

Record of Wills

- And the due execution thereof is duly proved by the oath and examination of N.B. Grohans and N.B. Hyatt the Subscribing Witnesses thereto.

It is therefore Concurred by the Court that the said paper containing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of the said George W. Wiley dec'd, and the same is to be recorded and filed.

Given under my hand and Seal at Office in Murphy the date above written.

Jos. C. A. Hey 66

(Will in 1960 file)

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I, Isaac Leggett of the county of Cherokee and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

That is to say
First that my executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part of parcel of my estate I give and devise to my Beloved wife one hundred Dollars in money and one black mare one three years old two cows and calves her choice ten head of hogs and four fifty to one hundred bushels corn yearly out of the fruit of my real estate during her widowhood.

I give and devise to my eldest son now living James N. Ledford all Tract No 61 and Tract No 66 in District No 4 lying on the waters of Nolichucky River except one hundred Dollars and the same with woods meadows and Mining Rights to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give devise to my only daughter now living Tract No 47 and 62 and 67 lying on the waters of Nolichucky River and part of lot No 103 that is three thirds share of the Ledford's estate from and part of lot No 2653. Except Woodland and Mining Rights with use to my wife and to the same in equal proportion share and share alike to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever. I am now living the wife of Warren H. Hedden Mary L. Ledford was a single girl about thirteen years of age when I give bequeath to my eldest daughter Alice C. Hampton two one hundred Dollars each to be paid by my executor when she arrives at mature age out of my personal property not otherwise disposed of to be theirs in fee simple forever.

being James S. Leford and having been before
said, by my executors when he arrives at a
major age to be his absolutely forever.
Item I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter
Mary Leford one hundred dollars to be paid by my
executors when she Mary L. Leford arrives at a
major age out of the money not otherwise disposed
of to be very absolutely for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to all the real
estate of my estate if any after taking out the debts
and legacies above mentioned shall be sold except my
kitchen and kitchen furniture which shall be equally
divided between my three children, William and
Mary L. and James S. and the debt owing to me
collected and if there should be any surplus over
and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies
that such surplus shall be equally divided between
my three children above named to their executors
administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

I give to Mary Leford my child son now being seven
months of age a guardian of the of about fifteen and
will not be of the full age of twenty one until May
3 day 1881 and my youngest daughter will not
arrive at the full age of twenty one until May
9 day 1881. Now therefore give and desire is that
my daughter William Nelson and is hereby consti-
tuted and appointed guardian of these my three
children to live and to hold the custody and guardian-
ship both of these respected persons and estate
until they the said James S. Leford and Mary L.
Leford shall severally arrive at the full age of
twenty one years.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
trust friend Warren H. Nelson my lawful executor
to all intents and purposes to execute this my last
will and testament according to the true intention
meaning of the same and every part and clause
thereof hereby making and declaring nothing
void all other wills and testaments by me here-
before made.

In witness whereof I the said William Leford
do hereunto set my hand and seal This 10th
day of Aug. A.D. 1880.

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
William Leford to be his
last will and testament William Leford seal
in the presence of us who
at his request and in his
presence subscribe our
names witness true to

Witness John H. Lacey
William H. Nelson
H. Sneed
Jackson Leford

State of North Carolina County of Cherokee Office
of Superior Court Clerk April 4 1881.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will
and testament of William Leford is exhibited for
probate in open court by Warren H. Nelson
the executor of the said will of William Leford
deceased and the due execution thereof is duly
proven by the oath and examination of John
H. Lacey and Jackson Leford, subscribing
witnesses thereto, who upon their examination
say they saw said William Leford sign said
will and that they witnessed the same at his age.
It is therefore considered and adjudged by the
court that the said paper writing and every
part thereof is the last will and testament of
the said William Leford deceased and the same
is ordered to be recorded and filed
under any hand and seal at office in
Murphy the day and date above written.

W. D. Deweese Clerk
Superior Court.

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State of North Carolina }
Cherokee County,

W. H. Hedden being duly sworn deposes and says

- 1 That he is the executor of the last will and testament of Hiram Ledford deceased
- 2 That the inventory of the testator's estate consists in various articles of personal property both real and account and real estate value of \$1000 or more
- 3 That the following named persons are entitled to the last will and testament of Hiram Ledford: James H. Hedge one of the testator's sons, Hiram Ledford daughter of the testator, two grand sons of Hiram Ledford and one of Alice Hiram Ledford formerly Alice Ledford daughter of W. H. Hedden. W. H. Hedden

Executor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of April 1887. D. W. Lawrence & C. C.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Cherokee County } of Cherokee County

April 7, 1887

Personally came before me this day Jack H. Ledford, read, make the oath that he was well acquainted with the late Hiram Ledford before his death that said Hiram Ledford before his death made and subscribed a last will and testament in the presence of this affiant and that the affiant subscribed the same in the presence of the testator here to in the presence of the said Hiram Ledford and at his request

Jack H. Ledford

Sworn to and subscribed before me this April 4 1887

D. W. Lawrence & C. C.

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J. H. Hedden

Sworn to and subscribed before me this April 4 1887

D. W. Lawrence & C. C.

State of N. C. County of Cherokee April 13 1887.

Eliza Ledford Widow of the late Hiram Ledford comes forward and disavows from its foregoing will in manner and form as follows.

North Carolina County of Cherokee

To the Clerk of Cherokee Superior Court
The undersigned Widow of the late Hiram Ledford disavows from its ^{last} will and testament of her said husband, lately proven in your said Court and prays that this her disavow may be entered of Record

April 12 1887

Signed Eliza Ledford.