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**WILL BOOK D (1885-1893)**  
Submitted by *Alberta Mills*  
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Page 574 - WILLIAM HERNDON, Dec'd. Will probated 27 May 1893. To wife, Polly Herndon, all real estate, stock, household goods, furniture and provisions. She may sell if necessary for her support. Mentions request to Brice *Smith*, son-in-law, that a monument to the deceased & his wife be erected, cost not to exceed \$150. No appraisal or sale of personal property. At death of his wife, all residue of estate to Ira Emmet *Wright* and his heirs. Extrx. Polly Herndon, assisted by O. C. *Wilson*.

Wit: O. C. *Wilson* /s/ Wm. (his X mark) Herndon  
Amy M. *Wilson* 3 May 1893  
A. N. *Wright*

Page 577 - JAMES A. PENCE, Dec'd. will probated 5 June 1893. To wife, Amanda Pence the farm on which they now reside, all stock, farming implements & rents issued and profits that arise from said farm. Son, Ira Kelso to have a buggy, cost not to exceed \$80, when he becomes 21. When dau. Truda is 18 she is to receive \$50 and 1 cow. Aldona to receive a horse and buggy when he is 21. Exrs. Sons, Martin V. & General G. Pence requiring of them a bond of \$1000. Desires that they shall go to the Honorable Duncan *Dow* for all their counsel.

Wit: Leander *Whitney* /s/ James A. Pence  
Wesley *Turner* 12 April 1893

**END OF WILL BOOK D**

**WILL BOOK E - 1893-1898**

Page 1 - ROBERT GEORGE DUNN, of Madison County, Dec'd. Will probated 19 May 1893. Presented to Probate Court, Madison county, 26 September 1891. Mentions wife, Annie L. Dunn; daughters, Mollie Scott Dunn, Lucy Angus *Patterson*, Hattie Franklin Dunn, Nancy Angus Dunn, Katie Thompson Dunn; wife's sister, Miss Hattie L. *Franklin*; son, Walter A. Dunn. Requests omission of appraisal & bond. Extrx. Wife, Annie L. Dunn. If she declines, appoints his brothers, John-G. Dunn, James Dunn & Walter A. Dunn.

Wit: Richard A. *Harrison* /s/ R. George Dunn  
Samuel F. *Marsh* 21 August 1873

Page 11- JOHN LEACH, of Miami Twp., Dec'd. will probated 5 July 1893. Mentions wife, Julia A. Leach; daughters, Anna B. *Byers*, Jennie E. *DeBoben*; grandson, Judson C. *Epler* & granddaughter, Addie E. *Epler*, children of deceased daughter, Sarah E. *Epler*. No appraisal or bond. Extrx. Dau. Jennie E. *DeBoben*.

Wit: S. S. *Leach* /s/ John Leach  
N. V. *Speece* 24 April 1893

Page 14 - JAMES WESLEY HEATH, of Quincy, Dec'd. will probated 21 July 1893. Wife, Mary Jane Heath, and children, George K., James W., Jacob L., David W., Mary J. *Stokes*, Sallie E. *Journell*, Tillie *Wilson* & Emma *Allinger* all received advance monies. Exr. son-in-law, James Stokes of Quincy.

Wit: N. V. *Speece* /s/ James W. Heath  
W. A. *Nutt* 5 March 1893

Codicil: Directs executor that surplus money be divided equally between wife and all children.

Wit: N. V. *Speece* /s/ James W. Heath  
W. A. *Nutt* 8 March 1893

Page 18 - ALLEN HOCKETT, Dec'd. Will probated 29 July 1893. Bequeaths to wife, Martha E. Hockett, the farm in Clark Twp., Clinton Co., Oh. At her death to sons, Charles S. Hockett, William A. Hockett & Lucien Hockett & their heirs. No bond or appraisal. Extrx. Wife, Martha E. Hockett.

Wit: George W. *Emerson* /s/ Allen Hockett  
J. D. *Emerson* 5 July 1892  
Nellie G. *Steen*



Page 20 - JAMES FREER - of Monroe Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 5 August 1893. Wife, Mary Ann Freer to have dower interest from farm. Daughters Angeline & Serepta mentioned, also Lenora Freer *Campbell*. Extrx. wife, Mary Ann Freer.

Wit: *George Pellett*  
*W. H. Outland*

/s/ James Freer  
21 Dec. 1892

Page 22 - W. P. HUGHES - of Bokescreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 7 August 1893. Gives to all his heirs (not named) the residue of his estate to be divided equally between them, subject to all book accounts and notes which he may hold against them. Exr. *Jacob Sieg*.

Wit: *A. D. Bailey*  
*A. McCollough*

/s/ W. P. Hughes  
8 May 1893

Page 24 - LUTHER RANDEL - Dec'd. Will probated 12 August 1893. To wife, Rachel E. Randel, all personal property for support and education of their two sons, Frank I. Randel and Sammy G. Randel until they reach the age of majority. Exr. *Calla A. Randel*.

Wit: *J. H. F. Mopps*  
*Jacob I. Piatt*  
*David H. Randle*

/s/ Luther C. Randel  
31 July 1893

Page 26 - MARY ANN ROBINSON - Dec'd. will probated 6 September 1893. All real & personal property to daughter, Margaret Robinson, during her natural life time. At her death, remainder of Estate to go to the Board of Trustees of the First United Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine to be used for such purposes as they may direct. Trustee and Exr. *Duncan Dow* of Bellefontaine.

Wit: *Joseph Campbell*  
*John Lindsay*

/s/ Mary Ann (her X mark) Campbell  
28 December 1887

Page 28 - THOMAS FITZGERALD, Dec'd. Will probated 11 September 1893. Daughter, Mary Fitzgerald to receive homestead in DeGraff, subject to dower interest of present wife, Julia Fitzgerald. Residue to be divided between 3 daughters, Ellen, Anna and Julia Agnes Fitzgerald. Extrx. wife, Julia Fitzgerald.

Wit: *James Frank Royer*  
*Patrick Fogarty*

/s/ Thomas Fitzgerald  
25 January 1892

Page 30 - JACOB GRABIEL, of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 6 September 1893. Provides for wife, Mary J. Grabiell, and sons: Elwood L. Grabiell, Calvin J. Grabiell, Zephaniah O. Ruben, Virgil L., Gilbert G., Joseph Gordon. Calvin J. Grabiell is given power to sell at public or private sale to take care of debts with balance to go to wife, Mary. No administration is to be had on the estate and wife and children shall carry out the provisions of this will without in any manner going to law.

Wit: *John M. Watson*  
*Clark McAdams*

/s/ Jacob Grabiell  
13 August 1893

Page 34 - ISAAC BAUGHMAN, of Pleasant Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 13 September 1893. Wife, Fidelia Baughman. Directs inventory of estate, real and personal, and to divide the whole after sale into 10 equal portions. Mentions sons and daughters of brothers, John W. Baughman and Henry Baughman, daughters of brother, George, sons and daughters of sister, Phoebe *Swickard*, 2 daughters of sister, Elizabeth *Dague*, sons and daughters of brother, Alfred Baughman, sons and daughters of brother, Calvin, nephew, Warren W. *Ginn*, niece, Mrs. Mary J. *Allebach*. Exr. William I. Allebach and his counselors, E. A. Baughman, Shelby Baughman, John *Kaylor*, L. E. Baughman and Warren W. Ginn.

Wit: *G. W. Ginn*  
*Curtis Ginn*  
*N. V. Speece*

/s/ Isaac Baughman  
23 June 1893

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Page 38 - THOMAS PIPER, of Zanesfield, Dec'd. will probated 26 September 1893. All property to wife (not named.) At her death equal distribution to children (not named.) Exr. Ezra R. *Outland*.

Wit: George M. *Moots* /s/ Thomas Piper  
Warren H. *Outland* 21 March 1893

Page 40 - SARAH C. CHERRY, of Washington Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 24 October 1893. Husband, J. Olney Cherry to have all of estate. No Exr. named.

Wit: A. J. *Morris* /s/ Sarah C. Cherry  
Liza *Garling* 25 June 1892

Page 42 - CELIA RUSSELL, of Miami Twp, DeGraff, Dec'd. Will probated 12 Nov 1893. Gives to beloved children, Jennie *Spellman* and Elizabeth *Phillips*. Extr. Jennie *Spellman* and Elizabeth *Phillips*. Bond is required and no sale of personal property is to be made.

Wit: Clay *Huston* /s/ Celia (her X mark) Russell  
A. B. *Huston* 29 October 1888

Page 44 - SARAH LOGAN, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. will probated 18 November 1893. Gives all personal and real estate to dear sister, Ellen Logan.

Wit: A. R. *Elliott* /s/ Sarah Logan  
N. J. *Forsythe* 16 June 1893

Page 45 - ROBERT E. KERSEY, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. will probated 1 November 1893. All real estate to wife, Celia Kersey, Extr. Celia Kersey without bond.

Wit: C. D. *Campbell* /s/ Robert E. Kersey  
H. C. *Moore* 14 July 1893

Page 47 - BARBARA HUBER, Dec'd. will probated 12 December 1893. Six children, John M. Huber and Margaret *Apple* of Bellefontaine, Catherine *Beal* of Jeffersonville, Indiana, Mary *Kemper* of Kenton, Sarah *Rutter* and Lilly *Williams* of Bellefontaine, to share equally in estate. Exrs. John M. Huber and Warren *Williams*.

Wit: Dow *Aiken* /s/ Barbara (her X mark) Huber  
Jennie P. *Aiken* 22 July 1893

Page 49 - WILLIAM W. TEMPLETON, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 29 December 1893. Gives to wife, Mary W. Templeton, all money & property of every kind. After her death, farm to be sold and \$1000 to be given to adopted daughter, Mrs. Jennie *Ryan*. To nephew, James A. Templeton and niece, Mrs. Annie B. *Hutson*, \$100 each. Mentions gifts to American Bible Society, National Christian Association, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions, Board of Freedmen's Missions and the Board of Church Extension, all of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Extr. wife, Mary W. Templeton.

Wit: Wm. *McCleary* /s/ William W. Templeton  
Arthur *Murdock* 21 October 1893

Page 51 - ISAAC S. GARDNER - Dec'd. will probated 2 January 1894. Directs executor to have monument erected in Bellefontaine Cemetery for not less than \$2000. Accounts to be paid and wife, Eliza F. Gardner, to receive all personal property and real estate. At her death to be divided equally between children: Isabelle *Suell*, Sophia T. *Reynolds*, Robert S. Gardner, Maria L. *Kennedy*, James R. Gardner, Margaret R. *Letson*, and grandson, Charles G. *Harris*. James Gardner note to be considered. Extr. wife, Eliza F. Gardner.

Wit: John W. *Armstrong* /s/ Isaac S. Gardner  
David C. *Keller* 12 January 1892

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Page 54 - SAMUEL G. ROGERS, Dec'd. Will probated 15 January 1894. Extrx. wife, Ann Eliza. No inventory and no bond required.

Wit: John O. Sweet  
E. J. Howenstine

/s/ Samuel G. Rogers  
21 April 1885

Page 57 - GULIELMA M. GWYNN, of Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 December 1893. Gives to step-daughters, Mary Fawcett and Elizabeth Wright, all wearing apparel to be divided equally. Mentions dau. Maria Boughey, wife of Benjamin Boughey, Noble Co., Indiana, deceased, children to be remembered. To daughter-in-law, Adeline Gwynn, wife of son Ira Gwynn, a sum of money. Sons Jesse, John and Ira Gwynn each to have land and money. Exrs., the three sons named above.

Wit: James W. Steen  
D. H. Harriman

/s/ Gulielma M. Gwynn  
8 April 1887

Page 61 - SARAH J. TEMPLETON, Dec'd. Will probated 17 January 1894. After payment of expenses, house in Bellefontaine to Board of Foreign Missions and Board of Home Missions both of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. To the United Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, house and lots in that village. Farm in Hardin Co. to be sold and sums of money to Etta Jane Ryan, Mrs. Mary W. Templeton, and the Mission Boards of the UP church. Balance of estate to niece Mrs. Annie A. Hutson and nephew James A. Templeton.

Wit: Duncan Dow  
Thomas Cook

/s/ Sarah J. Templeton  
4 January 1894

Page 64 - DAVID THOMAS, of Zanesfield, Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 19 January 1894. Requests bank stock of Bellefontaine National be turned over to sister, Ann Elixia Robb. \$2000 to grandniece, Estella Campbell; \$3000 to grandniece, Ora M. Evison; \$1000 to cousin, Phila S. Wolcott; \$3000 to the children of brother, Joseph Thomas; \$1000 each to David Thomas and Alfred Thomas, sons of my brother, Jesse. Balance to be given ½ to Estella Campbell and Ora M. Evison; the other half to brother Joseph's children. Exr. Omar Brown.

Wit: James F. Plummer  
Ira Brown

/s/ David Thomas  
6 December 1893

Page 67 - JOHN WILSON, of Washington Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 26 January 1894. To son, John F. Wilson, the farm on which they live and at his death to his heirs, Cary Ethel and John Homes Wilson. They to keep their mother, Dora Wilson, should she survive me. Gives to son, John, all chattels, property, money & credits owned, except the best horse which is to go to grandson, his namesake, John Homes Wilson. Gives to granddaughter, Nancy Mantle Hammon, \$300. Exr. son, John F. Wilson. No sale or appraisalment.

Wit: Noah Miller  
John R. Renick

/s/ John Wilson  
25 March 1890

Page 71 - GEORGE E. JOHNSON, of Monroe Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 15 January 1894. To wife (not named), in lieu of her dower, the farm on which they reside, also all stock and chattel property of every kind. As long as she remains his widow. At her death to two sons, William Laton Johnson and George Walker Johnson. They to have real estate appraised and pay sums to daughters, Elizabeth V., Leota Jane, Sally Ovracula, Lydia Estelle and Clarissa Johnson. Two sons, Joesph Hill Johnson and Henry Johnson, sons of first wife, Anna Johnson, have already received all they are supposed to have. Appoints wife guardian to all minor children. Exr. Stephen Harriman.

Wit: F. N. Draper  
R. N. Jordan

/s/ George E. Johnson  
5 December 1876

Codicil: Appoints R. N. Jordan exr. of this will, as he is qualified in law to transact such business.

Wit: Catharine Jordan  
Henry G. Johnson

/s/ George E. Johnson  
2 December 1892

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## WILL BOOK E (1893-1898)

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Page 75 - HENRY HELLMAN, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 13 February 1894. Bequeaths to wife, Sarah Hellman, besides her dower estate, all household and kitchen furniture during her life time. Rest of the estate to be equally divided between his three children: Margaret Hellman, Alice Keller and Clara Buckwalter. No bond required. Extrx. wife, Sarah Hellman.

Wit: Brockerman *Laport*  
James A. *Odor*

/s/ Henry Hellman  
18 August 1888

Page 80 - JOHN HUBER, of Pleasant Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 February 1894. Gives to sister, Adaline Moore, now living at Warsaw, Indiana, all property, real & personal, subject to payment of just debts and expenses of last sickness & burial. Exr. Oliver S. Black.

Wit: J. H. *Huston*  
E. J. *Howenstine*

/s/ John Huber  
16 February 1886

Page 83 - MARGARET CLARK - of Richland Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 March 1894. All household goods to be divided among near relatives by her Exr. To brother, J. Harvey Clark, lots in Belle Center. After payment of debts and cost of administrating estate, directs a monument to be purchased for her grave in Bellefontaine cemetery, the value of \$500. Exr. is to retain \$500 to be paid to the Presbyterian Church of Belle Center, whenever the erection of a new church building shall proceed. The following people are to receive \$100 each: John L. Clark, Robert S. Clark, Margaret Ramsey, Caroline Wallace, Deborah Terrell, Demaris Stewart, Thomas C. Laughlin, Alvan P. Laughlin. Martin Richey and Irene Newman to have \$75 each. Mary and Hattie Pringle, \$50 each. The balance of the proceeds to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. None of the above legacies or bequests shall be due until 5 years after her death. Exr. J. Harvey Clark.

Wit: T. F. *Bushey*  
W. S. *Philips*

/s/ Margaret Clark  
7 March 1894

Page 86 - ETHLA STROPE - of Washington Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 March 1894. Desires debts and funeral expenses be paid and a respectable monument erected to her memory. Exr. to sell property in the village of New Holland, Pickaway Co., consisting of a home and one acre of ground. Proceeds to go to dau. Samantha Buchenroth, wife of Edward Buchenroth, dau. Margaret Godwin, wife of Samuel Godwin, and dau. Josephine Smith, wife of James Smith of Pickaway Co., dau. Clarinda Allen, wife of John Allen, of Fayette Co., and granddaughter, Rebecca Compton of Delaware Co., Indiana. Exr. son-in-law, John Allen of Fayette Co.

Wit: Ben S. *Johnson*  
Thomas M. *Shea*

/s/ Ethla Strobe  
15 September 1893

Page 89 - DAVID WATSON, Dec'd. Will probated 5 April 1894. Real and personal property to wife, Eliza Watson. Mentions farm in Union Twp. and business block corner of Main and Columbus streets. Dividends from Building and Loan Co. to be paid to Mrs. Violet Ewing. To dau. Maggie W. Ginn, a farm, and at her death to her children born in lawful wedlock. A house & lot to be purchased for Mrs. Janette Nelson to use and enjoy provided she continues to live separate & apart from her husband, Wylie Nelson. After sale of property directs the sum of \$2000 be paid to D. R. Thompson of Butler, Missouri, as trustee to invest in land for Louisa McCoy, wife of Mathew McCoy of Iowa, to have a life estate with remainder to her children. If desirable property is not found, trustee to invest in bonds. If there is remaining residue, Mrs. Flora Sweet is to be remembered. Other mentioned: 2 children of D. R. Thompson, 3 youngest children of Benjamin Thompson, children of Louisa McCoy, children of John C. Watson of Marion, Kansas, and Jennie Welbeck of Broadway, dau. of Jason Elbert Thompson of Iowa. Extrx. Maggie W. Ginn, without bond.

Wit: Geo. W. *Emerson*  
James B. *Niven*

/s/ David Watson  
21 March 1894

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Page 93 - MARY A. THURMAN, of Montgomery Twp., Franklin Co., Dec'd. Will probated 8 May 1894. Releases son, Allen W. Thurman, from payment of all debts due, and gives him real estate in the county of Madison. 1/3 part of residue of estate to each of the following: dau. Elizabeth *McCormick*, dau. Mary P. T. *Cowls* and grandson Gwyn T. *Jordan*. No claims to be made on husband, Allen G. Thurman for any money he may have received. Directs brothers, John G. *Dun*, James Dun, Walter A. Dun and Robert George Dun to partition estate, real and personal. Exr. husband, Allen G. Thurman, without bond.

Wit: Josephine *Matt*  
Chas. H. *Frishie*

/s/ Mary A. Thurman  
4 June 1882

Page 98 - NANCY M. JAMES, of East Liberty, Perry Twp., Dec'd. will probated 13 April 1894. To son, Burt C. James, certain household goods, remainder to be divided between daus. Cora D. *Hamilton* & May L. *Haines*. All money and notes due to be divided among the above and Dora H. James and Edwin James. No appraisal of personal property to be made. Exr. Burt C. James, without bond.

Wit: F. E. *Milligan*  
Etta H. *Milligan*

/s/ Nancy M. James  
20 march 1894

Page 100 - JOHN A. FICHTHORN, Dec'd. Will probated 23 April 1894. All property to wife, Margaret A. Fichthorn for her natural life, then to dau. Anna Maud Fichthorn and her heirs. Extr. Wife.

Wit: James A. *Odor*  
Wm. R. *Niven*

/s/ John A. Fichthorn  
7 December 1892

Page 102 - G. K. HILL, Dec'd. Will probated 27 April 1894. Gives to wife, Jane Hill, the farm on which they live in Pleasant Twp., Logan Co., & Salem Twp., Shelby Co. All real and personal property to her while she remains widow of G. K. Hill. May sell to pay just debts. At her death to be sold and estate divided between six children: Sarah *Efler*, Nancy *Stewart*, Mary *Flemmish*, Catherine *Read*, John S. Hill and Louisa *Furrah*. No appraisal or sale of personal property. Exr. John Hill.

Wit: Reuben *Martin*  
M. A. (his X mark) *Martin*

/s/ G. K. Hill  
13 August 1888

Page 104 - OLIVE L. CONOVER, Dec'd. Will probated 25 May 1894. To husband, Clarence Conover all chattel and household items after payment of debts. Also 1/2 interest in Alonzo *Smith* farm in Union Co., he being father of the deceased and his request that she should inherit half of his property at step-mother's death. Also to husband, the notes on Burnet H. *Outland*. Exr. husband.

Wit: Grizella *Inskeep*  
W. H. *Outland*

/s/ Ollie Conover  
13 April 1894

Page 106 - SARDEUS WARD, Dec'd. Will probated 14 June 1894. Wife to have the residence in Lakeview. Son, George, to have property in Lakeview, Share of rent in the other lots to sons, George Ward, J. N. Ward, daus. Alice *Lambka*, Emma Ward and Cellan Ward, equal portions. Exr. son, George Ward.

Wit: William B. *McConnell*  
M. E. *Botkin*

/s/ Sardeus Ward  
16 March 1892

Page 108 - HANNAH WATT, Dec'd. will probated 1 August 1894. Gives to son, Milton S. Watt, cow Flossie, cook stove, clock, chickens and provisions in the pantry. All other personal estate to be divided equally between all children (not named), M. S. Watt, included. No Exr. Named.

Wit: George W. *Clements*  
J. W. *Herring*

/s/ Hannah (her X mark) Watt  
2 March 1891

Page 110 - MARGARET S. REED, Dec'd. will probated 7 August 1894. To husband, Ebenezer Z. Reed, all real estate in Bellefontaine where they now reside, corner of Sandusky & Pratt St. No Exr. Named.

Wit: J. A. *McMillen*  
Sophie G. R. *Quein*

/s/ Margaret S. Reed  
16 March 1888

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Page 112 - DOROTHY BENNETT, of Huntsville, Dec'd. Will probated 1 September 1894. All of estate to her daughter, Ellen S. Lewis, to be hers and her heirs forever. Exr. Robert Miller  
Wit: John Bimel /s/ Dorothy (her X mark) Bennett  
Jesse Short  
Frank P. Kerr

Page 114 - MARGARET FOUST, Dec'd. Will probated 19 September 1894. Mentions sons, Henry Foust & James R. Foust, daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Foust, daughters, Mary Ann Sidesinger, Sarah Nichols, Malinda Bishop & Lucinda Worth; all to have money. \$25 to be paid to the Pastor's salary of 1<sup>st</sup> United Presbyterian Church of West Liberty. Money to Mary Holdren & Lavinia Sidesinger. Household items to granddaughter, Maggie Nichols. Exr. B. B. Leonard  
Wit: W. H. Miller /s/ Margaret (her X mark) Foust  
George Feather 1 April 1893

Page 116 - LORENZO LANE, of Mahoning Co., Youngstown, Oh., Dec'd. Will probated 9 October 1894. Copy of will presented. Died 10<sup>th</sup> January 1894. Said testator died leaving Cordelia A. Lane, his widow and the following named persons, all of his next of kin: William R. Lane, son, of Bellefontaine, Oh. and Charles P. Lane, son, of Rochester, N.Y. (Complete will pages 116-130)

Page 131 - MARGARET BAUGHMAN, of Liberty Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 28 September 1894. All real and personal estate to husband, Robert A. Baughman. At his death remaining estate to daughters, Margaret G. Baughman and Etta M. Baughman. At their death to their brothers and sisters (not named.) No Exr. named.  
Wit: R. N. Jordan /s/ Margaret (her X mark) Baughman  
Benjamin Elliott

Page 133 - JOHN K. KERR, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 25 September 1894. All property, real and personal to be sold at either public or private sale. Debts to be paid and residue to be divided equally between beloved Nancy C. Kerr and son, Frank Kerr. Exr. Frank Kerr.  
Wit: W. D. Scarff /s/ John K. Kerr  
W. L. Nelson no date given

Page 135 - ZENUS DILLE, of Liberty Twp., Dec'd. will probated 29 September 1894. Farm on which they live to wife (not named) and following her death to sons, William L. Dille and Ira R. Dille and to daughters Ada F. Riddle and Esther L. Cooper, their heirs in equal shares. Exrs. Joseph F. Heffner & William L. Dille.  
Wit: Ezra Reynolds /s/ Zenus Dille  
E. A. Heffner 5 March 1894

Page 138 - CATHERINE CLARK, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 October 1894. Wife of Jesse Clark gives to children Anna Mary Clark, George Thomas Clark, and William Shick Clark, all personal property to be equally divided by Mother or Father Shick or in case of their death sister, Anna Carney, to take charge of property and divide. No Exr. named.  
Wit: Mary Hover /s/ Catherine Clark  
Mary I. Odor 23 December 1893

Page 140 - JOHN McINTIRE, of West Liberty, Oh., Dec'd. Will probated 19 November 1894. Gives to daughter, Mrs. Jennie Hite, all interest in lands jointly with I. N. Hite in Champaign County, and the house and lot on which he now resides in Cook's Addition in West Liberty, subject to the expectancy of dower of wife in the above. Exr. son-in-law, I. N. Hite. If he declines, Mrs. Jennie Hite.  
Wit: B. B. Leonard /s/ John McIntire  
F. N. Johnson 7 July 1894

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Page 143 - ELIZABETH WALKER - Dec'd. Will probated 3 January 1895. \$2000, lot # 22 in the village of Harper and all household goods to Isabella *Dickinson*. Debts to be paid and residue of estate to sister, Catherine *Scott* and her heirs. Exr. O. G. Dickinson.

Wit: John H. *Hamilton* /s/ Elizabeth (her X mark) Walker  
 H. C. Dickinson 26 September 1891  
 J. K. *Elder*

Page 145 - JOHN KOOGLER - of Pleasant Twp., Dec'd. will probated 8 January 1895. All property to wife, Leah Koogler. At her death to daughter, Sarah E. *Smith*, and at her death to her heirs, share & share alike. Extr. wife, Leah Koogler, no bond required.

Wit: John W. *Thatcher, Sr.* /s/ John Koogler  
 Joseph A. *Frantz* 16 September 1892

Page 147 - JOHN D. NIVEN, Dec'd. Will probated 16 January 1895. Property to daughter, Maggie A. *Fichthorn* and son, James B. Niven, money to son, William R. Niven. Exr. to collect notes, foreclosure of mortgage if necessary, with proceeds to go to daughter Mary *Kerr*, wife of R. S. Kerr. Exr. sons, James B. and William R. Niven. No bond, and no appraisal or inventory are required.

Wit: Duncan *Dow* /s/ John D. Niven  
 J. D. *McLaughlin* 18 Nov. 1894

Page 150 - IRA STANLEY, of Pickerelltown, Dec'd. Will probated 24 January 1895. Farms to sons, Alfred Stanley, Townsend P. Stanley, Newton P. Stanley and Joseph Stanley. To daughters, Ruth *Wynn*, Rachel *Outland*, and Angelin *Johnson*, an equal 1/3 in land mentioned. To wife, all her rights of dower on all estates as far as she shall think best. After wife's death, wants his books to be distributed as nearly equal as possible among children. Exr. son, Townsend P. Stanley.

Wit: Z. *LaPort* /s/ Ira Stanley  
 A. S. *LaPort* 9 March 1889

Page 152 - CATHERINE A. RHODES, of Quincy, Dec'd. Will probated 29 January 1895. All household goods, clothing, money and notes to be divided equally between daughters, E. Jane *Roberts*, Lucy A. *Fisher* and Lydia A. *Webb*. Exr. W. W. *Hamer*.

Wit: Joseph *Roberts* /s/ Catherine (her X mark) Rhodes  
 W. W. *Hamer* no date given

Page 154 - MARY JANE WRIGHT, of Northwood, McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 4 February 1895. All estate, real and personal, to which she is entitled at the time of her death, she bequeaths freely to Carrie, the child that she had taken to be hers.

Wit: L. C. *Kline* /s/ Mary J. Wright  
 F. O. *Ballinger* 12 November 1889  
 J. C. *Peoples*  
 Franklin *Pepper*

Page 156 - ABRAHAM R. HARNER, Dec'd. will probated 18 February 1895. Property and contents on S. Main street in Bellefontaine to wife (not named.) Farm in Union Twp. to be rented and money given to wife for her support. Gold watch and chain to grandson, A. R. Harmer, son of John H. Harner. After death of wife, all property to be divided between his six children: Elmira Josephine *Lemmon*, George S. Harner, John R. Harner, Harry R. Harner, Elizabeth M. *Cook* and Clarence E. Harner. Should any heir dispute the legality of this will, it is his wish that they get \$1.00 and no more. Their share to go to the others. Exr. son-in-law.

Wit: Andy G. *Carter* /s/ A. R. Harner  
 Anson B. *Carter* 12 March 1888

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**WILL BOOK E (1893-1898)**  
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Page 159 - CHARLES COULTER, late of Pleasant Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 8 March 1895. This will is made for the purpose of making some provisions for the child, Mattie, whom they have raised from infancy. Land is given to her for her life, then returned to the heirs of Charles Coulter. Balance of property to be divided as provided by the statute law of Ohio. Exr. son-in-law, George *Wonders*.

Wit: E. J. *Howenstine* /s/ Charles Coulter  
W. Clay *Huston* 8 July 1890

Page 161 - MARY E. WILLSON - Dec'd. Will probated 25 March 1895. To son, Edgar M. *McClain*, the lot, the furniture store and brick building is on, to dispose of as he sees fit and balance of real estate in Belle Center. At his death it is to go to grandson, William McClain. A little farm to go to above grandson when he is 21 years. Other real estate to go to the Ladies Aid of the church she is attending. No Exr. named.

Wit: Mary M. *Brenner* /s Mary E. Willson  
B. L. *Zimmerman* (no date given)

Page 163 - LAVINA ELLSWORTH, late of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 March 1895. ½ of farm to son, Benjamin Ellsworth and heirs. If no heirs, land to son, Chambers Ellsworth, during his natural life and at his death to his children. If no children, to daughter, Angeline and her heirs. One half of farm to Chambers Ellsworth during his lifetime. Exrs. Benjamin and Chambers Ellsworth.

Wit: Geo. W. *Emerson* /s/ Lavina (her X mark) Ellsworth  
W. A. *West* 15 February 1895

Page 165 - JOHN D. YODER, late of Liberty Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 21 March 1895. To wife, Anne Yoder, all estate, real and personal to be used during her lifetime, then bequests to the following children: Solomon Yoder, Nancy *King*, wife of Levi King, Jacob B. Yoder, Lydia Yoder, wife of Eli Yoder, John R. Yoder, Barbary King, wife of Levi King, Daniel F. Yoder, Benjamin D. Yoder, Mary E. *Byler*, wife of Eli Byler, Mattie Yoder and Elizabeth Yoder, share & share alike. Exrs. John and Benjamin D. Yoder.

Wit: Henry *Kelly* /s/ John D. Yoder  
John A. *Price* 1 July 1881

Codicil. Makes changes to children.

Wit: E. M. *McLaughlin* /s/ John D. Yoder  
D. E. *Pettit* 19 January 1887

Page 171 - PATRICK FLACK, late of Perry Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 26 March 1895. All chattel property to be sold at private sale. To daughter, Christena Flack, sum of money, 1 cow and sewing machine. To grandchildren, Cora and Ora *Wilson*, daughters of deceased daughter, Maggie Wilson, sum of money to be held for them until they are 25 years of age, unless they marry, in which case they may receive it earlier. Three children, now unmarried, Chrisena, Thomas and Robert, are each to have a bed, bedding, with remainder of household goods to be divided among heirs as they see proper. Exrs. Thomas H. and Robert J. Flack.

Wit: W. L. *Thomas* /s/ Patrick Flack  
G. A. *McGinnis* 18 march 1891  
L. H. *Ballinger*

Page 173 - LUCINDA J. FRYLING, late of Quincy, Dec'd. Will probated 8 April 1895. After payment of debts, residue of estate to 3 sons, John J., James D., and David H. *Askren*. No Exr. named.

Wit: T. S. *Patton* /s/ Lucinda J. Fryling  
John S. *Jordan* 2 March 1888

Page 175 - MARY OFFENBACHER, late of DeGraff, Dec'd. Will probated 9 April 1895. After payment of debts, house and lot in Quincy to daughter, Amanda E. *Hone*. After her death, house and lot to son, Dr. Chas. H. Offenbacher, grandson, Charles *Curl* & granddaughter, Nellie B. Hone, to be divided equally between them. No Exr. named.

Wit: Dan S. *Spellman* /s/ Mary Offenbacher  
 J. Claude Spellman 21 January 1891

Page 178 - SARAH UNDERWOOD, Dec'd. will probated 6 April 1895. Widow. Everything to son, Benjamin M. Underwood. No Exr. named.

Wit: Duncan *Dow* /s/ Sarah Underwood  
 J. D. *McLaughlin* 20 March 1889

Page 180 - JAMES K. ABRAHAM, late of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 March 1895. To wife, Rachel M. Abraham, for her lifetime, house and 3 lots in Bellefontaine, where they now live, and also all the chattels. Remaining property to be converted into money, out of which expenses shall be paid, and a monument placed at his grave and the grave of his wife at her death, cost not to exceed \$50. Mentions sums of money to Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and the following 5 children: Hanna Miletta *Bunker*, William McD. Abraham, Benjamin F. Abraham, Eleanor J. S. *Scott*, James M. Abraham. Exr. son, James M. Abraham

Wit: J. P. *Sweet* /s/ James K. Abraham  
 E. J. *Howenstine* 1 July 1891

Page 183 - BENJAMIN W. GOOD, late of Shelby county, Dec'd. Will. Authenticated copy before Logan Co. Court 9 May 1889. Will mentions cousin, Julia *Harlan*, of Springfield, O., to have a sum of money. Rest of estate to sister, Catharine R. *McCauley*, of Sidney. Authorizes her full control and possession subject to provisions of will.

Wit: Frank G. *McCullough* /s/ Benjamin W. Good  
 H. *Wilson* 22 February 1888

Codicil: February 1888. Following death of son, several other people mentioned. See pages 184-189.

Wit: Harrison Wilson /s/ Benjamin W. Good  
 B. W. *Gillfellow* 7 March 1889

Page 190 - JAMES JAMISON Dec'd. Will probated 1 May 1895. To wife, Elizabeth Jamison, all household goods, books furniture, interest from money in Bellefontaine Building & Loan. Said money to be kept on interest and profits paid to wife. After her death, dau. ,Alice *Weaver*, to receive a sum in consideration for her care. Other residue to daughters: Amanda *Hatcher*, Nancy *Adams*, Rose *Shoots*, Mary *Winner*, Barbara *McNeil*, Sarah J. *Cobain*, and Harley *Winner*, Werline Winner and John Winner. Omitted for benefits is son, Alexander Jamison, who has already received his portion of estate. Requests a suitable monument be erected for them. Exr. son-in- law, Daniel Hatcher.

Wit: J. D. *Emerson* /s/ James Jamison  
 Geo. W. Emerson 17 January 1895

Page 193 - JOSEPH KENAGY, late of Liberty Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 7 May 1895. Desires nephew, Samuel Kenagy, to have estate real & personal, and that he shall pay \$2,000 in money to Exr. to be disposed of as follows: nephew, John *Yoder*, and 2 nieces, Sarah and Salina Yoder, \$1000 divided equally between them. Two nieces, Sarah *Esch* and Elizabeth *Hostetter* to have \$500 each. Requests a suitable tombstone to be paid out of estate.

Exr. Abraham *King*.  
 Wit: Jonas P. Yoder /s/ Joseph Kenagy  
 Abraham King 9 April 1894  
 David *Plank*

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## WILL BOOK E (1893-1898)

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Page 195 - JAMES A. GRIMES Dec'd. Will is authenticated copy from Adams county, Pennsylvania, May 1895. Directs that he be interred in Mt. Olivit cemetery, Hanover, Pa. Mentions wife, Caroline, dau., Sarah, married to Jeremiah Johns. Executor to make sale of all real & personal property for best price that can be obtained and money to be divided among legal heirs as follows: owing to the incorrigible and rebellious conduct of son, George R. Grimes, he to receive the sum of \$5 as his full & complete share, remainder of estate to other legal heirs; dau., Laura, married to S. H. Eicholtz; Mary, married to Henry Mumper; children of deceased dau., Margaret, who was married to Lemuel Mickley; to dau. Sarah, married to Jeremiah Johns; sons, Charles E. Grimes & Lawrence Allen Grimes. Exr. A. H. Parr.

Wit: Emanuel *Bunty* /s/ J. A. Grimes  
Vincent O. *Bold* 21 June 1894

Page 200 - SARAH A. SHOE, of Pleasant Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 1 June 1895. Husband, Jacob H. Shoe, to have the 160 acre farm on which they now reside. At his death to be equally divided between son, Stephen F. Shoe, and dau., Mrs. Alpharetta A. Van Gorden. At their death to their heirs. Exr. husband. At his death Exrs. son, Alpheus F. Shoe & Mrs. Alpharetta A. Van Gorden.

Wit: N. V. *Speece* /s/ Sarah A. Shoe  
W. S. *Patton* 12 September 1894

Page 202 - MARY A. SCOTT, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 15 June 1895. All property of every kind to husband, Joseph F. Scott, after payment of debts and a proper head stone for her mother and a monument for her. Exr. husband.

Wit: Duncan *Dow* /s/ Mary (her X mark) Scott  
Mrs. Margaret *Chalfont* 23 July 1892

Page 204 - ROBERT McLAUGHLIN, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 31 May 1895. To wife, Mary Ann McLaughlin all real & personal property, subject to just debts. Wife may sell without intervention of any cause at such price & terms as she may deem best. Nor appraisal or sale other than above. No bond required.

Wit: James W. *Steen* /s/ Robert McLaughlin  
James *Kernan, Jr.* 4 September 1880

Page 207 - ELIZABETH SEXTON, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 17 June 1895. Granddaughters, Elizabeth Sexton and Allace Sexton, \$25 each. To son, John B. Carter, all real estate, dwelling situated in Bellefontaine. Exr. to be appointed within 12 months.

Wit: B. M. *Gillen* /s/ Elizabeth (her X mark) Sexton  
Jessie B. *Hughes* No date given

Page 209 - JAMES RUSSELL, of Richland Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 June 1895. All debts to be paid and gives to James Russell, Jr., of Paulding Co., Oh., \$200. To Jane *Meiler* \$100 over & above her equal share of property. To Anna *Sanders* \$100 over & above equal share, also horse & buggy. Land is to be sold and divided equally between four children after deducting the above amounts. Exr. John *Highland*.

Wit: Samuel *Hover* /s/ James Russell  
Lanford *Prater, M. D.* 2 September 1893

Page 211 - ARPETIA M. ROEBUCK, of Bellefontaine, Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 9 July 1895. Gives all net residue & remainder of real estate & personal property to sons, William L. Roebuck and Walter S. Roebuck, share and share alike. Exrs. above named sons.

Wit: J. F. *McGinnis* /s/ Arpetia M. Roebuck  
Lida J. *McGinnis* 12 May 1891

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Page 213 - HEPSCIBETH BROWN Dec'd. Will probated 5 July 1895. Gives to daughter, May F. *Johnson* all wearing apparel and whatever household goods she may desire. To husband, Ira Brown, balance of property, both real & personal. Exr. husband, Ira Brown, to serve without bond.

Wit: P. P. *Outland* /s/ Hepsibeth Brown  
Emma P. Outland 30 March 1894

Page 215 - CHARLOTTE GEARHART, of Miami Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 5 July 1895. To daughters, Elizabeth Arabelle Gearhart and Mary Ann Gearhart, all property real & personal & effects of every kind and description whatsoever to have and hold unto themselves, absolutely and equally. All debts to be paid equally by them. No Exr. named.

Wit: R. B. *Leedom* /s/ Charlotte Gearhart  
Emma J. Leedom 17 May 1893

Page 218 - AMANDA PENCE, of Stokes Twp., Dec'd. will probated 13 July 1895. Trudy May Pence, youngest daughter, to have goods & chattels located in southwest room of present dwelling, several quilts & a sewing machine, also animals mentioned. To Andrew Aldona Pence, youngest son, several pieces of furniture, pictures and bedding. He is also to be given sufficient provisions for 1 year. Property is to be sold and expenses paid and the remainder to be divided between 8 heirs, namely Sasake(?) E. *Lott*, Ida S. *Wagoner*, Martin V. Pence, General G. Pence, Olive O. *Rhoades*, Ira K. Pence, Trudy May Pence and Andrew Aldona Pence. Exrs. 2 oldest sons, Martin V. and General G. Pence, without bond.

Wit: H. N. *Darnell* /s/ Amanda Pence  
Wesley Turner 14 March 1895

Codicil: Item # 3 of will to be changed or noted, remaining heirs to share equal after 2 youngest children have set aside goods.

Wit: J. N. Darnell /s/ Amanda (her X mark) Pence  
Wesley Turner

Page 221 - MARTHA ANN CARTER, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 July 1895. Wills to husband, William P. Carter, the homestead or farm on which they now reside in Lake Twp., Logan Co., Oh., together with all personal property that may belong to her. Sons, William Albert Carter, John M. Carter and Marion S. Carter, have received advancements which is so noted. This to be considered in the settlement of estate, so that each shall receive equal share at the decease of said husband. In consideration of money loaned to her from son, Harry S. Carter, Exr. is to deliver a lot or tract of land herein described. Exr. husband, William P. Carter, without bond.

Wit: N. *Downing* /s/ Martha A. Carter  
Thos. Milenberger 5 September 1894

Page 225 - ROBERT HERIN, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. will probated 26 July 1895. Gives to daughter, Pearl, the house and lot which he now occupies as a home, to wit: Lot # 479 in the village of Bellefontaine, Oh., to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Wit: Charles P. *Carroll* /s/ Robert Herin  
J. C. McLaughlin 28 November 1893

Page 227 - ELIZA HITCHCOCK, of Liberty Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 29 June 1895. To Kate Hitchcock, all real and personal estate to be held during her natural life. At her death all to go to Laura E. *Woodward*, Henry Hitchcock and the children of Charles W. *Pittenger* and his heirs in equal parts. No Exr. named.

Wit: J. B. *Kime* /s/ Eliza Hitchcock  
Maggie Kime 10 October 1881

Codicil: West Liberty, Oh., 10 October 1888. Change children of C. W. Pittenger to read children of Caroline Pittenger, dec'd.

Wit: J. W. Woodward /s/ Eliza Hitchcock C. L. Woodward

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## BRANCHES and TWIGS

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WILL BOOK E (1893-1898)  
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Page 229 - DANIEL H STEPHENSON, of Lake Twp, Dec'd. will probated 22 July 1895. \$300 to Elizabeth A. Daily. All residue of estate after expenses are paid to go to son, James B. Stephenson and dau., Mary C. Barker in equal proportions. Exrs. son, James B. Stephenson and dau. Mary C. Barker.

Wit: Oscar L. *McLaughlin* /s/ Daniel H. Stephenson  
Andy G. Carter 7 December 1892

Page 231- REUBEN V. GREEN, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 13 August 1895. To dau. Katie H. Green, \$100 to be paid within one year. To wife, Marie W. Green, residue of estate. Extrx. Marie W. Green.

Wit: Oscar L. *McLaughlin* /s/ Reuben V. Green  
Ona F. Knight 4 December 1893

Page 233 - ANNA ENNES Dec'd. Will probated 17 August 1895. To beloved dau., Margaret M. Southard, all real & personal property for use during her lifetime, and at her death to go to her children (not named.) Daughter is not to sell or dispose of her life interest in the aforesaid property. No property shall be sold until the youngest child shall become of legal age. Exr. S. L. Horn, of Huntsville, to provide a Christian burial and see that taxes on real property are kept paid. If the above is not done, Exr. shall sell enough land to do so.

Wit: Frank H. *Richardson* /s/ Anna Ennes  
Alice C. Richardson 26 February 1895

Page 235 - GEORGE CORWIN, of Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 19 March 1895. Gives to wife, Margaret Corwin all lands which are described in will, all lands, chattels & personal property to remain in her name during her lifetime. In the event of changing her name, only 1/3 of said lands and chattels are to be hers and 2/3 to pass immediately to son, Sabert Austin Corwin, to be his property. Gives directions for lands & personal property to son, Levi Leidigh Corwin, dau., Ann M. West, dau., Martha E. Sutton, son, Zacheus Corwin & dau., Eliza Jane Chamberlain. Exr. son, Sabert Austin Corwin.

Wit: O. F. *Dunlap* /s/ George (his X mark) Corwin  
Kate Odor 2 February 1895  
Robert R. Odor

Page 238 - JACOB ARBEGAST Dec'd. Will probated 22 August 1895. Gives land, chattels, notes & money to wife, Sarah M. Arbegast and if dau., Edna Arbegast, survives said, wife, she shall have the farm on which they reside. Grandchildren, Elbert Quincy and Burt Garwood, shall have farm adjoining Rushcreek Lake to be theirs after wife's death. No Exr. named.

Wit: John B. Wells /s/ Jacob Arbegast  
James McAdams 10 February 1892

Page 240 - TESTIMONY STEWARD, an evangelist, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 3 September 1895. After payment of debts, wills to dau., Luella, 1 feather bed, pillows, quilt & other items; to dau., Genever, the same with remaining items to be divided evenly. Dwelling house, land & appurtenances situated in Bellefontaine to remain unsold until all heirs agree to sell, and they must buy out the others. Mentions property left to Wesleyan Methodist Church, of Bellefontaine; \$10 to Brother Doty, Editor of Christian Harvester; \$5 to the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House of Syracuse, NY. Exrs. Sons, Harvey & Grafton Steward & Matilda Newsome.

Wit: B. M. (his X mark) Gillin /s/ Testimony (his X mark) Steward  
Matilda (her X mark) Newsome 6 June 1895  
Joel (his X mark) Newsome

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Page 243 - CHARLES RIDDLE, of Washington Twp, Dec'd. will probated 3 august 1895. To son, Elmore Riddle, a bay horse and spring wagon & 1 set of work harness. To son, Philander Riddle, bed & bedding. The real estate to be divided equally between all children and their representatives, if any of them should depart this life before he does. Exr. son, Philander Riddle.

Wit: A. J. *Monroe* /s/ Charles (his X mark) Riddle  
James S. *Young* 4 June 1895

Page 246 - BENJAMIN EASTON, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. will probated 21 September 1895. After payment of debts bequeaths to beloved wife, Keturah G. Easton, all real estate. At her death all property to be converted into money and equally divided between children (not named) share and share alike or their heirs. May sell at private sale if need be. Exr. Ernest M. *Hamilton*.

Wit: John M. *Hamilton* /s/ Benjamin (his X mark) Easton  
Annie *Hammir* 7 May 1895

Page 248 - MICHAEL KELLY, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 2 March 1895. Directs that either the house & lot on W. Chillicothe St. or the house & lot on East Auburn, called the *Stover* property, be sold for the purpose of paying debts. To wife, Bridget Kelly, all property, at her death son, Thomas Kelly, and his heirs to have 28 acre farm and remainder of estate in consideration for services rendered. Shares to son, John Kelly, who is appointed Exr.

Wit: W. A. *Plum* /s/ Michael (his X mark) Kelly  
John *Brennen* 28 September 1895

Page 250 - CATHERINE JACOBS Dec'd. Will probated 17 October 1895. Son, William Jacobs, to receive \$500. Remainder of estate to be equally divided among legal heirs: Robert Jacobs, William Jacobs, Jane *Stephenson*, Elizabeth Ann Jacobs and Charlotte Jacobs. It is her intent that son, William Jacobs, shall receive \$500 more than his brothers and sisters. No Exr. named.

Wit: Frank *McLees* /s/ Catherine (her X mark) Jacobs  
J. C. *McLees* 20 August 1887

Page 252 - JOHN WOLFE, of Miami Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 20 November 1895. To children (not named) farm situated in Miami Twp. be equally divided. Desires that farm shall not be sold, but remain under the control of Exr. for at least 5 years from date of death, unless Exr. should find a good sale for said farm. Gives to dau., Maggie *Keyser*, all household goods contained in the house. Children to have equal shares in balance of real and personal estate. All notes and accounts of children to be deducted from their share. Exr. David Wolfe.

Wit: W. H. *Hinkle* /s/ John Wolfe  
E. L. *Cory* 27 July 1894

Page 254 - THOMAS DOWNS Dec'd. Will probated 12 December 1895. Children, William H. Downs, Mary A. *Miller* and Elizabeth E. *Tadman*, all of Logan Co., have all lands and tenements consisting of several acres in Washington Twp., to be divided so that daughters have 25 1/3 acres each and remaining 21 1/3 acres to son, William H. Downs. Exr. Dennis *Denney*.

Wit: A. J. *Monroe* /s/ Thomas Downs  
Marion L. *Longbrake* 8 March 1895

Page 256 - NAPOLEON J. MUSSELMAN, of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 16 December 1895. Gives to beloved wife all residue of estate following payment of debts, for her natural life. The balance of the estate to then be equally divided between sons, George W. Musselman, Jesse Musselman, Ashley S. Musselman and Jefferson D. Musselman. Exrs. Wilson *McAdams* & James *McAdams*.

Wit: George *Bruckerman* /s/ Napoleon J. (his X mark) Musselman  
J. W. *Day* 27 June 1890

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**WILL BOOK E (1893-1898)**  
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Page 258 - JOHANNAH WRIGHT, 45 years of age, of Belle Center, Richland Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 31 December 1895. Gives property to daughter, Mary A. Wright *Postle*, and son, Benjamin Franklin Wright. Wm. L. *Treece* to be appointed as guardian for Benj. F. Wright. Exr. Wm. L. *Treece*.  
 Wit: Wm. L. *Treece* /s/ Johanna Wright  
 W.S. *Philips* 10 Dec 1895

Page 260 - SAMUEL SMITH, OF Liberty Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 3 December 1895. Wills all personal and real property to wife (not named.) Wants no appraisal made. Exr. son, James L. Smith.  
 Wit: J. S. *Euans* /s/ Samuel Smith  
 R. N. *Jordan* 20 Oct 1885

Page 262 - MICHAEL FUNK Dec'd. Will probated 23 January 1896. Exr. son-in-law, George W. *Kline*, to change all property to money and after payment of debts to divide into 6 equal parts, paying one part to each of the 6 children to wit: Peter Funk, living at Liberty, in Clay County, Missouri; Evaline Funk, at Bellefontaine, Barbara *Kline*, at Cassopolis, Michigan; Margaret *Downing*, Eliza *Downing* and James E. Funk, all of Bellefontaine and the same shall be theirs absolutely.  
 Wit: R. E. *Pettit* /s/ Michael Funk  
 E. J. *Howenstine* 16j Feb 1890

Page 265 - BRIDGET SCALLY, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 23 January 1896. \$100 to be paid to the Catholic priest in charge of the congregation of Bellefontaine, to pay for 5 masses for her father & mother, brother & sister, and the balance for deceased husband & little boy, and herself. A good monument to be placed at her grave not to exceed \$100. Directs that her husband & little boy be moved & placed beside her in the new Catholic cemetery at Bellefontaine. Bequests of clothing & household goods to nieces, Mary Carroll *Gwynn*, Katie *Maloney* & Bridget Gertrude *Bucks*. Exr. Emanuel J. *Howenstine*.  
 Wit: A. Tempa *McCracken* /s/ Bridget (her X mark) Scally  
 Joel *Easton* 27 Sep 1894

Page 267 - RACHEL SHELBY, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 5 February 1896. Land & property to grand-nephew, Harry *Licklitter* and his heirs; 2 nieces, Mary *Anderson* and Henrietta *Licklitter*, equal shares in her late father, John Shelby's estate. Division of household goods and furniture to the above. Exr. John *Brannon*.  
 Wit: T. A. *Richardson* /s/ Rachel Shelby  
 O. M. *Anderson* 7 Jan 1896

Codicil: Gives to nieces, Mary Anderson & Rachel *Licklitter*, her 80 farm situated in McArthur Twp. to share & share alike.  
 Wit: T. A. *Richardson* /s/ Rachel Shelby  
 O. M. *Anderson* 25 Jan 1896  
 Ida *Licklitter*

Page 270 - PRESLEY N. DUCKWORTH, of Bloomfield Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 12 February 1896. After payment of debts, residue of estate, real & personal to wife Amanda J. Duckworth who shall be Extr. x.  
 Wit: O. C. *Wilson* /s/ Presley N. Duckworth  
 B. T. *Tucker* 10 Dec 1895

Page 272 - BENJAMIN F. MORRIS, of Stokes Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 17 February 1896. Wife, Mary Morris to have all land in Stokes Twp. and 10 acres of Virginia Military land which joins home farm, as long as she remains his widow. If she never marries, at her death to 7 children, namely: James Morris, Sarah A. *Andrews*, Cindarella Morris, B. D. T. Morris, Mary J. Morris, Olive *McCarty*, Minerva *VanHorn*. Wife to have all  
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Page 272 - BENJAMIN F. MORRIS continued

livestock, also, \$2500.00. \$200 for a monument. Children to divide money & notes. Exrs. sons, James Morris and B. D. T. Morris.

Wit: Eli *VanHorn*

Mary (her X mark) VanHorn

/s/ B. F. Morris

3 July 1851

Page 274 - MAHLON PICKRELL, of Monroe Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 26 February 1896. Gives \$100 each to Maria *Mendenhall* and Mary *O'Conner*, each of whom formerly lived with the family.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all residue, real and personal to daughters, Hannah W. *Blackburn*, Susannah W. *Hiatt*, and Esther W. *Terrell*. Remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  to son, Henry P. Pickrell's heirs when they arrive at 21 years of age. Exr. Henry *Williams*, cousin, of Monroe Twp.

Wit: J. H. *Green*

Anna M. Green

/s/ Mahlon Pickrell

7 Oct 1876

Page 277 - ROBERT J. SHIELDS, of Richland Twp., Belle Center, Dec'd. Will probated 18 March 1896. Bequeaths to wife, Jane Shields, the use of farm during her natural life, said farm located in Hardin & Logan Co. After her death, said farm sold & proceeds divided equally between children, Catherine J. *Liggett*, Martha B. *Rambo*, Nancy E. Shields, Mary R. Shields, A. Letta Shields, except Mary R. Shields, who is to have \$400 more than the rest because she stayed at home and cared for her mother and father. Exr. Oliver *Liggett*.

Wit: Thomas M. *Livingston*

John O. *Porter*

/s/ Robert J. Shields

27 Apr 1895

Page 279 - JOHN HENRAHAN, of Harrison Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 28 March 1896. Gives to wife, Catherine Henrahan, all personal estate of every kind or nature whatsoever. Also all real estate including farm on which they now reside. No appraisal and no Exr. named.

Wit: Dow *Aikin*

John P. Aikin

/s/ John (his X mark) Henrahan

13 Jul 1892

Page 281 - BENJAMIN BUNKER, of DeGraff, Dec'd. Will probated 18 April 1896. Gives to son, George Bunker, and daughter, Martha Bunker, to be theirs as tenants in common, the farm of 320 acres in Bloomfield and Pleasant Twps. Has already given money to daughter *Evvie Loffer*. Exr. son, George Bunker.

Wit: George W. *Emerson*

E. J. *Howenstine*

/s/ Benjamin Bunker

18 December 1889

Page 283 - OLIVER CORWIN, of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 April 1896. Gives to wife the farm on which they reside about 120 acres, all the vessels and utensils used in the manufacturing of sugar and molasses, all livestock, household furniture and farming implements plus \$1000. To son Phineas Corwin, \$5150; son, William Corwin, \$553; son, Oliver D. Corwin, \$5650; son, Henry Corwin, \$2267; daughter, Martha A. *Brockerman*, \$3141; daughter, Margaret Ann *Wickersham*, \$5650. This is done to make each share equal to the amount advanced to son, Isaiah Corwin. Remainder of estate to be divided equally between children to wit: Phineas, Henry, William, Isiah and Oliver Corwin, Martha A. Brockerman and Margaret A. Wickersham. If said children begin any legal proceedings to break or set aside this will, their share shall be divided between the rest of the children. Exrs. Oliver d. Corwin & Enoch E. Wickersham

Wit: Wilson *McAdams*

Wilson McAdams, Jr

/s/ Oliver Corwin

25 Jan 1893

Page 286 - JANE P. MARMON, of Perry Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 23 April 1896. To niece, Sarah Ann *Potee*, all real estate, personal property & household goods during her lifetime. At her death to be divided between her heirs. Exr. Bennet H. *Outland*.

Wit: Bennet H. Outland

Hannah Outland

/s/ Jane P. Marmon

12 Jan 1894

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Page 288 - ASA C. WILLIAMS, of Monroe Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 20 April 1896. Gives to wife (not named) the farm on which they reside near Pickrelltown, Logan Co., also stock & household goods. At her death proceeds to be divided as follows: Edith Neer, granddaughter, who lives with them, should she continue until 18 years of age, \$200, and to 2 granddaughters, Lillie Neer & Nellie Neer, \$50 each at the date of their marriages and the residue of proceeds of sale of farm to be equally divided between his four children: Lucy E. Smith, Lewis S. Williams, James L. Williams & Anna Bell Williams. No Exr. named.

Wit: A. J. Batten /s/ Asa C. Williams  
J. Walker (day & month not given) 1894

Page 290 - JACOB SHERER, of Bloomfield Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 8 May 1896. After payment of debts, all household goods, furniture, provisions & 2 cows to wife, Catherine Sherer. Mentions John W. Sherer, Mary M. Clayton, George S. Sherer & Orlando C. Sherer as legal heirs. Appoints son, John W. Sherer, as guardian of son, Orlando W. Sherer. No appraisal or sale of personal property and omission of bond. Exrs. John W. Sherer and George H. Clayton.

Wit: Adam Lenhart /s/ Jacob Sherer  
E. L. Cory 24 April 1896

Page 292 - WILLIAM CRAWFORD, of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 6 June 896. Wills to wife, Margaret, farm on which they reside containing 98 96/100 acres. At her demise, all remaining property to nephew, Geo. Harper Crawford. If he should die before wife, Margaret A. Crawford, money and chattels to be divided among his first cousins on his mother's side. Exr. S. W. Stewart.

Wit: S. J. Pendrey /s/ William Crawford  
Frank P. Stewart 11 May 1896

Codicil: Desires if George Harper Crawford to prove to be prodigal or profligate, then such being the case, at the decease of wife, then said farm to be converted to money and divided equally between Geo. Harper Crawford and his first cousins, Jennie, Rebecca, Mary & George Crawford.

Wit: S. J. Pendrey /s/ William (his X mark) Crawford  
Frank P. Stewart

Page 294 - SAMUEL LAMBERT, of Richland Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 23 June 1896. Requests all debts be paid out of estate. Exrs. John C. Remley, son-in-law, and James R. Lambert, son.

Wit: Louis Britton /s/ Samuel Lambert  
John C. Porter 28 April 1888

Page 296 - SARAH ALLEN, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 16 July 1896. Gives to sons, Homer Allen, Jr. and Marflitt Jackson Allen, the house & lot which is the family homestead and where they now reside, to hold as tenants in common, and after her decease, to be used & occupied by her husband, Homer Allen, during his natural life. Mentions gifts to above sons and to granddaughter, Maggie Allen, silver tea spoons and other items. Residue of personal property to sons, divided equally. No Exr. named.

Wit: W. H. Martin /s/ Sarah Allen  
Mrs. Catherine McCardle 14 December 1887

Page 298 - LEWIS KRAMER, of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 9 June 1896. Wills to wife, Elizabeth Catherine Kramer, entire estate while she remains his widow. If the income from said estate not be sufficient to maintain her, she shall have the right to dispose by sale any part of it, for her personal benefit. Exrs. to pay funeral and doctor bill expense. If any property be left at the remarriage or the death of said wife, then residue is to be divided equally between heirs. Exr. John Taylor.

Wit: O. R. Pegg /s/ Lewis Kramer  
Elizabeth Dickenson 26 February 1896

Page 300 - ISABEL COUSINS, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 13 July 1896. Gives to daughter, Maria, intermarried with David *Roberts*, all property, real & personal, subject however, to the payment of just debts and expenses of sickness and burial. Exr. son-in-law, David Roberts.

Wit: J. H. *Defrees* /s/ Isabel (her X mark) Cousins  
E. J. *Howenstine* 14 January 1884

Page 302 - VIENNA KELLER, of Logan Co., Dec'd. Will probated 10 August 1896. Bequests made to daughter, Belle *Winters*, other children, Dora *Dean*, Mansfield Southard and Mitchel Southard. Agreeable division of goods among themselves. Requests that oldest child, Lide *Curry*, be allowed NO part in the division of any property as she has received her share at the time of her marriage to John Curry. Property to be converted into cash and divided as she requested. Exr. son-in-law, David A. Dean.

Wit: J. L. *Skidmore* /s/ Vienna Keller  
A. M. *Painter* 6 June 1896

Page 304 - THOMAS F. GARWOOD - of Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 19 August 1896. Gives to wife, (not named) the farm and all chattels and money. Debts to be paid, At death of wife, to be divided equally between three sons, John, Ezra and Gillingham, save \$5 each to Cynthia's grandchildren, namely, Rosey *Potee's* two children, Lewis *Marmon's* two children and Mary Miranda *Inskeep's* three children. Exr. Ezra Garwood.

Wit: Lorena A. *Outland* /s/ Thomas F. Garwood  
W. H. Outland 27 November 1894

Page 308 - GEORGE M. COOK, of Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 22 August 1896. Wills estate to sisters, Margaret S. Cook, Joan Cook and Catherine Cook, share and share alike, to them and their heirs forever. Nominates the above as Exrs. and authorizes them to sell at private sale as they may deem proper. No bond or appraisal.

Wit: J. D. *Emerson* /s/ George M. cook  
Geo. W. Emerson 25 February 1892

Page 308 - MINNIE D. FAIRBANKS, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 15 September 1896. To husband, George G. Fairbanks, all of estate both personal and real and title and interest to a note and mortgage against one D. A. *Rude*, Marietta, Ohio, for \$750. No appraisal, sale of personal property or bond. Exr. George G. Fairbanks.

Wit: J. W. *Waxler* /s/ Minnie D. Fairbanks  
Mary M. Waxler 25 May 1896

Page 310 - MARIA THOMAS HIATT, of Perry Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 7 October 1896. After payment of debts, desires the monument that is now at the grave of Hanson *Thomas* to be traded for a double one for both of their graves, something like the *Emerson* monument. Wills, that Jane N. Hiatt, if living, be selected to see that this is carried out, and if not living, son, Foster Thomas, to see that it is done, and Hanson's and her grave be kept in good order. To husband, Zane Hiatt, an individual economical living during his natural life and he is not to use or give away \$1 of her estate and what he doesn't really need must to her son, Foster Thomas, and heirs. Mentions gift to grandson, Perly Hanson Thomas, if he lives to the age of 30 years and is a good man as she hopes he will be. Bequests to daughter-in-law, Mary L. Thomas, watch and chain and all wearing apparel, not to go out of family. At death of husband, real & personal property to go to son, Foster Thomas & his heirs forever. No sale or appraisal. Exr. Foster Thomas.

Wit: B. F. *Allen* /s/ Maria Thomas Hiatt  
Ed. C. *Cowman* 14 March 1895

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Page 312 - DAVID COOVER, of Pleasant Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 21 October 1896. To wife, Eliza Coover, the farm on which they reside and all stock, household goods, furniture, provisions and chattels during her natural life. At her death to go to children: John Coover, Sophiah Kerr, Fanny Detrick, Solomon Coover, Michael Coover, Lydia Ann Vaness and Daniel W. Coover. Property shall be divided evenly deducting what they have already received which is listed for each. Exr. Daniel W. Coover.

Wit: Romanus Hudson /s/ David Coover  
James M. Hudson 4 April 1885

Page 315 - JONATHAN D. YODER, of Miami Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 25 November 1896. Wife, Lydia Yoder, to have all personal and real estate property as long as she remains his widow. If she should remarry, then she is to have 1/3 of real estate and 2/3 to be divided equally between his 2 children, Samuel D. and Barbara Alice Yoder. When children become of age and may seek homes of their own, wife to see proper aid for them and is hereby authorized to sell the homestead and give each child 1/3. Wife appointed guardian of children. Exr. Samuel Detrick of Union Twp.

Wit: J. W. Strayer /s/ Jonathan D. Yoder  
John Snyder 5 July 1887

Page 317 - MARGARET J. KEERS, of Richland Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 1 December 1896. Gives to sister, Elizabeth E. Gebby, all estate, real and personal. Exr. to erect a tombstone at her and her husband's graves at the place of burial, Northwood, Ohio and to cost from \$75 to \$125 and to give the date of birth and date of death of both. Also, he is to have a tombstone placed at the site of said sister, Elizabeth E. Gebby's burial. Miss Mattie J. Reed appointed guardian of Elizabeth E. Gebby. Exr. John Gebby, of Logan county. Edward A. Collins appointed as his legal adviser.

Wit: Joseph Parrett /s/ Margaret J. Keers  
J. L. Reams 21 September 1891  
E. A. Collins

Page 319 - JOHN W. BAYLOR, of Liberty Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 January 1897. Gives to Willis W. Baylor, of Scranton, Lackawana County, Pennsylvania, \$1000 note given by John Newell & wife. To Sallie Simonton the note of \$700 and interest on Jacob & Mildred Croft. Also to Willis W. Balylor & his heirs the farm on which John W. Baylor lives. Mentions Bessie Petty and some land to her. No appraisalment and Willis Baylor is to keep up and maintain in good order the cemetery lot and monument in Fairview cemetery. Failure to do so shall forfeit the rights to the property and money herein bequeathed to him. Exr. L. C. Fishbough.

Wit: R. N. Jordan /s/ John W. Baylor  
Henry Henderson 8 August 1896  
Codicil: Requests Exr. named shall not be compelled to give bond  
Wit: Mary Petty /s/ John Baylor  
R. N. Jordan 9 September 1896

Page 322 - STEPHEN Y. LEAS, of Zanesfield, Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 10 February 1897. During his life, he desires his wife, Mary E. Leas, to control real estate, collect all rents, make necessary improvements, and invest personal estate and monies. From the interest and said rents she is to care for him during his lifetime. At his death and payment of debts, wife to have all personal estate of every kind. Extr. wife. In the event his wife does not survive him, Miss Carrie M. Hawkins to be Extr.

Wit: Duncan Dow /s/ Stephen Y. Leas  
John McCormick 25 April 1896

Page 324 - EMELY A. SHAWVER, of Miami Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 11 March 1897. Son, Isaac L. Norton to have all property both personal and real, the real estate consisting of house and lot in DeGraff.

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EMELY A. SHAWVER continued

Wit: W. J. *Rogers* /s/ Emely A. Shawver  
John S. *Huston* 1 July 1893

Page 326 - MARY J. McCLEARY, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 2 March 1897. Mentions indebtedness of George C. Reed through mortgage given to Wm. McCleary with amount due on the principal. Elise E. McCleary to receive gift. Funeral expenses to be paid and monument to be erected on graves of Mary J. McCleary and husband. Exr. J. F. McCleary without bond.

Wit: Ada B. *Cook* /s/ Mary (her X mark) McCleary  
Elise E. McCleary

Page 329 - NANNIE PIPHER, of Stokes Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 8 March 1897. All just debts and charges to be paid out of estate. Residue to be equally divided between her children by former marriage to John *Benschhoff*. Exr. C. H. *Windham*, her father.

Wit: V. F. *Barrett* /s/ Nannie (her X mark) Pipher  
Effie *Ruhle* 6 January 1897

Page 331 - ANNA E. McCLURE Dec'd. Will probated 18 March 1897. Disposition of various items to the following: Mr. L. *Boarn*; Mrs. Boarn; Coar McClure; Mrs. *Glasco*; Martha *Aiken*; Mrs. *Elliott*; Mary Elliott; Mr. *Mair*; whatever remains of property after debts are paid and a suitable monument erected for the family to go to the Bellefontaine R. P. church. No Exr. named.

Wit: Wm. *Reed* /s/ A. E. McClure  
J. M. *Forsythe* no date given

Page 333 - MARSHA RITCHEY, of Richland Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 15 March 1897. After payment of debts gifts are given to: Irene *Newman*, Charles G. *Andrews*, Presbyterian Church of Rushsylvania, Presbyterian Church of Belle Center, Gilbert Newman, John L. Clark, Deborah *Terrel*, Demaris *Stewart*, and to T. C. *McLaughlin*. After payment of the above, residue of estate to be divided into 2 equal parts. One part to Sample Clark, Newman Clark, James H. Clark, Margarette Clark and Elizabeth Clark. The other part to heirs of her late husband James Ritchey. Restrictions applied to one member. Household goods and personal wearing apparel shall not be appraised, but divided equally between sisters, Maragarette, Elizabeth and Irene Newman. Exrs. brother, James H. Clark and Gilbert Newman.

Wit: Edward *Higgins* /s/ Martha Ritchey  
Andrew D. *Peas* 6 December 1887

Page 336 - JOHN LEAN, of Bokes Creek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 6 March 1897. Gives to daughter, Annie Bell and son, Charles Lean, now of the city of Syracuse, N. Y. all of estate, both real and personal to be equally divided between them after payment of just debts. No Exr. named

Wit: Thomas H. *Wright* /s/ John Nean  
James *Kernan* 15 September 1896

Page 338 - ALEXANDER DEWITT Dec'd. Will probated 2 April 1897. After decent burial, administrator may sell at private sale personal or real property to satisfy debts, and wife, Maria to own and have control over all remaining property as long as she remains a widow. In case she should remarry or at the end of her natural life, all remaining land to be the property of son, Frank Dewitt. He to pay other children the sums named. Children are: Mahala *Stirewald*; Arabell *McCracken*; Marsella *Thompson*; Emma *Clay*; Charles Dewitt; Perry Dewitt; Exr. Frank Dewitt.

Wit: Alice *Reams* /s/ Alexander Dewitt  
J. *Slonaker* 21 January 1883

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Page 341 - E. R. OUTLAND, of Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 3 April 1897. Bequeaths to wife, Hettie Outland, the farm on which they now reside in Jefferson Twp. Also gives to her all the chattels and real & personal property. No Exr. named.

Wit: W. W. *Slonaker* /s/ E. R. Outland  
Hettie Slonaker 8 March 1894

Page 343 - JOHN F. CURRAN Dec'd. Will probated 19 April 1897. Gives to wife, Julia Curran, all personal property of every description, including all money presently available. At her death all real estate to be divided between heirs as follows equally, excepting son, John J. Curran, is to have \$300 more than an equal share. Does not name other heirs. Exr. son, John J. Curran.

Wit: Margaret *Moriarty* /s/ John F. (his X mark) Curran  
H. C. *Dickinson* 12 February 1897  
Patrick *Fogarty*

Page 345 - WILLIAM REAMS, of West Mansfield, Dec'd. Will probated 22 April 1897. Gives to wife, Rebecca Reams, all property, real & personal, including 2 life insurance policies amounting to \$1600.00, to use, sell or dispose as she may deem right and just. Extr. wife, Rebecca Reams.

Wit: Wm. S. *Keller* /s/ William (his X mark) Reams  
Wm. W. *Ballinger* 16 December 1881

Codicil: Children who were given gifts and property before, Bell *March*, Newborn W. and Benjamin L. Reams.

Wit: Wm. W. *Ballinger* /s/ William (his X mark) Reams  
Wm. S. *Keller* 27 May 1885

Page 349 - JAMES M. GRAY, of Perry Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 19 April 1897. Gives all property real & personal to wife (not named) as long as she remains his widow. At her death or if she remarries, real estate to sons, John A., Charles A. & James A. and daughters, Emma *Wallace*, Margaret C. *Thomas*, Nova *Cranston*, and all the chattels remaining at the time of death. Extr. wife. Desires burial in the cemetery in Cable, Ohio.

Wit: B. L. *Reams* /s/ James M. Gray  
P. E. *Milligan* 23 January 1897

Page 352 - SARAH McDOWELL, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. will probated 10 May 1897. Bequeaths to Matilda and Emma L. *Murdock*, of same twp., county & state, all property, monies & anything else belonging to her at her death, except sufficient money to pay necessary expenses and money to purchase a suitable stone to mark her last resting place on earth. Her Bible, marked "from mother" to go to son, Ezra *Katon*. No Exr. named.

Wit: J. W. *Harrod* /s/ Sarah (her X mark) McDowell  
W. A. *Hover* 9 April 1895

Page 355 - ELSEY BANKS Dec'd. will probated 5 April 1897. Gives to brother, Boling *Powell*, and nephew, Edward Waldron, equally farm in Liberty Twp., Union county. No Exr. named.

Wit: Thomas *Herd* /s/ Elsey (her X mark) Banks  
James D. *Herd* 23 June 1881

Page 358 - HENRY BYLER, Sr., of Liberty Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 May 1897. After payment of debts, all personal property to wife, Rebecca Byler, including farm in Champaign county, providing she does not remarry. At her death, Exrs. are to sell and proceeds to go to 4 sons, David K., John W. Joseph M. and Henry F. Byler, with specific amounts given. Exrs. D. D. *Yoder* & Solomen *Detwiler*.

Wit: W. F. *King* /s/ Henry Byler  
D. W. *Todd* 6 December 1893

Page 361 - HANNAH MILLER, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 1 July 1897. Bequeaths to son, Charles F. Miller, the house & lot #76 in Bellefontaine with all contents of the house they now live in, but husband, David J. Miller to have possession and use of same during his life time. Son, Charles, shall make his father a deed for half of said lot. Husband always to have life interest in same. Exr. husband, without bond.

Wit: Mary J. Miller /s/ Hannah Miller  
Mary O. Allen 25 May 1897

Page 364 - RHODA J. EDGINGTON, of Huntsville, McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 2 July 1897. Mentions gifts to daughters, Rose Line, Ostella B. Baughman & Suetta Newfarmer. To husband, William Edgington, in cash, \$1, after expenses incurred in last sickness are paid & a suitable monument erected to her grave, & paid for with her money. Balance to be equally divided between sons, Elbridge E. Abell, Wm. F. Edgington, John H. Edgington & Benjamin Hayes Edgington. No Exr. named.

Wit: E. M. Harrod /s/ Rhoda Edgington  
S. S. Watkins 27 February 1897

Page 367 - FRANCIS BULL Dec'd. Will probated 17 July 1897. Bequeaths to wife, Caroline Bull, all estate real & personal as long as she remains a widow. At her death, 4 daughters are mentioned, Martha Houts and Virginia, Ella & Caroline Bull, to share equally, but grandson, William H. Bull, to receive 1/3 less than each daughter. Exr. Edgar L. Carry.

Wit: Sam Hlamsher /s/ Francis Bull  
J. H. McKinnie 25 Aug 1896

Page 369 - RICHARD B. PASH, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. will probated 20 July 1897. Gives to wife, Hannah Pash, all property real & personal. She shall have power to sell any or all property, and if she sells she must choose O. M. Pash for her guardian, to take charge of all the money, notes or accounts. Children to share are Webster B. Coventry & Ida Coventry (nee Pash). Grandchild, Richard Earl Pash, when 21, to have \$500. Provides \$200 for gravestones, not slabs. Exr. Oliver M. Pash.

Wit: Thomas Kirk /s/ Richard B. Pash  
Albert Kirk 29 January 1889

Page 375 - HARVEY ALLEN, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 11 August 1897. Gives to wife, Emma Allen, all household goods and furniture, plus a certificate of stock for \$1200 issued by Peoples S & L of Kenton, Oh. Remainder of estate to be converted into money by the Exr. Debts to be paid out of this and the balance as follows: to son, Geo. Allen, sum of money; son, Henry C. Allen, small sum of money; dau., Belle J. Allen, having received 3 years of special schooling; a sum of money also to son, Willis Allen, and dau., Cora D. Allen, married to L. E. Pettit. Exr. son-in-law, L. E. Pettit.

Wit: J. D. Inskip /s/ Harvey Allen  
E. Pat. Chamberlain 30 April 1896

Codicil: In the will proper a certificate from Peoples S & L, Kenton, Oh. is given to wife, Emma Allen, but said Company has been suspended and the stock depreciated, therefore it is directed that the Exr. pay from the estate the sum equal to the above plus interest.

Wit: E. Pat Chamberlain /s/ Harvey Allen  
Wm. Robinson 28 August 1895

Page 381 - JOHN SMITH, of Harrison Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 12 August 1897. All debts and expenses to be paid and balance of estate shall be aggregated including advancements to children. Said notes of advancement to be charged 6% interest. To wife, Clara Eunice Smith, the full 1/3 part thereof, 1 year maintenance of dwelling home. Out of balance, to grandson, Robert Smith, son of deceased son, Samuel, \$2000. Balance to 5 children, John W. Smith, Rebecca Houts, James B. Smith, Geo. W. Smith & Myrtle Ferne Smith, share and share alike, taking from each however, the amount of his or her advancement. Exr. E. J. Howenstine.

Wit: Sidney H. Rhodes /s/ John Smith  
W. Clay Huston 18 June 1890

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Page 384 - ANNA F. KERNAN, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 11 September 1897. After payment of debts, brother of deceased, James Kernan, to have 1/3 of money, notes and accounts she may have, including 1/3 of the mortgage note held against her sister, Katie K. *Whitworth*. Sister, Katie, to have the remaining 2/3. Katie to have all the rest of estate, real & personal. No Exr. named.

Wit: Della *Johnson*  
Belle *Waymack*

/s/ Anna (her X mark) Kernan  
25 May 1897

Page 386 - WILLIAM W. WATKINS Dec'd. Will probated 6 November 1897. After payment of debts, wife to have 1/3 of net proceeds of farm now owned. Does not want farm sold until after death of wife, unless by mutual consent. Personal property to be sold except buggy and harness which is given to wife, Susan. Money has been loaned to children with notes held. Said notes shall count as money. Exr. James H. Watkins.

Wit: George *Bell*  
Stokes *Cowgill*

/s/ W. W. Walker  
12 February 1897

Page 388 - HENRY MOORE BALLINGER, of Middleburg, Dec'd. Will probated 22 November 1897. Gives to son, Henderson W. Ballinger, \$5, and to son, Frank J. Ballinger, \$5. After funeral expenses are paid, gives to wife, Melissa L. Ballinger, all of personal and real estate for the care and attention she gave him. Exr. Newton *Creviston*.

Wit: O. P. *Stokes*  
Newton *Creviston*

/s/ Henry Moore (his X mark) Ballinger  
13 September 1897

Page 390 - ROBERT HOGSETT Dec'd. Will probated 22 September 1897. Robert Hogsett, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, died 4 August 1895 leaving no widow, but the following children: sons - John F. Hogsett, Fuller Hogsett, William Hogsett, Samuel Hogsett, Robert Hogsett, daughter, Lucinda *Hankins* & granddaughter Helen *Eastman*, all of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Property in Logan County to be advertised in Bellefontaine Republican as above named are interested in property in Logan county. 22 September 1897 copy of will of the late Robert Hogsett presented to Logan county court. Exr. to carry on business for 4 years from the date of his death as nearly as possible in the same manner as he has been carrying it on. (19 pages in this will.)

Wit: C. H. *Seaton*  
W. J. *Johnston*

/s/ Robert Hogsett  
16 April 1894

Page 410 - SARAH McDONALD, OF West Liberty, Dec'd. Will probated 27 November 1897. Bequeaths property to Annette *Staube*. House and household goods to be sold, except 1 chair, after debts are paid. A monument not to exceed \$150 to be placed at the grave of her parents, Ebenezer McDonald and Anna McDonald; a plain headstone at the grave of Leanna McDonald, not to exceed \$10, out of the proceeds of said sale. Money gifts to Mary *Hays* and Sarah *Higgins*. Gives arm chair to brother, James K. McDonald. Exr. George F. *Baily*. In case of his death appoint C. R. Higgins in his stead.

Wit: Laura C. *Downey*  
William *Kelly*

/s/ Sarah McDonald  
21 September 1897

Page 415 - JAMES JOHNSTON, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 29 November 1897. Wills all property to wife, Fannie Johnston, as long as she lives. At her death or remarrying, property to be put in hands of suitable administrator and be divided to all his children (not named) in equal parts. A suitable monument to be erected at his grave.

Wit: J. H. *Harrod*  
S. L. *Horn*  
M. K. *Covington*

/s/ James (his X mark) Johnston  
29 Nov 1897

Page 418 - SARAH A. SECKELBACH, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 30 November 1897. Gives the house & lot on which she lives to be used and occupied by her son, Joseph R., and her daughter, Caroline, so long as both remain single. If they marry, property to revert to other heirs (not named). Son & daughter to keep up insurance & taxes during

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their occupancy. Joseph to have bed and Caroline to have organ in case she does not marry C. F. *Beatty*. Joseph & Caroline to pay \$5.00 to other heirs out of personal property & monies. Bills to be paid and suitable monument or stone erected. No Exr. named.

Wit: *Henrietta Carr*  
*Bardie Day*

/s/ Sarah (her X mark) Seckelbach  
6 December 1895

Page 420 - JOHN KENNEDY, of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 16 December 1897. Gives to wife, Catharine, all household & kitchen furniture including beds & bedding, also horse & buggy and 1 cow and all real estate during her lifetime, then to son, James Kennedy, and his heirs. Mentions daughters, Sarah Jane *Brugler* and Amanda V. *Rumer* to have sums of money. Exr. son, James Kennedy, his partner in business.

Wit: *Duncan Dow*  
*Edward Higgins*

/s/ John Kennedy  
27 October 1893

Page 423 - MARSHA ELLEN HUBBARD Dec'd. will probated 24 December 1897. Gives to son, John Wheeler Hubbard, the sum of \$100. The residue of the estate both real & personal to her daughter, Margaret C. Hubbard. No appraisal or sale of property. Extr. Margaret C. Hubbard.

Wit: *D. J. Huben*  
*Amanda O. Huben*

/s/ Marsha Ellen Hubbard  
27 September 1895

Page 426 - LENORA GRUBER, of West Liberty, Dec'd. Will probated 13 January 1898. Requests that a certain promissory note of \$500 be paid to Mary L. *Staub*, also gives property or lots # 269, 270, 271, 272 on which there is a frame building to her. In case Mary Staub dies, the property is to go to 4 brothers, C. P. Staub, H. H. Staub, Geo. A. Staub and Joseph Staub. Directs that Mary L. Staub shall have all goods & chattels, notes & bonds and furniture as hers absolutely. Desires no appraisal and if Mary L. Staub desires, she may sell any or all of the above property. Any heir contesting the will shall be barred from any part or share of the estate.

Wit: *Don C. Bailey*  
*Geo. F. Bailey*

/s/ Lenora Gruber  
15 February 1895

Page 429 - ELIZABETH KAUFFMAN, of West Liberty, Dec'd. Will probated 14 January 1898. Bequeaths to Solomon L. *Detwiler* her home & Lot # 338 in West Liberty, and contents of house to Clarence R. *Detwiler* and Hazel E. *Detwiler*, children of Solomon *Detwiler*, building stock in the Peoples Saving & Loan of West Liberty. Any money left to be equally divided between Mrs. *Caroline E. Smith*, of West Mansfield, Nancy *Rheinsmith*, of Smithville, Oh. and Solomon *Detwiler* of West Liberty, share & share alike. It is requested that the note held against Christian *Kauffman*, of Ligoniey, Indiana, be returned to him without his paying anything for it. Requests no appraisal. Exr. *Moses Stutzman*, of Logan county.

Wit: *Rachel E. Yoder*  
*George F. Bailey*

/s/ Elizabeth (her X mark) kauffman  
9 June 1896

Page 432 - SARAH L. RENICK, of McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 12 February 1898. Gives to sister, Margaret *Johnson*, living near Harper, all chattels without inventory or appraisal. To Exr. the remainder of property, including real estate, money, notes due and annuity under will of John H. *Renick*, deceased. Remaining unpaid to be converted to money and after payment of debts, a legacy of \$50 to each of the 6 children of deceased sister, Nancy, who was the wife of Samuel *Stewart*, now deceased, namely - Dallas *Stewart*, William *Stewart*, John *Stewart*, Leslie *Stewart*, Clara *Stewart* & Flora *Miller*. Balance of estate to Board of Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Exr. *Emanuel Howenstine*.

Wit: *Sidney A. Rhode*  
*Clay Huston*

/s/ Sarah L. Renick  
6 May 1892

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

January 15 - 7 PM  
February 19 - 7 PM - Tom Roll's Trip to Europe  
March 19 - 7 PM



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOWN OR TP.</u>	<u>FATHER</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
Rowand, Ora Melville	4/15/73	Harrison	Martin V.	Phebe A. Harris
Rish, Albert Franklin	5/15/73	"	Benjamin F.	Lucy Weed
Reprogle, David W.	3/22/74	Lake	David R.	Margaret S. Pickering
Richardson, William	11/20/73	Bokescreek	John	Eliza Williams
Robbins, Clara	12/05/73	Stokes	Pendleton	Harriet Harner
Runyon, Clyde	10/06/73	Pleasant	John	Ann E. Hastings
Richardson, Wilmotts	1/23/74	Logansville	D. W. D.	Mary Bowdle
Ryan, Edward Prall	7/01/73	Washington	Wm. Henry	Mary Jane Rish
Rennick, Male	3/23/74	"	John R.	Selma A. Reed
Rennick, Emma May	4/06/74	"	James H.	Eliza A. Peterson
Reed, Emma L.	6/17/73	Richland	William	Mary Jane Gray
Rice, Wm. Johnston	12/27/73	"	William A.	R. Fisher
Roland, Charles C.	3/01/74	"	Charles C.	Herbut Bennett
Rankain, Male	1/19/74	"	John	Elizabeth Rambo
Richardson, Hunter E.	6/05/73	"	Wm. S.	Mary A. Nelson
Slonaker, Male	3/16/74	Jefferson	David	Lydia Gable
Sutton, Male	10/01/73	"	John	Jane McCoid
Small, Jacob M.	11/01/73	"	Jacob M.	Rachel H. Cochran
Slenker, Irene Elizabeth	10/07/74	"	Wm. Augustus	Elizabeth Ann Slonecker
Smith, Develt	9/31/74	"	James E.	Mary J. Glover
Stanton, Male	10/10/74	Monroe	Samuel	Elizabeth Blair
Short, Alfred B.	6/28/74	"	David	Malinda Foust
Scott, Effa Florence	2/29/74	"	William	Phebe Ellis
Stanley, Ira	6/08/73	"	Alford	Martha Webb
Stratton, Oran Edgar	12/28/73	"	James	Eliza J. Watkins
Short, Edgar F.	6/02/73	"	Jesse	Anna Willets
Shea, Patrick	6/22/73	McArthur	Thomas	Mary Shea
Smith, Anna Elma	3/30/74	Bellefontaine	James	Elnora Smith
Stokes, Female	6/20/73	"	Jacob	Letitia Stafford
Stough, Charles F.	5/23/73	"	Jacob	Mary C. Byrtle
Shriver, Howard F.	10/06/73	Hardin Co.	Cyrus M.	Mary E. Shriver
Spellman, Charles Samuel	7/18/73	Union	James M.	Zelphia E. Moore
Snyder, NellieOlivia	7/23/73	"	Allen M.	Mary E. Stevenson
Smith, William D.	1/11/74	Quincy	John C.	Susan Grenier
Scott, Heppy	7/29/73	Miami	James	Isabell McIlroy
Scott, Male	7/29/73	"	"	"
Spellman, D. S.	1/06/74	DeGraff	Dan S.	Nancy Lippincott
Stiles, Johnson	9/16/73	Quincy	Johnson	Sarah T. Loffer
Staley, Sarah H.	10/17/73	Miami	Roswell	Ellen Johnson
Shipley, Orpha U.	9/22/73	Quincy	Ezra B.	S. J. Custenborder
Sharp, Charles A.	1/22/74	"	Isaac W.	Merilla Burdett
Stein, Milton B.	10/25/73	DeGraff	Milton	M. E. Baughman
Staley, Male	3/18/74	Quincy	Valentine	Mary Cole
Short, Thomas D.	10/25/73	McArthur	Reuben	Lettie Black
Shaw, John H.	11/22/73	Huntsville	Charles M.	Dicie Comer
Swicher, Lucinda	12/25/73	McArthur	Jaames S.	Nancy McCollock
Shafer, Drusella M.	10/30/73	"	Jacob	Drusella Mustain
Stanley, Claretta	7/16/74	Huntsville	Nathan	Catharine Gascall

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOWN OR TWP.</u>	<u>FATHER</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
Smith, Harriett Ellen	11/12/73	Rushcreek	Edward	Mary Ann Baker
Strasburg, Clara	7/06/73	"	William	Emma Moore
Stewart, Emma Agnes	9/25/73	"	F. W.	Margaret Anderson
Stall, Alice	9/14/73	"	Joseph	Mary Hughes
Sryock, Bertha Adelia	7/21/73	"	John	Elizabeth Adams
Stephenson, Male	7/28/74	"	John W.	Rebecca Eddy
Simpson, Alexander W.	7/09/74	"	Samuel T.	Margaret Ferguson
Sharp, Guy Lee	11/28/73	East Liberty	David R.	Melissa Humphrey
Skidmore, Lydia J.	5/16/73	Perry	John H.	Elizabeth Skidmore
Lease, Rebecca Ann	4/28/73	Bloomfield	Lewis	Leanora Flemming
Shaffer, Netta	8/14/73	"	James H.	Elizabeth J. Shawhan
Shultz, Lucy	9/16/73	"	George W.	Mary E. Strayer
Smith, Mertilla V.	1/12/74	"	Amos	Sarah C. Martin
Shaffer, John	11/23/73	West Liberty	John	Margaret Miller
Snyder, George H.	5/29/73	Washington	George S.	Barbara Kaylor
Shuler, Maggie Malinda	8/29/73	Harrison	Jacob	Susannah VanMeter
Stewart, Male	12/25/73	"	not known	Anna Stewart
Southard, Eva D.	7/13/73	Bokescreek	E. M.	May H. VanVoris
Smith, Margaret F.	4/11/73	"	A.	Eliza Day
Shirk, Sarah E.	6/15/73	"	Job	Susan Bossell
Stakey, John	11/15/73	"	F.	Y. Roach
Scott, Jeremiah T.	7/02/73	"	Wm. J.	Agnes Williams
Stiles, Caleb	3/19/74	Pleasant	Enos	Louisa Faler
Steinberger, Albert J.	12/02/73	Washington	George W.	Eliza E. Swarenger
Smith, John Edward	11/02/73	Richland	Joseph	Mary Ann Wade
Smith, Sarah E.	11/01/73	"	John W.	Louisa E. Abel
Sickels, Walter A.	5/15/73	"	William L.	S. A. Sickels
Turner, Female	3/15/74	Monroe	John R.	Martha Byrd
Thomas, McHagia(?) C.	9/23/73	"	Albert	Elizabeth Green
Taylor, Male	3/18/74	Lake	Joseph	Harriet Taylor
Trobridge, Thomas	11/02/73	Miami	George	Nancy E. Cheek
Thatcher, Muse D.	8/01/73	"	Samuel H.	Mary E. Walker
Thatcher, Cube S.	8/01/73	"	"	"
Thatcher, Minnie N.	8/09/73	"	John W.	Sarah A. Neer
Trumbull, James A.	2/06/74	McArthur	James S.	Lizzie A. Smith
Tener, Fannie A.	10/25/73	"	J.	Mary Turner
Taylor, Male	2/17/74	West Liberty	Robert	Jane Enoch
Tanger, , Female	3/07/74	Harrison	David B.	Maryetta R. wheeler
Tracy, Male	1/06/74	"	not reported	Nora Tracy
Taylor, Oscar E.	1/01/74	Stokes	William V.	Margaret Cummins
Taylor, Mary Jane	2/09/74	"	J. C.	Angeline Williams
Tapp, Andrew S.	7/17/73	Richland	Henry Clay	Emma Makemson
Vanmeter, Oscar E.	6/06/73	Bloomfield	John	Martha Hefner
Vanmeter, Bertha C.	3/06/74	Liberty	Henry	Anna F. Seegar
Vanmeter, Andrew F.	3/08/73	"	Andrew	Elizabeth Shuler
Vorus, Female	2/03/74	"	Abram	Mary M. Bruce
Vanness, Peter R.	4/27/73	Harrison	Henry	Mary J. Earl
Vanhorn, Ida H.	12/25/73	Auglaize Co.	Lewis	Sarah Furrow
Williams, Stillborn Male	3/27/74	Zane	Chatec(?)	Philar A. Chesher
Winder, Allina	9/28/73	"	Seth S.	Margaret A. Lindwell
Wirick, Magdoline	9/19/73	Jefferson	George	Caroline Hardin
Wickersham, Joana	10/30/73	"	D.	Rebecca Elliott

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**WILL BOOK E (1893-1898)**  
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Page 540 - Follow up to codicil of GEORGE SCHICK will. Plaintiff, Margaret H. *Carney*, Extr. of estate vs. Mary Shick, et al, defendants. All defendants to wit: Mary Shick and minors Anna M., Geo. T., and Wm. S. *Clark*, with A. Jay *Miller*, guardian of minor dependents. The petition and codicil to the last will and testament of Geo. Shick is void for uncertainty and is not valid and is set aside. Court orders defendants recover from plaintiff 's estate all costs against the estate.

W. S. *Roebuck*, Clk  
S. A. *McColloch*, Deputy

(Editor's note: This was on page 540, but I put it here because it goes with the last will in the Spring Issue.)

Page 489 - JAMES COOPER, M. D. Dec'd will probated 25 June 1898. To son, Samuel W. & wife, Margaret, home property corner Chillicothe & Opera Sts. with all contents. He is to pay funeral expenses and other debts and bequests to others. Son Arthur B. & 2 children, Nora and James, 5 \$200 shares of Building & Loan stock and \$2000. Step-daughter, Elmira M. *Roof*, 5 shares Citizens Bldg & Loan in name of Cordelia W. Cooper, any notes I hold against her and large music box, bureau and cupboard. Step grand-daughter, Cordela N. *Henderson*, \$2100 in Bldg & Loan shares and notes I hold against her husband. Balance of estate to grandson, Samuel Matthew Cooper. I desire my son, Samuel W. Cooper, to take my place and continue the business. Exr. Samuel W. Cooper, he can employ Messrs. *McLaughlin & Dow* to advise.

Wit: D. W. *McClure* /s/ James Cooper  
J. D. *McLaughlin* 4 September 1893

Page 494 - JOHN LINDSAY, of Bellefontaine, Logan Co., OH, Dec'd. Will probated 18 July 1898. All debts and funeral expenses to be paid. Nieces, Mary M. *Hood*, of Jefferson Co., OH and Effie *McColloch*, formerly *Walker*, sister-in-law, Mary Walker, widow of James, and beloved grand nephews, James Walker *McColloch* and Anthony *Hanson*, each \$100. G. M. *Hamilton*, minister of U. Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine, \$25. Niece, Mabel Walker, Bellefontaine, all the real estate. Extr: Mary and Mabel Walker.

Wit: John C. *Brand, Jr.* /s/ John Lindsay  
R. P. *McColloch* 1 Aug 1893

Page 498 - ELIZABETH SMITH, of Bloomfield Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 16 July 1898. To son, John Wm. Smith, west half of all land I own in SE quarter of Sec 27 Town 2 Range 8 in Logan Co., and NE quarter of Sec 34 Town 2 Range 8. Daughter, Sarah J. *Fleming*, during her natural life, without power to sell or encumbrance by mortgage 140 acres. At her death, to her heirs. If no surviving heirs to my sons, William and George W. Son, George, 160 acres. Chattel property to my 3 children. Debts to be paid and funeral expenses shared by children. Exr. brother, John *Hill*.

Wit: E. J. *Howenstein* /s/ Elizabeth Smith  
Jno. O. *Sweet* 8 February 1882

Page 502 - MORINUS W. KINNAN, of Miami Twp., Logan County, Dec'd. Will probated 26 July 1898. Wants all debts and funeral expenses paid. To wife, Carolyn Kinnan, house & lot NE corner of Koke and Hayes St., DeGraff, O., with effects and fixtures during her natural life as long as she remains a widow. At her death, house and lot sold and proceeds equally divided between my legal heirs, viz: Wm. C. Kinnan, Samuel L. Kinnan, Joseph F. Kinnan, Mary M. Kinnan *Baird*, Rebecca A. Kinnan *Curl* and Carrie A. Kinnan *Dockenbach*. Exr. to sell farm in Union Twp. If sold before the decease or marriage of wife, a note dated 7 Jan 1890 be paid to her and also 1/3 of net proceeds of said sale. Remainder of property real and personal to be divided between my legal heirs named above, provided that each of my daughters shall hold in their own possession her own share of my estate to be hers and her heirs forever. If any of my heirs should die leaving no heirs the their share shall be divided between my other living heirs. Exrs. Wm. C. Kinnan and Joseph F. Kinnan.

Wit: Shadrack *Cole* /s/ Morinus W. Kinnan  
John W. *Weigman* 3 February 1897  
Rev. John W. *DeWeese*

Page 506 - SAMUEL B. MYERS, OF LAKE Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 23 Aug 1898. Debts and funeral expenses to be  
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paid first. To beloved wife, Ellen, and their heirs, all the rest and residue of my property, real and personal, subject to the following conditions. If on death of my wife, Ellen Myers, and after payment of her debts and expenses, any of the property or the proceeds of any property mentioned, I give and devise and bequeath such remaining property to children, Alvira S. *Williams* and Wesley C. Myers and to their heirs forever, share and share alike. Extrx. Ellen. No bond or inventory.

Wit: Conrad *Fritch*  
John E. *West*

/s/ Samuel B. Myers  
22 July 1898

Page 509 - CHARLES FOLSOM Dec'd. Will probated 27 August 1898. All debts and funeral expenses to be paid. To wife, Lydia P. Folsom, during her natural life, my house and lot in Bellefontaine. After her death to children: C. H. Folsom, Lima, O.; Maria F. *Thomas*, Cassapolis, Mich.; Henry P. Folsom, Circleville, O.; Sumner Folsom and Florine Folsom, Bellefontaine: and their heirs forever. To wife, for lifetime, my farm in Monroe Twp., Logan Co. bought of J. N. *Dickinson*, 160 acres, at her death to go fee simple to my said children, share and share alike. To children and their heirs, my house and lot in Toledo, Ohio, east side of Summit St., 20/100 acre of ground including store house and small building in Zanesfield, O., 76/100 acre in Jefferson Twp. bought by me of the heirs of E. H. *Knight* adjoining their 200 acre tract. House & lot in Bellefontaine may be sold. Daughter, Florine, sum of \$100 to equalize her with other children and \$300 for services to me. Sumner \$200 to equalize him with others, having heretofore given him the printing press outfit valued at \$800, and silver watch and driving horse, "Joe." Wife shall be paid the amount of a note and interest which she holds against me, out of the life insurance I hold in the IOOF and the balance of the insurance, all household goods and furniture except my library which I desire her to divide among our children. The Scientific American, bound and unbound, I give to Sumner and H. P. Folsom. I give my wire the phaeton and new set single harness. I make no disposition of the piano and a certain set of bed room furniture as they belong to Florine. Son, Henry to have my railroad transit. Florine and Sumner shall have a home with their mother in the residence in Bellefontaine so long as their mother shall live, such right to cease if either should marry. If any of my children die before I do, I desire their share to go to their children, if any, if not, to the surviving brothers and sisters. All the rest and residue of my personal property, I desire my Exr. to sell and divide equally among my children if not needed to pay debts. Desire my wife to keep the house and buildings on the farm insured for a reasonable amount and kept in good repair. She shall have a proportion of the rent proceeds of the Macacheek farm from time of my death. The above provisions in favor of my wife are in lieu of her dower in any and all of my real estate and in lieu of her years support and statutory allowance of all kinds. Exrs. Henry and Florine Folsom.

Wit: Sarah S. *Pennock*  
John *Plummer*

/s/ Charles Folsom  
21 December 1897

Page 514 - JOSEPH R. SMITH, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 27 August 1898. Wife, Anna Smith to have all property, real & personal, household goods, monies, horses, vehicles, cattle & stock of any kind in my possession at the time of my death. Extrx. wife, Anna Smith.

Wit: Robert *Colson*  
Alfred *Butler*

/s/ Joseph R. Smith  
20 June 1891

Page 517 - SUSAN STEELMAN, of Bellefontaine, authenticated copy of will and the order of probate in Champaign County were presented to the court 14 September 1898. To John R. Steelman and his heirs forever, house and lot in West Liberty, Ohio, subject to \$300 to be paid to Annie Steelman, his wife, and \$50 to Hezekiah Steelman. Property is on Baird street near RR depot. To Elisha J. Steelman, small house and lot just east of larger house above. These bequests to John and Anna are on condition that they take care of me, support me and pay my doctor bills and funeral expenses.

Wit: R. N. *Jordan*  
Catherine *Jordan*

/s/ Susan (her X mark) Steelman  
22 October 1896

(Note: later in the will it said Susan was from Urbana Twp., Champaign Co., OH)

Page 323 - WILLIAM DOWNS, of Stokes Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 3 October 1898. Debts & funeral expenses to be paid as soon as possible after my decease. All my estate in lands & tenements, together with all my goods chattels, less moneys and credits, to my wife, Sophiah. At her death my lands shall pass to my 2 sons, Lewis and Wilson Downs. Whatever remains of my goods and chattels at the death of my wife, to my son, Wilson. Exr. William T. *Mattox*.

Wit: A. J. *Monroe* of Lewistown  
W. T. *Mattox* of Lewistown

/s/ William (his X mark) Downs  
13 March 1894

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Page 526 - ANDREW H. RUNYON, of DeGraff, Dec'd. Will probated 11 November 1898. On 20 October 1898, Hugh P. Runyon, my brother, had a settlement and at that time he owed me \$350. He paid me at that time \$100 and at various times, \$27.84, leaving at this time due me from him \$222.15. That amount was to be paid by 1 December 1898 or during January 1899. To wife, Minnie Runyon, all property both real & personal. My son, Loring L. Runyon, has been provided for through his mother and I give him no further interest in my property. Exrx. Minnie Runyon (formerly Minnie Hitchcock).

Wit: G. M. *Berger*, DeGraff /s/ Andrew H. Runyon  
A. W. *Wallace*, DeGraff 1 November 1898  
T. J. *Smith*, DeGraff

Page 529 - SERENA J. REAMES, of Zane Township, Dec'd. Will probated 11 November 1898. Just debts and charges to be paid out of my estate. Residue to husband, John J. Reames. Husband to give my 3 younger children a good common school education if it is within his power. Exr. John J. Reames.

Wit: Samuel *Ballinger* /s/ Serena J. Reames  
Pleasant *Losey* 2 July 1898

Page 532 - LEVI Y. SMUCKER, of Logan County, Dec'd. Will probated 23 November 1898. My property is to belong to my beloved wife, Selena K. Smucker and she shall pay off all claims and pay Elmer F. Smucker, my nephew, \$50.00. After her death, should this property not be sold, it shall fall to my 2 daughters, Carrie and Mary Ann Smucker. No Exr. named.

Wit: J. H. *Kauffman* /s/ Levi Y. Smucker  
J. J. *Hostetler* 23 August 1898

Page 534 - JOHN WHISSNER, of Cherokee, McArthur Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 23 November 1898. Decedent died leaving no widow. To son, Barney Whissner, everything real & personal that is mine at time of my death, property in which I now live, 2 adjoining lots, household goods & other chattels belonging tome, after burial expenses have been paid. No Exr. named.

Wit: J. H. *Harrod* /s/ John Whissner  
R. A. *Reid* 27 November 1898

Page 536 - JACOB SLONECKER, of Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 October 1898. Widow is deceased. After my death, I should be decently laid away, but in a very common manner. All debts to be paid. All property real & personal to my dear wife, Julia Slonecker, for her natural life or while she bears my name. If she chooses to change her name by remarriage, then this bequest shall cease. Son, Henry Slonecker, appointed guardian over wife, Julia, and her property with power to rent it till he can obtain fair price if necessary to sell. At death of my wife, he is to see she is decently laid away to rest. Executor and guardian shall be justly compensated. Principle and interest from obligation of W. A. *Slenker* shall be compensation for executor. Balance shall be divided in 9 equal shares among our children.. If w. A. *Slenker* fail or neglect to pay his obligation then principle and interest shall be deducted form proceeds and remainder if any divided into 8 equal shares among my 8 living children and the heirs of my deceased daughter, Elizabeth *Slenker*, shall be debarred from any interest in my estate. God bless you all is my prayer. Exr. son, Frank Slonecker.

Wit: Nathaniel J. *Hadley* /s/ Jacob Slonecker  
David C. *Collins* 14 December 1895

Page 541 - JANE WILLIAMS, of Jefferson Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 16 December 1898. Debts & funeral expenses to be paid from proceeds of chattel property to be sold by private sale without appraisal. Household goods to be divided between 2 children, Emma J. *Richardson*, wife of Wheeler Richardson and Harry E. *Metchem*. Daughter, Emma to have ¼ value of all my real estate. Son, Harry E. *Metchem*, ¼ value of all my real estate. Brother, Phillip M. *Smith*, to be guardian of son, Henry, until he is 21 years of age. Exr. Phillip M. *Smith*.

Wit: G. W. *Maddox* /s/ Jane Williams  
Emma *Smith* 20 December 1898

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Page 544 - MARY A. WAGONER, of Bloomfield Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 December 1898. Just debts to be paid. Daughter, *Christine Smith*, wife of Andrew J. Smith, of Bloomfield Twp., my house and 1 ½ acre land in Bloomcenter, Ohio. Also, all my money, personal property. Exr. Andrew J. Smith, of Bloomfield Twp.

Wit: Dan S. *Spellman*, deceased /s/ *Mary A. Wagoner*  
Claude *Spellman*, deceased 4 May 1898  
Joseph *Swisher* ) attested  
Edgar L. *Cory* ) to signature

Page 547 - JOHN KROUSE, of Pleasant Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 9 January 1899. Beloved wife, Sarah to have all stock, household goods, furniture, provisions and all other goods, chattels at time of my death except notes and moneys. She may have interest on notes and moneys after paying debts. She is not to have any of the principle. She shall have 1/3 of all that is raised or grown on the lands which I may have at the time of my death. To my adopted daughter, *Ida B. Krouse*, married to *Charles Barthauer*, the farm situated in Pleasant Twp., Section 9, Town 2, Range 14, containing 36 ½ acres, deed made by me 25 March 1892 and enclosed with this will, which my Exr. shall have recorded after my death. Adopted daughter, *Mary L. Norris*, farm in Pleasant Twp., Section 9, Town 2, Range 14 containing 36 ½ acres, deed made by me 4 March 1896 which Exr. shall record after my death. To adopted children, *Ida B. Krouse*, married to *Charley Barthauer*, and *Mary L. Krouse*, all my money and personal property after death of wife. During life of wife, should *Ida B. Barthauer*, *Mary L. Norris* & *John Clifford Krouse*, fail to pay all taxes on land deeded to them by me, Exr. to pay & deduct amount with interest from estate. Exr. *George C. Naugle*.

Wit: C. S. *Huber* /s/ *John Krouse*  
Edgar L. *Cory* 9 January 1899

Page 550 - EDWARD M. HOUCHINS Dec'd. Will probated 30 December 1898. Witnesses *G. C. Van Osdel* & *W. D. Chase* are residents of Aurora, Ill. Court ordered *A. H. Switzer*, of Aurora, Ill., to take testimony and return with all speed to Logan County. Application of *Frank Houchins* to admit probate record of *Edward M. Houchins*, deceased. *Edward M.* died leaving no widow in town of Aurora, County of Kane, Illinois, age 22. Wants debts and funeral expenses paid and monument on his grave. To sister, *Lilly M. Stiles*, note (\$50) and interest given me by said sister and her husband, *George Stiles*. Money to be added equal to \$100 in full for what she may have invested in house owned by me in Stokes Twp. To sister, *Sarah E. Mahan* \$100 for same. To brother, *Frank Houchins*, note (\$150) given to me by *John Stiles*, also \$160.85 in possession of *W. D. Chase*, for board and care by *W. D. Chase*. All the rest of my personal estate except household furniture (which goes to my parents) to my brother, *Frank*. *Frank* is also to have all my real state in Stokes Twp. The above bequest to *Frank* is on the condition that the care for and support my father & mother now living in the house on my property. They shall remain in said house as long as they shall live. Exr. *Frank Houchins*.

Wit: *G. C. Van Osdel*, Kane Co., Ill. /s/ *Edward M. (his X mark) Houchins*  
*W. D. Chase*, Kane Co. Ill, 10 December 1898  
Certified 3 January 1899, *A. H. Switzer*, Comm.

Page 554 - KATIE K. WHITWORTH, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 13 January 1899. To son, *Kernan B. Whitworth*, my piano and all my jewelry. To husband, *Henry Whitworth*, all the rest of property and estate. Exr. *Henry Whitworth*.

Wit: *James Kernan* /s/ *Katie K. Whitworth*  
*Jno. Whitworth* 13 January 1899  
*Florence Squibb*

Page - 556 - THOMAS T. MARQUIS Dec'd. Will probated 24 January 1899. To dau., *Mary M. Walker*, 33 acres, 22 acres which lie in Pleasant Twp., and 11 acres in Miami Twp. After funeral expenses are paid, the balance of property to be divided among all my children: *Margaret Martin*, *James K. Marquis*, *Hannah J. Burns*, *Mary M. Walker*, Exr. *Mary M. Walker*.

Wit: *W. Clay Huston* /s/ *Thomas T. (his X mark) Marquis*  
*Andrw B. Huston* 4 March 1889

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Submitted by Ethel Buchenroth

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Page 558 - ELIZABETH C. McCLURE, of Richland Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 9 February 1899. All debts to be paid. All personal property, monies, chattels and credits of whatsoever kind to Mrs. Emma T. *Burns* of Galesburg, Ill., regardless of John H. *Templeton*, Mary E. *McConnell*, Mrs. Bell C. *Price*, Mrs. Ellenor *Oen*, Mrs. Sarah J. *Railsbach*, J. W. *Templeton*, Mrs. Thersra C. *Weed* and J. B. *Templeton*. Extrx. Mrs. Emma T. *Burns*.

Wit: George H. *Wright*

/s/ Elizabeth C. McClure

J. *Briggs*

5 December 1896

Page 561 - LYDIA M. BRATLY, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 13 February 1899. Charles *Stout* and Charles E. *Petticrew*, subscribing witnesses, now living in Springfield, Ohio. Wm. W. *Keifer*, of Springfield, took testimony of witnesses. Wm. *Pusey* admitted will to probate. All debts and funeral expenses to be paid. All money remaining to nephew, Wm. *Pusey*. All wearing apparel to nieces, Eliza and Heather *Pusey*. Revokes all former wills.

Wit: Charles *Stout*/s/ Lydia M. (her X mark) *Bratley*Charles E. *Petticrew*

19 October 1898

Page 564 - HESTER KAYLOR, Dec'd. Will probated 10 mar 1899. Formerly wife of Nicholas *Beer* of Bellefontaine. Pay all debts and liabilities as soon as possible. To son, Lewis, all bed clothing, beds, chairs, and bureau, owned by me before my last marriage, and \$125 that is now loaned to J. W. *Kaylor*. Also, to Lewis, use, rent, and profit of my farm of 20 acres in Logan Co. for his natural life, after which it shall be given to his heirs in legal manner. Exr. brother, Benjamin F. *Miller*.

Wit: F. W. *Koons*, of Harrison Twp./s/ Hester (her X mark) *Kaylor*A. C. *Taylor*, of Harrison Twp.

17 October 1896

Page 570 - OMA I. THOMAS, of Perry Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 27 February 1899. Subscribing witnesses (widower & next of kin) unable to appear due to illness. F. S. *Milligan*, East Liberty, to take testimony of Charles and Jennie *Baxley*. Husband, Edwin A. *Thomas*, in lieu of dower, during natural life, all real estate, chattels, stocks, and household goods. At husband's death, the real estate to children, Oren, Otis, Stella, Robert, Ernest, Mary, James & Matilda *Thomas* & their heirs. Exr. husband, Edwin A. *Thomas*.

Wit: Charles *Baxley*/s/ Oma I. *Thomas*Jennie *Baxley*

26 September 1896

Page 571 - OLIVER K. THOMPSON, of Washington Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 1 March 1899. Died leaving no widow. To sisters, Mary E. *Thompson* and Louisa B. *Thompson*, all my personal property and real estate. No Exr. named.

Wit: J. H. *Seaman*/s/ Oliver K. *Thompson*Ely D. *Miller*

22 February 1899

Henry W. *Clay*, J.P. witnessed signatures

Page 574 - CATHERINE BENNETT, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 13 March 1899. Subscribing witnesses living in Lima, Ohio. J. C. *Ridenour*, of Lima, to take testimony and return to court. Catherine died leaving no husband. H. C. *Bennett* admitted will to probate. To husband, Silas *Bennett*, all real & personal estate during his natural life. At his death, all that remains, to our 2 children, Louella M. *Bramble* & Homer C. *Bennett*, share & share alike. Exrs. husband & children. If said Exr. shall die, the survivors shall have absolute power.

Wit: Jas. W. *Halfhill*/s/ Catherine K. *Bennett*Susie *Shaffer-Anders*

9 October 1897

Residing outside of jurisdiction of court, Susie *Shaffer* married Harry *Anders*.

Page 578 - JEHU BROWN, of Zanesfield, Dec'd. Will probated 20 March 1899. Died leaving no widow. All heirs notified. Esther Ann *Fawcett*, witness, is infirm, testimony recorded in her home & returned. House I live in, in Zanesfield to Esther *Fawcett* & Margaret *Williams* and some furniture. Bureau, secretary & my best great-coat to Joel *Brown*. Best bed & sufficient clothes with it & my best wearing apparel to Richard *Michner*. A set of cane bottom chairs and a candle stand to Flora *Murdock* (nee *Wiley*.) One brown bureau to Elma *Graves*. My land on the Bellefontaine Pike

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JEHU BROWN continued

(5 acres) to Omar *Hockett*. Small bequests to Barclay *Fawcett*, Ruth *Barr*, Edwin *Michener*, Richard Michener, Joel Brown, Jehu Alonzo *Graves*, Zaren(?) Brown of Pemville, Jay Co., Indiana. Exr. John R. Fawcett.

Wit: Esther Ann Fawcett /s/ Jehu Brown  
 W. H. *Outland* 7 October 1893

Page 582 - AMBROSE JACKSON FAWCETT, of Rushcreek Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 18 April 1899. To wife, Mary Fawcett and daughter, Estilene *Williams*, use of farm on which I reside, during their natural lives. Ira *Gwynn* apointed trustee over same. They also get all household goods except my library. They shall take what books they want and the rest shall go to my son, Oscar L. Fawcett. My farm # 2 (41 75/100 acres) to be sold within 2 years of my decease and money divided as follows: \$500 to son Oscar Fawcett; remainder to be equally distributed to May Belle *Grabiell*, wife of Rev. J. G. Grabiell, Paul R. Grabiell, Glide R. Grabiell, Stela *Frazier*, wife of Arthur Frazier, Myrtle Fawcett & Don Fawcett. Personal property to be sold and wife given \$600, the remainder divided between Oscar L. Fawcett and Estilene Williams. At death of wife & daughter, farm to be sold and proceeds divided among above legatees. Exr. Ira *Gwynn*.

Wit: Almira Fawcett /s/ A. J. Fawcett  
 Ira Gwynn 8 April 1898

Page 585 - SUSAN KING, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 30 March 1899. Died leaving no husband. Testimony taken of witness, Thomas L. *Wright*, of San Antonio, Texas, by C. A. *Keller* & returned. Money bequests to son, Charles *Galloway* and dau., Rosetta *Rickman*. Rest of estatae in equal shares to daus., Jessica *Hicks* and Victoria *Clark*. Extrx. Jessica Hicks and Victoria Clark.

Wit: Charles W. *Buchanan* /s/ Susan King  
 Thomas L. Wright 30 December 1897

Page 586 - EMMA L. LOCKHART, of Bellefontaine, Dec'd. Will probated 9 April 1898. James L. Lockhart is the surviving husband. Husband to get all household goods and furniture except that in room of son, J. C. Lockhart, which is to go to him. Husband to have north half of house in which I reside during his natural life. At his death to son, J. C. Lockhart, and at his death to his child or children born in lawful wedlock. If there are no such children, I give same to my daughter, Mary *Clingerman* & her heirs. Other half of house to son, J. C. and then to daughter. Exrs. James L. Lockhart & George W. *Emerson*.

Wit: C. S. *Lane* /s/ Emma L. Lockhart  
 W. G. *Roebuck* 13 April 1894

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## WILL BOOK E (1893-1898)

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Page 435 - SILAS BENNETT, of Lake Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 11 March 1898. Bequeaths all property to wife, Catherine K. Bennett, to be hers during her natural life. All property she does not use for her own comfort, shall after her decease go directly to the 2 children, Luella M. *Bramble* and Homer C. Bennett, share & share alike. Extrx. wife, Catherine M. Bennett, and children, Luella M. *Bramble* and Homer C. Bennett, and authorizes them to adjust, release and discharge in such manner as they may deem proper. They may sell, by private sale or in such manner as proper for their mother's comfort. No appraisal or sale of personal property is requested.

Wit: Jas. W. *Hatfill*  
Susie *Shaffer*

/s/ Silas Bennett  
9 October 1897

Page 444 - SERKELBAUGH previously recorded on page 417 as *Seckelbach*.

Page 447 - WASHINGTON HAMER, of Harrison Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 16 March 1898. All chattel property to be converted to cash and expenses paid. A granite monument to be erected for self & wife not to exceed \$140.00. To sister, Margaret *Parish*, \$300., to grandson, Earl H. *Shawver*, \$100, and on January 1, 1905, all the residue of personal property to be his absolutely. After he comes into possession of said property, he is to pay Mr. K. *Stewart*, whose place of residence is unknown, the sum of \$300, providing Mr. K. *Stewart* makes personal request for said sum. Exr. W. F. Hamer.

Wit: W. W. Hamer  
Charlotte Hamer

/s/ Washington Hamer  
27 December 1897

Page 450 - FREDERICK R. WEST Dec'd. Will probated 23 March 1898. Requests debts be paid and residue of estate to wife, Rachel, to be hers during her natural lifetime, and at her death, daughter, Olive Louise, to have homestead and with the appurtenances thereon, situated in the village of West Middleburg. Residue of estate, money and other chattels to all children (not named) sharing equally. Extrx. Rachel.

Wit: C. E. *Davis*, M. D.  
E. W. *McWade*

/s/ Frederick R. West  
8 November 1895

Page 453 - GEORGE W. BERRY, about 63 years of age, of Lewistown, Washington Twp., Dec'd. Will probated 29 March. Wife, Emily Berry, to have all my lands and tenements in Lewistown, as long as she lives. At her death anything left or unsold shall be divided equally among my 3 sons, James A., Samuel F. & George M. Extrx. Emily Berry.

Wit: A. J. Monroe of Lewistown  
Ola *Huston Weimer* of Quincy  
M. D. *Ditzler*

/s/ George W. Berry  
20 December 1889

Codicil: To wife, Emily Berry, all my goods and chattels of all kinds.

Wit: A. J. *Monroe*  
M. D. *Ditzler*

/s/ George W. Berry  
16 February 1898

Page 462 - ELIZABETH JANE ALLINGER Dec'd. Will probated 11 April 1898. To husband, Jacob Allinger, my 2 cows. To my married daughter, Mrs. *May Cost*, \$200. Daughters, *May Cost* & *Sadie Haines*, all the chattels in my house in Quincy. To son, *Hudson Haines*, of Champaign county, to dispose of all chattels on the farm belonging to us in said county, then divide all assets equally between himself and his sisters. Exr. *Hudson Haines*.

Wit: N. V. *Speece*  
Lillian *Wolf*

/s/ Elizabeth Jane (her X mark) Allinger  
15 March 1898

Page 465 - JOSEPH CAMPBELL Dec'd. Will probated 26 April 1898. Wife, Isabel, as long as she remains my widow, the house and lot in Bellefontaine, where I now live, on E. Chillicothe, all household goods except cherry *beaura* and my tool chest and \$100. *Beaura* to daughter, *Josie Belle Campbell*. Tool chest to son, *Edwin McLaughlin Campbell*. To son, *William H. Campbell*, \$100. Rest of estate shall be reduced to money and divided equally between wife and children. Exr. *Emanuel J. Howenstine*.

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JOSEPH CAMPBELL continued

Wit: Andrew J. *Hudson*  
W. Clay *Huston*  
Sidney A. *Rhodes*

/s/ Joseph Campbell  
9 Feb 1894

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Page 469 – JOEL ARBEGAST –Dec'd. Will probated 28 April 1898. To wife, Caroline Arbegast, during her natural life, real estate in Jefferson Twp., bounded by Jacob Arbegast land on the north & east, on the south by the Rush Creek Lake pike and on the west by Rush Creek. After her death to sons, Henry & Jacob W. Arbegast. E. J. *Howenstine* attested to the signature of J. Duncan *McLaughlin*, who has become incompetent to testify for the reason that he is now judge of this court. No Exr. Named.

Wit: Charles A. *Miller*  
J. Duncan *McLaughlin*

/s/ Joel Arbegast  
29 May 1895

Page 473 – MARGARET GREEN, of DeGraff, Dec'd. Will probated 5 May 1898. The witnesses, John *Coate*, Belle Coate & Nellie *Doughty*, are both residents of West Milton, Ohio and Fint L. *Keating* was sent to get their depositions. To husband, Caleb E. Green 1/5 of my real estate in DeGraff. My 3 daughters, Alta, Minie and Tempa, to have all household goods in DeGraff and in my temporary residence in West Milton, Miami County, Ohio. Husband to have bed room suite, bedding, red imported carpet, and 2 chairs. Personal estate to daughters. Rest of real estate to be shared equally by my children, John, Alta, Minnie and Tempa. Exr. Son-in-law, Fint L. *Keating*.

Wit: John Coate  
Mrs. Belle Coate  
Mrs. Nelle Doughty

/s/ Margaret Green  
4 December 1897 at West Milton, O.

Page 477 – LOUISA S. STANTON, late of Warren County, Ohio, Dec'd. Will probated 13 May 1898. All property real & personal to husband, James D. Stanton, including real estate in Logan County. After 5 years he shall pay to Cora and Vinnie *Seaman*, children of E. B. Seaman, if living, the sum of \$50 each. To Josie Seaman, daughter of L. W. Seaman, deceased, if living the sum of \$75. No Exr. Named.

Wit: W. W. *Williams* (deceased)  
M. A. Williams  
G. *Wood*  
L. C. Wood

/s/ Louisa S. Stanton  
2 March 1886

Page 480 – GEORGE W. HARSHMAN, late of Madriver Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, Dec'd. Will probated 19 March 1898. My Exrs. shall convert my personal estate to money and divide it equally among my children (not named.) Exrs. Sons, Samuel R. Harshaman and Jonathan S. Harshaman.

Wit: Warren *Munger* (deceased)  
George O. *Warrington*

/s/ George W. Harshaman  
21 July 1886

I hereby appoint Geo. W. Harshaman, Jr. additional Exr.

Wit: Anna *Grummer*  
Harry O. *Cox*

/s/ G. W. Harshman  
10 January 1898

Page 485 - GEORGE SHICK Dec'd. Will probated 15 June 1898. To wife, Mary Shick, 1/3 of all of my estate. During her natural life she shall have use and control of all estate. To daughter, Margaret A. *Carney*, the farm on which she now resides, in McArthur Twp. To grandchildren, Anna M. *Clark*, George T. Clark and William S. Clark, the home farm. William Carney shall be guardian of my grandchildren. Extrx. dau., Margaret A. *Carney*.

Wit: James *McAdams*  
D. J. *Huben*

/s/ George Shick  
28 December 1895

Codicil: Anna M. Clark, George T. Clark and Williams S. Clark, children of Catherine Clark, deceased, and grandchildren as named in my former will shall have the right to sell or mortgage on any real estate that they may become heir to. If any of said heirs shall become drunkards or reckless deadbeats to the county, said guardian shall hold their entire interest 5 years longer.

Wit: Aaron *Wissler*  
Levi Wissler

/s/ George Shick  
5 March 1898

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