of my wife Theresa Maas & not before, all of my real & personal estate, that I may own at the time of my death, to our said four children to wit - Albert Maas, David Maas; Caroline Maas & Rose Maas, & not to any of my children by my first marriage.

Item Fourth. I make no provision for the children by my first wife in this will, because they are all of full age, well situated as regards property and do not need any assistance, as much as my four little children do, by my last wife Theresa Maas. If I had the property I would give it to them; but as I have it not, they must be satisfied with my love & best wishes for their prosperity & happiness.

Item Fifth. I do hereby nominate and appoint my good & faithful wife, Theresa Maas, executrix of this my last will and Testament, and I do not require her, and I direct the chancery court, not to require her to give any security on her bond as executrix of my will; & I do hereby direct that Letters Testamentary shall be issued to her upon her entering into bond without security or securities.

In witness whereof, I have herunto set my hand and seal, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day first day of January A.D. 1876.

Leopold Maas 

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Leopold Maas, as and his last will and Testament, in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other have herunto

names, as witnesses hereunto, this the twenty first day of January A.D. 1876.  
J. B. Maguire  
Wm. P. Devels  
J. B. Devels.

Last Will and Testament of Albert K. Cage, deceased.  
Made January 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1879.

I Albert K. Cage of the City of Canton, County of Madison, and State of Mississippi, being of sound and disposing mind and memory - and fully impressed with the uncertainty of life, being desirous of making a just and legal disposition of my Estate after me - do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament - repealing hereby all former testamentary dispositions of property by me made.

Step 1<sup>st</sup> I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Amanda S. Cage, all the Estate real Personal and mixed, of which I may die seized and possessed and all benefits, monies, which may accrue to me from any and all mortgages upon my life, also all monies, notes, accounts and other things due to me to have and to hold to her, during the term of her natural life, or during her widowhood and at her death, or upon her subsequent marriage, the said Estate to be divided Share and Share alike among my Children.

Step 2<sup>nd</sup> I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife Amanda S. Cage Sole Executor of this my last will and testament and direct that neither Bond or Security for the performance of her duties as such Executor be required of her.

In testimony of which I have hereunto affixed my name and Seal this the twenty sixth day of August A.D. 1878. A. K. Cage

In the presence of the Testator and at his request we saw the said Testator sign his Name thereto, and in the presence of the said Testator and at his request, and in the presence of each other we have signed our Names thereto as subscribing witnesses, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878.  
W. J. Masby  
Chas. L. Masby  
J. N. Thomas.

Decree Probating Will entered in Minute Book No 3 on page 585



Last Will & Testament of J. S. Murphy, deceased.  
Filed January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1879.

Canton, Miss  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1878.

In the name of God, Amen. I do make this my last Will and Testament. To my wife Catharine Murphy I bequeath all my Property Personal, Real and Mixed

Witness  
John Kelly  
Bridget Mahon  
J. W. Branigan } J. S. Murphy Per  
W. Branigan

Record Probating Will Entered in Minutes 223. p. 10.

Last Will & Testament of Sammie W. Litch, deceased.  
Filed March 18<sup>th</sup> 1879.

In the name of God I Sammie W. Litch in view of my approaching death and in the full possession of all my faculties do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament revoking all others saying and bequeath to my Children viz. J. W. Litch, Neal A. Litch, Frances, Effie, S. Litch, Sarah Virginia Litch, Martha P. Litch & Silas D. Litch. My house and lot situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi & City of Canton being the place we have occupied as a family residence. It is to be kept collectively with the following instructions. To wit. It shall be kept as a home for the entire family or such of the family as desire to live together until my daughter Frances E. Litch dies. And not then should there be any one of my daughters then living unmarried, should however my daughter Effie, Annie & Martha die or marry. And after this or before it, were Frances to die, then I wish the house & lot to be equally divided between the children then living. It is my desire to preserve a home for my afflicted daughter Frances until her death, and to do the same for each of my other daughters until their marriage. I hereby appoint my eldest son James W. Litch my Executor and it is my express desire that he do this and perform the duty without any bond or security as usually required by the Courts. In testimony of the above I have set my hand & affix my seal this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1878.

Sammie W. Litch

State of Mississippi }  
Madison County } The above last Will & Testament of Mr. Sammie W. Litch was signed by him in my presence this the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1878. And acknowledged



as his last will and testament

Robert Dewart

Mayor & J.P.

Note: Three witnesses subscribed to the above instrument but the names were attached to the instrument with mucilage and was torn off by some person unknown. The will having been lost in the street and found in a mutilated condition. Decree Probating Will Recorded in Clerk Min. Bk. A Page 199.

J. D. Coffey, Clerk.

Last Will and Testament of A. L. Couch, deceased.  
Filed October 4<sup>th</sup> 1872.

In the name of God, Amen - I Alexander L. Couch of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, do make Publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament, I being in the full possession of all my mental faculties unimpaired.

First - I will that my Partnership business in which I am now engaged be speedily settled up, and that all my Partnership & private debts be paid without any preference to any creditor whatsoever. And I will that John W. Yarrgan and John D. Spate Jr. take my place in winding up said business, and I will that if any thing is left of my share of the assets of said business after said debts be paid, be given to my wife Emma E. Couch to dispose of as she sees fit.

Secondly - I will and bequeath that the five thousand dollar Policy on my life (in the hands of Winter and State Exch. as collateral security for a debt due by me to the late Richard Shultz) be collected and the proceeds after paying said debt be paid over to John W. Yarrgan and John D. Spate Jr. as the guardians of my son Alexander Couch to be invested for his benefit as herein after set forth.

Thirdly - I will and bequeath the fifteen thousand dollar Policy upon my life, to my wife and daughters Emma E. Couch, my wife to have one half paid by two daughters to have the other half equally divided between three. The proceeds of said Policy to be collected by said Yarrgan & Spate, above mentioned as the Executors of this my last Will and Testament and as the guardians of my children, and the same to be invested by these gentlemen so as to bear good interest, and said interest to be paid one half of it quarterly by my wife & the other half to be equally divided and applied to the maintenance and education of my two daughters above mentioned - And I will that the five thousand dollar Policy above mentioned, shall be collected by these gentlemen Yarrgan & Spate, invested so as to bear interest or income to be applied to the maintenance and education of my son Alexander. And when the youngest of my said children shall have arrived at majority, I will that the amounts of money which I have directed to be placed at interest, or invested for any

wife and children shall be paid over to them in the proportion that it is herein directed to be invested for them until said time shall have arrived -

Fourthly - And I further enjoin upon my wife and daughter when the youngest of my children shall have arrived at full age, that they make my sons share of money equal to theirs - because I think I should in law equalize said shares.

And I further do constitute declare and appoint John W. Yeorgain and Henry Frost Jr, as the Executors of this my last Will & Testament and the Guardians of any my children herein mentioned, and I desire that they shall not be required to give any bond of any kind whatsoever, and I wish that they have full power to do any and all acts in and about the Collection investment or Uninvestment or changing the form of investment of any of the Monies herein bequeathed for the things therein necessary to carry out this my last Will and Testament. And all the residue of my estate real & personal I hereby bequeath to my wife & children as follows, my wife to have half and each of my children an equal part of the other half. And my Executors are to have over my wife share to her, and as Trustees are to do with my childrens share as they think best for their interests - Said Yeorgain and Frost are further declared by the Several Executors of this my last Will and Testament and the Guardians of my children without any bond to be required of them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1852.  
J. L. Couch

Witness  
We hereby declare that we saw Alexander J. Couch sign & seal the above and foregoing instrument which he declared to be his last Will and Testament & that we attested the same in his presence.  
W. A. Stone

Deena Probating Will  
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John B. Hewitt  
Emmett L. Sp.



Mad March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879.

In the name of God. Amen. I David Mackay Hutton of the County of Canton, County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being in the seventy-fifth year of my age, and in my usual soundness of mind do make ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, I having never hitherto made any testamentary disposition of my Property. It is first my will and desire that all my just debts be paid. Secondly, I will and bequeath, and devise in fee simple to her and her heirs forever, unto my wife Eugenia Hutton the residence and lot upon which I now live in Canton Madison County, Mississippi, said lot on which said residence is situated being upon Centre Street in said City on the North side thereof, lying between the lot now occupied by Wiley Lyons Esquire as his residence and a lot lately sold by me to one A. C. Gray and said residence lot running back north from said Street four hundred feet and fronting said Centre Street two hundred feet more or less, as the case may be. I also give and bequeath, and devise to my said wife Eugenia Hutton the following described tract or parcel of land lying and being in Madison County, State of Mississippi viz. The South half of the South East quarter of Section Eighteen Township nine range three East, together with all other land of more lying South of said Section, between lands owned and occupied by Mrs. Partlow on the East side and the lands lately sold by me on the West side thereof and extending South to the North boundary of the lands lately sold by William Taylor Wiley Lyons, by this last description all the lands that I now own and possess contiguous to the vicinity of the eighty acres of land above described. I also give and devise to my said wife in fee simple forever a tract of land exact number by land numbers not numbered, same being in Jack County, in the State of Texas. Containing six hundred and forty acres, the same having been granted to my said wife for services rendered in the Revolution of 1836. I further give and bequeath to my said wife forever all the personal property of which I am seized and possessed, of every kind, except such as are hereafter bequeathed to other persons. - Thus the bequests here made herein to my said wife to be her and her heirs forever in fee simple -

I further give & bequeath to my grand nephew David Mackay Hutton Jr. Son of my nephew David Hutton, a lot of ground situated in the western suburbs of Canton, Madison County, Mississippi designated by the map made by E. A. Ford of my land west of the N. O. & N. O. Rail Road, as lot No. 47, fronting on west side one hundred and eighty feet & running west to the Smith land



Family Bible also my gold watch & the Portrait of my father  
& Mother & the large Portrait of myself - Said lot in Fee simple  
forever to him and his heirs.

To my Grand niece Eva Sullon daughter of my Nephew David  
Sullon I bequeath, give & devise in Fee Simple to her and her heirs forever  
what in said County State & City described on said map as No 48  
the same being of her brother David M. S. Lot & joining it on the  
South side. To Paul H. Sullon Son of my said Nephew David Sullon  
I give bequeath & devise to him this his forever lot No 49 in said  
County & State & make ad joining his sister Eva's lot on the South side  
fronting Sullon Street two hundred feet and West Street one hundred  
& eighty feet.

To Esther Sullon youngest child of said nephew David Sullon I give &  
bequeath in Fee Simple forever lot No 46 in said County & State on  
said map, the same fronting West Street one hundred and seventy eight  
feet & Franklin Street two hundred feet & joining her brother David's  
lot.

To Mack Sullon nephew Son of my niece Mary Eliza Rachel I give  
& bequeath to him this his in Fee Simple forever lot No 32 on said  
map & in said County & State fronting Sullon Street eighty feet &  
Walnut Street two hundred feet & adjoining his mother's lot above her.

To John W. Buckley Son of my said niece Mary Eliza I give &  
bequeath to him this his in Fee Simple forever lot in said map  
No 32 1/2 in said County & State fronting Sullon Street eighty feet & running  
North two hundred feet joining his brother Mack Sullon's lot.

To David the Son of my niece Carrie daughter of my brother  
John D. Sullon deceased I give & bequeath to him this his in  
Fee Simple forever lot on said map No 37 and in said County  
& State fronting Peace Street eighty feet & joining on the West side  
a lot I formerly gave his mother & running South with her line to  
the Livingston Road.

That the rest of my Estate of which I die seized & possessed or  
have in any wise any interest in by the same real personal or mixed  
I give bequeath & devise unto her & her heirs in Fee Simple forever unto  
my beloved wife Eugenia Sullon all the Property I have herein bequeathed  
to my wife Eugenia Sullon I hereby charge with the payment of  
all my just debts & I will and give to the said Eugenia full power  
in any way she may think proper to sell and convey any and  
all of the same to accomplish this object & then the same to be at  
her disposal absolutely & unqualifiedly forever in Fee Simple.  
And the bequests herein made to my wife are in lieu of her rights  
of dower. And I make & constitute my said wife Eugenia  
the Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament and especially  
absolve her from giving any bond or Security what so ever and  
I hereby authorize & empower her if she shall need any advice  
or assistance to employ an attorney or attorneys to assist her in  
the Settlement of my Estate.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my Seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1878.

David M. Dalton

Signed & Sealed, in our Presence & Published & declared to be  
by the Last Will & Testament of testator this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1878.

Witnesses  
A. J. Spooler Jr  
H. W. Stanford  
O. H. Conway

I, David M. Dalton being of sound mind and disposing mind, do make and Publish this as a codicil to the foregoing  
Last Will and Testament made by me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May  
A.D. 1878.

My wife being now deceased I do hereby give and bequeath  
the Property real Personal and mixed, by my said Last Will and  
Testament bequeathed and devised to her to my niece Mary  
Eliza Reola, David Dalton, the Guardian of my Nephew David  
Dalton, and the Nephew of my lately deceased wife Eugenia  
Conway Share and Share alike, the Children of my Nephew  
David Dalton bearing only one Share.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my name  
and Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1878

David M. Dalton

In the Presence of the testator and at his request we the undersigned  
have seen him affix his name to the last above codicil - and  
at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the  
presence of each other we have subscribed our names hereunto  
as attesting witnesses this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1878

A. B. McMichael  
Sam. C. Drown  
C. J. Prustey



Will of R. C. Brinkley, Authenticated Copy,  
Filed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1879

Probate Court of Shelby County,

State of Tennessee

Shelby County } Pleas before the Honorable Thos. D. Eldridge Judge of the Probate  
 Court of Shelby County, held in the City of Memphis 4<sup>th</sup> State and County aforesaid  
 and at the Chamber town thereof 1878.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit: on Tuesday Dec 17, 1878 being one of  
 the days of the Dec. Term 1878 of the said Court the following is as agreed;

In the matter of R. C. Brinkley } 3601 R. 5  
 Estate,

The last Will and testament of the late Robert  
 C. Brinkley dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878 and a codicil thereto attached dated  
 the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1878, were presented for probate by James L. Goodloe  
 one of the persons therein named as executor, George C. Harris one of the  
 subscribing witnesses to the will having here duly sworn and taken oath, that  
 he became such at the request of the testator, signed as a witness in the pres-  
 ence of the testator, and that he verily believes said Brinkley was at the  
 time of sound and disposing mind and memory. The said Harris further  
 declares that he was acquainted with W. J. McKeon in his lifetime that said  
 McKeon has died since the date of said will, was acquainted with the  
 handwriting of said McKeon and that he believes that the signature of W. J.  
 McKeon affixed to said will as a witness is the true and genuine handwriting  
 of said McKeon who is now dead as aforesaid, John P. Wilkerson being duly sworn  
 and taken oath that he was acquainted with W. J. McKeon in his lifetime and with  
 his hand writing, that said McKeon has died since the date of said will, and  
 that he believes the signature of W. J. McKeon affixed as a witness to said will  
 is the true and genuine handwriting of said McKeon. The said Wilkerson further  
 declares that his signature is affixed as a witness to the codicil aforesaid that  
 he became such at the request of and signed the same as a witness in the  
 presence of the testator and that he verily believes said Brinkley was at the time  
 of sound and disposing mind and memory. W. H. Seay and M. W. Boardley having  
 here duly sworn and taken oath that they are acquainted with J. J. Sawyer and J. A. Davis  
 whose names appear as witnesses to said codicil, and also with the hand  
 writing of said Sawyer and Davis. That said Sawyer and Davis are now residents  
 being citizens of the State of Mississippi; and that they believe the signatures of  
 said Sawyer and Davis are true and genuine. It is ordered by the Court that  
 said Will and codicil be admitted to probate, and James L. Goodloe one of the per-  
 sons therein named as executor appearing in open Court and agreeing to accept  
 the office as executor and having qualified as Executor no security being required  
 by the provisions of said will and codicil, it is ordered that letters testamentary  
 issue to him, John McLean the other persons named in said testament of the late  
 Robert C. Brinkley and codicil thereto attached as Executor also as a Trustee for the  
 said estate devised to him for the use of Hugh L. Brinkley, the said will and  
 codicil also containing provisions for the further settlement to be made under  
 the supervision of said Lea of estate, therein devised to his daughter by



said R. C. Brinkley, appears in open Court and declines to accept any of said office, renounces the executorship of the estate the trusteeship for Hugh G. Brinkley the duty of making said settlements and all other trusts whatever set forth in said will and codicil and asks that the remuneration of all said offices and trust be entered of record, which is done. By the Court ordered to be done, And on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 1879 one of the days of the April Term of said court the following is of Record.

Additional Probate

In the matter of the estate } 3601 R. 5.  
of R. C. Brinkley, deceased }

In the Probate Court of Shelby County Tennessee,

The motion of Jas. H. Goodloe Executor of said estate, to probate, more fully the will of his testator having been granted, the will was produced and the Reverend George C. Harris having been duly sworn deposed as follows to-wit: that he was present on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878, and in the presence of the said R. C. Brinkley, when the said will was signed and witnessed that in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, testator acknowledged and published the will as his last will and testament that the signatures of C. P. Quintard and J. H. Brinkley which are attached to the will as witnesses were subscribed in his presence, and in the presence of the testator that he is acquainted with the handwriting of said C. P. Quintard and that his is genuine and true and I know J. H. Brinkley's signature, is genuine, having seen him sign it to said will and further that the said C. P. Quintard is domiciled at New and Stone and that J. H. Brinkley usually resides at Suka Mississippi.

The premises considered it is ordered and decreed that this additional probate of the will be made a part of the proceedings in this cause.

Will of R. C. Brinkley

I Robert C. Brinkley in order to make provision for my son Hugh G. Brinkley do hereby make this devise in the nature of and as a last Will for that sole purpose, and this devise is in no way to affect any part of my estate except that which is herein specially named and devised. Nor is it in any way to affect any other Member of my family, Nor the disposition of the balance of my estate whether by will or under the statutes of descent and distribution. I hereby expressly revoke and annul all other wills or devises heretofore made by me so far those wills or devises name Hugh or affect his interests, but no further. And if I shall hereafter make any other Will or Wills, it or they are not to be construed as revoking or altering this unless this particular devise be specially named, and expressly revoked, altered or changed. I devise to my trusted friend and relative J. Geo. McLean Esq. of Davidson County Tennessee, as trustee and in trust the following pieces of property Namely Lot Number Ninety six as laid down on the plan of the City of Memphis in Shelby County Tenn, also lot No Two Hundred and thirty two (232) on the same plan of the City of Memphis, also lot No (313) three hundred and forty three of said

Plan of the City of Memphis, Also lot No three Hundred and forty nine  
 (349) on the plan of the City of Memphis, also lots 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block  
 No 2, and lots 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 in Block 5, and lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 18,  
 11, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of lot 4 in Block No 6, Lots 9, 10, 11, 15, 19 and 20 in Block  
 No 7 Lots 1 to 8 inclusive and lots 15 to 26 inclusive in Block 8 lots 9 to 17  
 inclusive and lots 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 in Block 9 lots 9 to 17 inclusive in  
 Block No 10, lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 15, 19 and 20 in Block No 11, all of said lots  
 and blocks being in Bradley and Snowden's subdivision of Division No 7 of  
 the John Rice Grant and shown on the plan now of record in Shelby County  
 wherein said lots and blocks are situated the recorded plan herein referred  
 to is on that part of division No 7 which lies West of Broadway Avenue, also  
 the undivided half of the following pieces and parts of real estate, namely  
 undivided half of lot No three Hundred and thirty one on the plan of the City  
 of Memphis, undivided half of lot No three Hundred and thirty three (333) on  
 the plan of the City of Memphis, undivided half of lot No two thousand and  
 fourteen (214) on the plan of the City of Memphis, undivided half of lot  
 No four hundred and eighteen (418) on the plan of the City of Memphis  
 undivided halves of lots 8, 11, 16 and 17 of the subdivision of original Coun-  
 ty lot No 488 on the plan of the City of Memphis as shown on Ketcher and  
 Williamson's Maps of the City of Memphis, undivided halves of lots No 563  
 and 564 of original County lot No 1079 undivided parts of lots 568, 571 and  
 the whole of a lot having 22 feet front on the east side of Desoto Street  
 between Madison and Monroe of original County lot 481 also a lot having  
 a front of 80 feet on the south side of Jefferson St by 118 1/2 feet on East  
 side of Vandeventer St, and the undivided half of a lot having a front of  
 160 feet on the north side of Court St by 118 1/2 feet on the East side of Van-  
 deventer, being parts of original County lot No 500, also undivided half of  
 a lot forming a triangle at the intersection of Poplar and Adams Sts being  
 part of original County lot No 503, also the undivided half of the unsold  
 part of original County lot No 509 lying on the West side of Quincy St  
 also the undivided half of about two hundred acres of land in Shelby County  
 Tenn, being all that part of Division No 7 of the John Rice Grant which lies  
 East of Broadway Avenue also undivided halves of County lots No 524 & 535  
 as shown on Ketcher and Williamson's Maps lying North of the City of Mem-  
 phis also all of the estate property, right, title, and interest, present, espe-  
 rant future or contingent, that I may own or in any way be entitled to in  
 the stock, franchises and property of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad  
 Company, the Memphis and Little Rock Railway Company, and the Mem-  
 phis and Little Rock Railroad Company (as reorganized) to have and to  
 hold all of the above described property real and personal to him the said  
 John M. Lea in trust, and upon the use trusts and limitations herein set  
 forth, namely Much of the property herein devised has been and is now  
 encumbered by deeds of trusts and mortgages executed by Hugh and myself  
 to secure the payment of debts which Hugh owed and now owes many of  
 said debts and parts of others, I have paid off and discharged and upon some  
 I am still bound, I authorize and direct the said trustee at my death to  
 take possession of all the property herein devised and receive the rents  
 income and profits thereof and out of the same annually or from time

to time make suitable allowance for Hughs support and maintenance  
 paying the same into his own hands and taking his receipt therefor,  
 this allowance to be made wholly within and at the discretion of my said  
 Trustee and if he shall in the exercise of such discretion make such al-  
 lowance and there shall be any surplus, that surplus he will apply  
 first to the discharge of any debts or incumbrances on said property or  
 any part thereof, for which my estate may be liable and after all of  
 such debts are discharged and paid off, he shall pay over the said  
 rents or the surplus thereof to my personal representative to reimburse  
 me and my estate in full for all sums paid by me or by my personal  
 representatives which have been or may be charged upon said property  
 or any part thereof for Hughs debts, and after all of said debts shall  
 have been paid and my estate fully reimbursed the said trustee may  
 in his judgment and discretion pay over into Hughs own hands all  
 of the rents income and profits of said property during Hughs natural  
 life, or he may in his discretion withhold any or all of the same,  
 that any time the trustee shall in his judgment deem it proper so to  
 do he is fully authorized and empowered to sell and convey absolutely  
 any part or all of the property herein devised upon such terms as he  
 may see proper or he may exchange ~~any~~ or all of it for other property  
 he has and is hereby given full power and authority to invest the  
 proceeds in such property as he may in his judgment think best and  
 may sell and receive as often as he sees proper to do, the proceeds  
 and property into which this is converted shall be held on the same  
 trusts as herein declared, It is distinctly my wish and I do so declare  
 that should Hugh at the time of my death be or afterwards become  
 insolvent of which the trustee shall be sole judge, payments of rents and  
 profits to Hugh are in the discretion of the trustee to be withheld, and  
 in that event the trustee is to improve the fund, and the same are  
 at his discretion to accumulate in his hands until said Hugh becomes  
 relieved of his embarrassments the discretion reposed in the trustee is  
 absolute and no right of action is to exist upon the part of said Hugh  
 or of any creditor or assignee, or his, or any other person claiming under  
 in right of Hugh for said rents and profits unless Hugh and then  
 only Hugh himself can establish the fact that he is free from debts  
 and that the income is fraudulently withheld by the trustee, or the  
 pretended ground that said Hugh has not the means outside of the estate  
 here devised to pay his debts, I distinctly declare that this estate is not  
 devised to enable said Hugh to pay any debt which he may now owe or  
 hereafter contract, but for the purpose of providing him the means  
 to live upon if the trustee shall in his discretion be of the opinion that  
 he desires to have the income for that purpose. If the trustee in his dis-  
 cretion shall deem Hugh deserving he may not only apply the income  
 for that purpose after paying the debts and incumbrances & principal  
 but he may in his discretion appropriate so much of the capital or prin-  
 cipal as he may deem absolutely necessary. If from any cause Messrs  
 Lea shall decline to accept this trust or having accepted it shall afterwards  
 resign I do hereby authorize and empower him by any instrument in



writing, in the nature of a Deed or last Will and testament to appoint a trustee in his place and such appointee shall be clothed with all the trusts, powers and discretions herein conferred upon the said John Mc Lee, and in default of such appointment the Chancery Court or any legal tribunal having jurisdiction of trusts is authorized to appoint a trustee to carry out the trust and purposes of this will John Mc Lee or any appointee of his is expressly released from giving any bond for the performance of the duties herein imposed. This devise for Hugh's benefit is all that he is to have out of my estate whether I die testate or intestate. The said Hugh is authorized to designate and appoint by an instrument in the nature of a last will and testament the person or persons to whom said estate with the accumulated income if any shall pass on his death.

In order that the trustee may know what debts and charges are upon the estate herein devised, which are directed to be paid to liquidate and reimburse my estate they are as follows viz W. A. Nichols deed of trust on lot 96. I have paid a part of this debt and there is a large balance still owing James Elder Mortgage or deed of trust on lot of N. 343? part paid and part unpaid, Life Association of America deed of trust on lot 349 part paid and part unpaid, W. W. Le Postollet's deed of trust or Mortgage on undivided half of lots 214<sup>th</sup> & 118 Cotton Grove and of trust or Mortgage on lot 232 and undivided half of 200 acres. And the trustee is expressly authorized if he sells any part of the property herein devised to use so much of the proceeds as may be necessary to pay off what may be due to the parties named and reimburse my estate what I have or may pay. Since the following special devise for Hugh's benefit was prepared I have concluded to make a general Will. My two children by my first marriage to wit: Hugh and Annie Weston and Mrs Snowden inherited a large estate from their mother, Annie has been preserved to her I have added to its ultimate value. She has so much more than my children by my present wife that I know she does not expect anything under my Will, except my love and affection. Hugh has been unfortunate and I have paid out a great deal of money for him and incurred very heavy obligations for him. In order to protect myself to some extent, I purchased from him on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1876 nominally a large amount of property, but really so heavily encumbered that after paying off the encumbrances there will be very little left, that is the property or most of it which I have specially devised to John Mc Lee, in trust for Hugh in the first part of this will. I pray that Mr Lee can so manage the property as to pay off the encumbrances, reimburse me and my estate and provide a support for Hugh during his life. Now as to such other property and estate as I may own at my death I do make the following disposition namely, I do give and devise to my dearly beloved Wife Elizabeth Mc Brinkley the lot or tract of land near Puka Mississippi containing about 60 acres more or less which is situated near my residence together with all of the household and kitchen furniture stock of all kinds, horse, mules, wagons and harness together with such other property which may be on said place or ordinarily belonging there at my death to be hers absolutely in fee simple. I do also give and devise

to my said beloved Wife for and during her natural life one third  
 interest in all the rest and residue of my real estate wherever the  
 same may be situated, All the rest and residue of my estate real and  
 personal after the payment of my debts as hereinafter directed, I direct  
 shall be equally divided among my five children by my present wife  
 to wit James M. - Betta Robert C. Lucille and William for proportions  
 as to advancements being taken, though up to the date of this will none of  
 them have been advanced except James. The shares of my daughters to  
 their sole and separate use, under proper settlements with proper bonds  
 and in the discretion of Mr pro M. Lea, or in the event of his death  
 under that of Mr Jas L. Goodloe, I have two faithful Servants for  
 whom I desire to make some provision, as a recognition of their services  
 and I do give and devise to Sarah M. Mury a tract of land containing  
 forty acres part of the W. E. Jones land south of Memphis, in what by  
 County law is called by and under the Chancery proceedings in the  
 case of Anne S. Jones and others v. R. C. Brinkley and others, in the then  
 any Court of Shelby County - and to Emeline Smith I devise and  
 give one hundred and sixty acres of land to be selected by Mr James  
 L. Goodloe out of my lands in Crittenden County Ark. to be of fair  
 average quality unimproved these devises to be excepted out of the gener-  
 al devisions for the distribution of my estate among my five chil-  
 dren, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Mr pro M. Lea  
 and Mr James L. Goodloe executors of this my last will and testament  
 and to release them from giving any bond for the performance of their  
 duties as such, I expect and hope that Mr Goodloe will be the active  
 executor, and that he will do most or all of the actual work in  
 winding up my estate, and if he and Mr Lea can agree about it I  
 would prefer that he have a fixed salary for his services, I particularly  
 desire that Mr pro M. Lea shall have the general supervision of my  
 business that he will advise what ought to be done and that his  
 advice will be strictly followed and if he and Mr Goodloe should  
 differ then Mr Lea judgment shall determine the matter.  
 To my said Executors I give full and ample power over my estate and  
 affairs and fully authority and empower them to sell all or any part  
 of my estate real and personal if necessary to pay debts of which they  
 are to be judges, or if they agree I trust to sell in order to divide the  
 whole or any part among my children they have full power and au-  
 thority to do so and may sell for cash or credit or both and convey to  
 the purchaser who shall not be required to look to the application of the  
 purchase money, no matter for what reason the sales are made. I also  
 give them full power and authority to compromise claims, debts and  
 charge the form of any debts to the end that they may be paid without  
 sacrifice to my estate, But in all cases and in all events I desire them  
 as far, and as long as they can lawfully do so, to protect my dear  
 Wife provisions, as to all else their judgment and discretion are absolute,  
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
 my seal and acknowledged in the presence of the subscribing  
 that the foregoing thirteen pages and this one contain my

my last will and testament,

Signed sealed and published on this the Ninth day of August 1878

R. C. Brinkley Seal

And attested by us as witnesses on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878 in the presence of the Testator R. C. Brinkley and of each other,

Charles Todd Duvalard

Geo. C. Harris

J. H. Brinkley

W. J. McKeon,

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R. C. Brinkley

Being of sound mind and disposing memory, I R. C. Brinkley, after mature reflection upon the contents of and general nature of my will of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1878, and of the trust devise to John M. Lea included in the will do now add this codicil to the said will giving the same the same force and authority so far as its terms are concerned as to the said will.

Section 1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath to my sister Melissa Brinkley the sum of money five (5) dollars per month during the time of her natural life, payable at the end of each month.

Section 2<sup>nd</sup>, I further devise to John M. Lea in trust for the use of my son Geo. L. Brinkley under the like power and conditions as are contained in the former trust as set forth in the first part of my said will the following lands and property namely: The lands situated in New York County Mississippi known as the Young Property together with all other given by purchase for any or all of said land that I may sell and which may be obtained at the time of my death, also the lands in Hancock and Harzant Counties, Texas or other counties in that

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State, and while I hold by virtue of deed or deeds from Geo. L. Brinkley together with all the rights titles, equities, rents, issues and profits arising out of said lands, the costs or other expenses or liabilities which may be incurred in perfecting title or titles to the same to be a charge against the property and not to be borne by my other estates not devised in trust to John M. Lea.

Section 3<sup>rd</sup> As the terms contents and conditions of the first part of my will of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1878 which are set forth in the trust devise for use of Geo. L. Brinkley to John M. Lea are not entirely in accord with my wishes, I now on mature consideration, do by this codicil make the following amendments changes or alterations to the same. It is set forth in that trust to John M. Lea in which various lots of lands and other valuable property and considerations are given to the trustee under certain conditions for the use of Geo. L. Brinkley that it shall not be revoked or altered by me except upon special and specific reference to that trust. I therefore now make this special and specific reference to that trust, which is the first portion of my will of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1878, as required by its terms.

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R. C. Brinkley


State that it was my intention in that trust to charge the property therein devised to said Trustee for the use of my son H. C. Brinkley with all debts due me by my said son and I now require the said Trustee as such and as my executor, and also my other executor James G. Goodhue to refund and repay to my general estate to be divided according to the contents of my will which follows the said devise in trust and also according to the terms of this codicil all of the money due me from my son H. C. Brinkley as by accounts upon or in my account books or papers or otherwise out of the rents, issues profits or other income from sale or transfer of the property devised by the said will or this codicil in trust to the said John M. Lea for the use of H. C. Brinkley. My executors are authorized to pay these debts of H. C. Brinkley either in money or by transfer of trust property to my estate not devised in trust; I respectively charge the property devised to the said John M. Lea in trust for H. C. Brinkley with all the sums due me from H. C. Brinkley by account or otherwise as well as with the claims mentioned in the said trust.

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R. C. Brinkley

which is a part of and included in my will of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1878, Section 4<sup>th</sup>. My executor John M. Lea and James G. Goodhue are authorized to empower each other either generally or specially to act for each other where their signatures, or other official acts are necessary to the execution of my will or of any codicil made in addition to it,

Section 5<sup>th</sup>. If either of my said executors should decline to act as such I nominate and appoint John Overton jr of Memphis Tennessee to act instead of that one who declines. This also, in case of the death of either of my executors before the full execution of my will but this section is not to revoke or annul anything in my will of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1878 which may conflict with it, No bond shall be required from John Overton jr should he be called to act as my executor.

Witness my hand and seal on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1878 at Suba Mississippi;

R. C. Brinkley 

This Codicil was signed and acknowledged by R. C. Brinkley in our presence and in the presence of each other on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1878 as a codicil to his will of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1878,

J. J. Sawyers.

J. A. Davis,  
Geo. P. Wilkinson,

Proved at the December Term 1878 of the Probate Court of Shelby County Tennessee and ordered to be recorded,  
Recorded December 25<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Owen Dwyer Clerk,

State of Tennessee }  
 Shelby County } I Owen Dwyer Clerk of the County and Probate courts  
 of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing thirty two (32) pages contain  
 a full true and perfect copy of the last Will and Testament of R. C. Brinsley  
 in the order probating the same and the additional order of probate as the  
 same appears of record in Will & Testament 538 to 535 in Minute Book 32 pp. 543,  
 Book 31 pp. 1473 and now on file in my office,

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
 the seal of said Court at office in the city of Memphis this  
 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1879,



Owen Dwyer Clerk

State of Tennessee }  
 Shelby County } Probate Court Room,  
 Memphis Tenn July 5<sup>th</sup> 1879,  
 I Thos D. Eldridge sole and presiding Judge of the Probate Court of said  
 county, certify that Owen Dwyer who gave the foregoing certificate is now  
 and was at the time of signing the same Clerk of said Court, and that  
 said Court is a Court of Record, and that his attestation is in due form and  
 his official acts, as such are entitled to full faith and credit,

Witness my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1879,  
 Thos D. Eldridge Judge,

State of Tennessee }  
 Shelby County } I Owen Dwyer, Clerk of the Probate Court of said county,  
 certify that Thos D. Eldridge whose genuine official signature appears  
 to the above and hereto annexed certificate is and was at the time of sign-  
 ing the same, sole and presiding Judge of the Probate Court in and for  
 the county and state aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified and  
 that all his official acts, as such are entitled to full faith and credit

Witness my hand and seal of office at office in Memphis Tennessee  
 on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1879.



Owen Dwyer, Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Murtagh and  
Filed December the 15<sup>th</sup> 1879

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Murtagh of the County of Madison and state of  
 Mississippi being of sound mind and memory, but feeble in body do make declare and  
 public and ordain this as my last Will and Testament.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I commend my body to that Mother, Earth, and my spirit, I commend to God who  
 gave it.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and desire that my first debt which are but few, be first paid,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my Will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Murtagh last charge of  
 all my Estate, both Real and personal all monies on hand: all notes and debts  
 and choses in action of every description whatever and hold use and enjoy the same  
 for her own use and that of our children during the period of her natural life,  
 and that at her death the same shall be equally divided between our said children  
 their heirs or assigns

14<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and desire that my wife execute this my last will and testament and that no security be required of her in so doing. Having full confidence in her integrity and ability I do hereby accordingly nominate and appoint her my executrix to execute the same without security being required of her in the performance of any of her duties therein.

In Witness whereof I have set my name and seal on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1879, and after the word "nominate" had been inserted between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> lines in the fourth clause hereof and between the words "accordingly" and "and"

Attest  
E. D. Cowan  
Thomas Ward  
Patrick Murlagh  
Thomas Murlagh  
Sealed by E. J. Kewer at his request and in the presence of each of the subscribing witnesses  
Attest, E. J. Kewer

Last Will of Chas Pinnus deceased  
Filed for record December 26<sup>th</sup> 1879

I Charles Pinnus of the County of Madison in the State of Miss being of sound mind and memory do make public and declare the following as my last Will and testament

Item First  
I hereby give and bequeath to my wife Malinda Pinnus all the property both real and personal of which I may die seized and possessed. It is my wish further that if there should be any child or children born to me by the said Malinda living at the time of my death that the property I said above shall belong to the said Malinda and the child or children in equal parts.

Signed published and delivered  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1878 in the presence of  
J. W. Lewis  
W. W. Lewis  
W. A. J. Lewis  
Chas Pinnus

Last Will and Testament of  
Elizabeth P. Henry, deceased  
Filed for record January 24<sup>th</sup> 1880

I Elizabeth P. Henry of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament.

First, I will that my just debts be paid.  
Second, I give and bequeath to my sister Rachel M. Henry during her lifetime, if I should die before her all of my Estate real and personal, and at her death, all the said Estate to go to my niece Elizabeth Selis Henry and her heirs forever. And if my said sister Rachel should die before me, then I will and bequeath all of my Estate real and personal to my



said niece Elizabeth S. Henry, daughter of Judge Silas Henry and her heirs forever.

And I hereby appoint Henry S. Foote Jr as the Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and in the event of his dying, any one whom either my sister Rachel or my niece Elizabeth S. Henry shall request to act as Executor, and in no event any bond to be required of them or either of them.

In testimony whereof I have here set my hand and seal this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. A.D. 1876

Elizabeth S. Henry

Last Will and Testament of John Erickson Deceased  
Filed for record December 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1879

In view of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, I execute this writing for my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Anna Eliza Erickson all my Estate of which I may be possessed, at the time of my death; both my real as well as my personal Estate; and I hereby appoint her, my said wife, to be my Executor, without bond, to settle up my Estate, to pay off all my just debts, and to manage and dispose of the remainder as she shall deem best for her own interest.

And this I do out of the love and affection which I bear to my said Wife.

This done and signed at Canton in Madison County, State of Mississippi on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1879.

John Erickson

Signed in presence of and of each other

R. M. Hoffman

C. M. Parker

Christian Olsen

Terquez Russels Last Will and Testament.

Filed for Record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1880

The State of Illi. - County of Madison

In the name of God - Amen,

I do commit my body to the dust and my soul to its Heavenly Father of whose mercy and free Grace I hope to obtain full and free pardon of all of my sins through the merits and mediation of His well beloved son - my only Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom I believe and in whose atonement and all powerful intercession I solely depend for my acceptance with God and eternal salvation. In the first place, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah D. Russel the following property, viz; four hundred and fifty acres of Land - The Crop of Corn -

and Cotton, Stock of Horses and mules, Cows and hogs together with the household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools one Buggy and Wagen and whatever money I may have on hand or notes against any person or persons whomsoever except one note on Jno. C. Russel for \$700 - if any of the same remains unpaid at my death then I give and bequeath the same to him. The above property and the increase of the same to hold as long as she lives. After the death of my beloved wife Sarah J. Russel - all of the property that she may leave except such as she may have acquired, I give and bequeath the same to Jno. C. Russel.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Sarah J. Russel Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and hereby direct that no bond or security shall be required of her by the Probate Court on her qualification as Executrix.

I Thurgus Russel being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory do publish and deliver the foregoing as my last Will and Testament, Revoking all other wills.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of April Eighteen hundred & twenty three.

Signed Sealed and published by the testator as his last Will and Testament in our presence, and each of us subscribed our names as attesting witnesses in the presence of each other & of the Testator & at his request and by his direction.

Witnesses, W. Anderson  
J. George  
J. C. Anderson

J. Russel

Last Will and Testament of  
O. C. Landers Deceased.

Filed March 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1880 Probated and ordered recorded March 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1880

I O. C. Landers of Canton Madison County State of Mississippi being of sound mind do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament;

Item First - I do hereby will and bequeath to my wife Nannie J. Landers all my estate, real personal and mixed, money, securities for money, goods, wares, and merchandise, and any and all other property whatsoever, which I may be entitled to at the time of my decease, to have and to hold in fee simple.

Item Second - If it should become necessary for anyone to take out letters testamentary on my Estate, I appoint my wife Nannie J. Landers as my executrix, and it is my will that no bond be required of her.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1880 O. C. Landers