

G. H. Cantrell, Last Will

State of Tennessee The last will and testament  
of G. H. Cantrell.

Benton County

{ Be it known that I,  
G.H. Cantrell, on this day of  
Grace Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1905, having attained a ripe old age  
and being cognizant of the fact that I cannot  
hope to live a great many years at best; and  
being desirous of settling my business among  
my heirs at law as equitably and as justly  
as possible and being of sound mind and in  
the full possession and exercise of all my reasoning  
faculties, I hereby make and execute this instrument  
as my last and only earthly will and testament.  
Having this day disposed of all my real estate  
except 1 lot and house in Big Sandy among  
my heirs at law by deed of conveyance as  
equitably and as justly as I could in my best  
judgement, it remains only to dispose of those  
said lots and personal property etc.,

Item 1. I hereby appoint and designate my son  
T.B. Cantrell as my executor to without bond,  
to wind up and close up my business after  
my demise.

Item 2. Lot No. 1, deeded to Eliza Byrn valued at \$400.00  
Lot No. 2, deeded to B. H. Cantrell valued at \$350.00  
Lot No. 3, deeded to Gross Cantrell bal unpaid on  
some \$250.00  
Lot No. 4, deeded to J.E. Cantrell valued at \$350.00  
Lot No. 5, deeded to J.E. Cantrell Valued at \$350.00  
Lot No. 6, deeded to Gulf Cantrell " at \$350.00  
" " 7 " " R.H. Cantrell " " \$350.00  
" " 8 " " Arbella Penil " " \$350.00  
" " 9 " " G. H. Cantrell " " \$300.00  
" " 10 " " T.B. " " " \$450.00

These amounts are to be equitized and properly  
distributed by my Executor the said T.B. Cantrell  
so that each one of my heirs at law shall  
receive his or her just, proper and equal share  
of all my property.

Item 3. My daughter Mary Barnes of Laclede Co. who  
has not received any share in the above  
description of my property is to have and I  
hereby will that she shall have her equal,

just, and proper share of all my property, equal  
to and with each of the balance of my heirs  
at law

<sup>his</sup>  
G. H. Cantrell

Signed in our presence  
on the date above written  
Mary <sup>brown</sup> Cantrell

L.E. Cantrell  
J.N. Bridges

The attached instrument or will was  
presented in open Court and proven on oath  
by the two subscribing witnesses to wit;  
L.E. Cantrell, J.N. Bridges and ordered to be  
probated, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1915.

L.E. Davis  
County Judge.

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## Mary V. Simsing Last Will.

I will all of my property, personal and real estate to My Husband J. S. Simsing at my death to keep, Sell or do anything he wishes with it. All except my Sunbeam River Farm, and I will that he have it his life time and at his death I will it to Jessie E. Green my niece, to her heirs and her heirs forevers.

This is my last will and want my property to go only as stated above.  
This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1908

Mary V. Simsing

The within will was presented in open Court and proven on oath by Joe F. Odele that he was present at her residence and read this instrument over to her and she stated that this was her will, besides he recognizs this as being her handwriting. J. G. Florence also states that "heard the conversation between her and Joe F. Odele and also that he is acquainted with her handwriting and recognizs the within as being her, Mrs. Mary V. Simsing, handwriting.

I therefore order same to be recorded.

This May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1916

L. E. Davis  
Co. Judge

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## W. W. Atchison Last Will

Nashville Tennessee  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1915.

I, W. W. Atchison of Big Sandy Tennessee, in Benton County Tenn. do hereby make and declare this my last will and Testament as follows: Any and all wills which I may have made for attempted to make prior to this date are hereby expressly revoked.

- (1) I direct that my Executor herein named pay all of my just debts out of any estate I may own.
- (2) I will give, devise and bequeath all of my estate of any kind or character, real, personal or mixed, to my wife Narcissus Atchison in fee simple forever.
- (3) It is my intention and desire and I here by declare to be included within the terms of the foregoing item (2) all my estate in and to the hotel which my wife (Page 1 of my Will of Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1915 W. W. Atchison) and I have operated at Big Sandy Tenn. under the name of the Atchison Hotel. This hotel property fronts about 45 feet on what is called "Church" Street in said Big Sandy Tenn. It is bounded on the West by the land of Ed Lincoln, and on the South by the L & N Railroad and the land to T. B. Cantrell, and on the North by the land of Ernest Baker, and has a two-story frame hotel building located on it.
- (4)

- (5) I nominate and appoint my wife Narcissus Atchison to be my executor and direct that no bond be required of her. I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Nashville Tennessee this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1915

W. W. Atchison.

Witness

H. P. Cooper  
Hunter Bell Moody

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## W. W. Atchison Last Will

The within instrument was signed by us as witnesses at the request of Said W. W. Atchison and in his presence and the presence of each other said said W. W. Atchison signed the within instrument in our presence and in the presence of each of us and before we both declared when he signed the within instrument that the same was his last will and testament.

This Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1915

Hester Bell Moody  
H. P. Cooper.

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W. W. Atchison

The within will was presented in open Court and proved by Miss Hester Bell Moody one of the subscribing witnesses and also the handwriting of the other witness H. P. Cooper, and that he signed the will in her presence. Therefor I hereby order same probated.  
This Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1916

L. E. Davis  
County Judge.

## J. P. Lashlee Last Will

At Home June 8<sup>th</sup> 1916.

I, J. P. Lashlee make this my last will and testament revoking in full all other wills by me made.

I do give away anything at my death I want left of my effects paid in full, and Two Hundred Dollars set apart for my burial expenses and to place a monument at mine and my departed wife Martha A. Lashlee's grave.

That my three granddaughters Dura Giff Bertha Galbraith and Mack Ira Harrington have jointly all of my H. L. McElroy place east of the dividing line between my part and the part I sold off to J. L. Roberson and it is my will, as I never give Theresa a horse during her lifetime that out of my effects that O. P. and H. H. Lashlee select and secure a horse such as in their judgement this choice is right and give it to Bertha Galbraith as a reward to her for her faithfulness to her mother during her long afflictions; and also these three above named children - Dura - Bertha and Mack Ira to jointly have five acres of land on which A. J. Dixie's residence is, and this is all of my estate that I desire them to have.

I give to my Son H. H. Lashlee my half of the Bartlett land lying on the Tennessee River, and I want my A. O. P. Nicholson land divided into three equal parts running from East to West, and I give to my Son O. P. Lashlee the share on the South my daughter Florence McElroy the middle share and my Son H. B. Lashlee the <sup>land</sup> share on the north, with the privilege if they want to exchange any way, it is all right, and I want my upland lying in the 15<sup>th</sup> district known as the Bur - Brinck and Hatley lands to be divided into five equal parts running from North to South, and Bartlett to have the share on which the house stands that Billie lived in before moving to where he now lives, so as to give him a home on the road.

with the other children; then it is my will for Billie to have the next choice; then Orloner the next choice and Florence the next choice as she might decide to move out it and Beulah the other with the privilege of making any changes they may want to with each other without troubling each other as I intend for this will to carry title to any changes they may make with each other.

I give to my two sons O.P. and H.H. Lashlee all of my interest in the J.L. Robinson tract of land in Kentucky, and also in the Clyde Mofford lands.

I have agreed with my two sons O.P. and H.H. Lashlee of all the lands we own jointly known as the E Hardin and Nivins and Miller and A.J. Utley lands to take for my share the Fifty two and a half (52 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) acre tract on which G.W. Hardin was living at the time of his death, then off the North end of the Nivins tract of land, beginning at the Northeast corner where the line dividing this land and the lands of Boss and Charlie Reeder intersects the Nicholson line, then runs West 161 poles to the Northwest corner, then South 120 poles to a stake, then East 161 poles to a stake in the C.A. P Nicholson line; then North with said line 120 poles to the beginning, containing 121 acres more or less. And I further agree by this instrument to quit claim to any interest and title in the balance of the above described E. Hardin-Nivins-Miller and A.J. Utley lands to O.P. and H.H. Lashlee whenever they make me a deed while living or to H.B. Lashlee and Beulah Arnold after my death to the 121 acre tract and the 52 $\frac{1}{2}$  acre tract above described.

I give and bequeath this 121 acres of the Nivins land jointly to H.B. Lashlee and Beulah Arnold and if they should ever want to divide it and cannot agree, I appoint O.P. and H.H. Lashlee, my executors, if they are both living to divide it as near equal in value as they can between Bartlett and Beulah and for them both to abide by the division, and if Orloner and Billie both are not living, I direct that

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the survivor divide it as herein directed; if either should not be living, then I direct that Bartlett and Beulah or their legal representatives select a man each, and if these two cannot agree let them select the third man to divide it as directed to be done by Orloner and Billie if living, and let their decision be final as I don't expect a lawsuit over any of my property.

I give and bequeath the 52 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres on which G.W. Hardin was living at the time of his death to H.B. Lashlee, except I give and ~~reserve~~ to O.P. and H.H. Lashlee a one half interest in the Spring on the place known as the Alley Nivins Spring, and a right of way for their sheep and stock from the Arthur Utley place to the Spring, and also have a right to use the present road, but in arranging for their stock to pass to the Spring they must do secure it, the stock cannot damage anyone living on the place or the Spring so it will not be nice for family use; and in the event the Spring branch should fall on Bartlett and Beulah's part I reserve and give to Orloner and Billie the right of way at the most convenient point to the branch to be selected by them, to make them a good room watering place for their stock at all times, and I herein bar and prohibit any one who may ever own the land from at any time changing the branch so as to inconvenience them about water for their stock; but Orloner and Billie is to fix the passway at their own expense and my children and their families and stock and teams are to have full roadway over each others lands to get to and from their own just like I have always given them.

I give Beulah Arnold my one half undivided interest in all the D.C. Rusting place South of the railroad; and all North of the railroad, I give and bequeath it jointly to Orloner-Billie and Bartlett, my three sons and Florence, M'Elyea, and Beulah Arnold, my two daughters.

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I give my home place in Camden and my house and buggy to my daughter Florence McElyea and I give to my two sons, Orlonder and Billie jointly my London Wsly lot; and also the lot number 39 in the Henry addition, and I give to my Son Bartlett and daughter Beulah Arnold, jointly my three joining lots in the Henry addition numbers 27-28-29 - I give my three shares of stock in the Burton County Bank one each to my three sons Orlonder, Billie and Bartlett, and any money or notes I may have on hand at my death after paying for every thing as above directed, I want divided equally between my five living Childrens Florence, Orlonder, Billie, Bartlett and Beulah.

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I give and bequeath to my grandson John McElyea, who was named for me the ten acres of ground I bought from Mrs O'Guin and my newest gold watch and fob I wear with it; and to my Son O.P. Lashlee I give my oldest gold watch and chain; and to Billie I give my riding Saddle and bridle; and to Bartlett I give my double barrel shot gun; and to H.J. McElyea my old rifle and to Beulah Arnold I give my set of furniture I bought at Copes Farley's Sale; and to my granddaughter Louise I give my Orgon; and I give to Billie my trunk in which I always keep my valuable papers.

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I give all the remainder of my property of every kind to be divided equally between my five living children, Florence, Orlonder, Billie, Bartlett and Beulah.

Now children it is my desire to have no public sale of my property, therefore I request you fine children to divide the remainder up between yourselves if you can agreeable if not go yest as far as you can in the division, then it is my will, and I so direct that Orlonder and Billie Lashlee take charge of the remainder and dispose of it according to their best judgement and divide the proceeds equally between your fine children.

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And I appoint my two Sons O.P. and H.J. Lashlee my Executors without bond.

This June 8<sup>th</sup> 1916.

J P Lashlee

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names before in the presence of the Testator.

This June 8<sup>th</sup> 1916

Witnesses

J. P. Lashlee	{
H. J. Lashlee	

A L Hassell

This instrument or will was presented in open Court and proven on oath by H.J. Lashlee & A.L. Hassell two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded or probated

This Oct. the 30<sup>th</sup> 1916

L.E. Davis  
County Judge

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