

This 21 day of January 1888

Attest J. L. S. Clark
Joseph B. Finch

Thomas J. ^{his} Clark

Proven in open Court by the oaths of J. L. S. Clark
and Joseph B. Finch subscribing witnesses to the
forgoing instrument and ordered to be recorded
in the book of wills. Jan'y 6th 1888
N. B. Bachman Clerk

Last will and Testament of Dec'd
of Dec'd 1888
R. J. Cross

State of Tennessee In the name of God amen
Sullivan County Knowing that it is appointed
that all must die and bring
of sound and disposing mind, deem it best before
infirmity from age approaches too near to settle and
dispose of my worldly affairs - as it is best to pro-
vide against unforeseen events and contingencies that
are common to all.

Therefore - in view of my coming dissolution make
this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and
sitting aside all other wills by me made heretofore
yet

I will that at my death all my just debts be paid
as soon thereafter as practicable

2^d
I will and bequeath to my wife Polly all my
worldly effects both real and personal during her
natural life or as long as she shall continue my widow.

3^d
I will that at the death of my wife Polly, her burial
expenses be paid out of my effects left in the hands
of my son Thomas, and should any residue then
remain of the personal property I will that the same
be sold at public sale, and should there be a
remainder left of the personalty thus sold, the same
shall be divided as follows. It is to be understood

that this remainder if any to be equally divided between my
son William S. Cross, and Mary Clark

4th
I will that the tract of land I now own adjoining the
Asylum of the County farm. Hall and Johnson & others
shall be for the use and benefit of myself and wife during
my life time and then my widow is to have the same
as heretofore stated, to have and control the same, and
use or sell the proceeds of the farm or the increase of the
personalty, if she deems it necessary for her convenience
or comfort.

Be it understood that my son
Thomas who now occupies the said farm will remain
and cultivate the same as heretofore agreed - that is -
he is now to support us during our natural lives in a
comfortable manner and keep up the farm in every
respect, not allowing the same to go down during his
lifetime, and then the farm is to be turned over or
descend to my son Thomas forever in fee to dispose
of as he may elect.

5th
My son Thomas is to erect a plain set of Tomb stones on
his Mother's grave at Muddy Creek Church. Also he is to
place a like set of Tomb stones to my grave and and my
wife Polly's grave, which is to be realized from the effects
of our property left by us for the use and benefit of them -
to be set forth.

In testimony whereof I have this
day signed and sealed this my last will and
Testament in the presence of this 24th day of Aug. AD. 1887

R. B. Barger
R. D. Pickle
A. H. Moon

R. J. Cross Seal

Proven in open Court by the oaths of R. D. Pickle
and A. H. Moon subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
instrument and the same is declared and adjudged to
be the last will and testament of R. J. Cross, Dec'd
and ordered to be recorded in the book of wills.
April 2^d 1888.

N. B. Bachman Clerk