

JANUARY TERM 1914.

Attest

H. S. Jones

Link King.

We the undersigned witnesses do hereby certify that we signed this this instrument at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other this March 25" 1913.

H. S. Jones,

Link King

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T. D. Carpenter,

I, T. D. Carpenter, of Blount County, Tenn., being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any former will by me at any time made.

First, I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses, including the cost of a decent set of tomb stones for my grave, be paid by my Executors out of the first money that come to their hands.

Second, I give and bequeath to Matilda Sherrill Four Hundred and fifty dollars in money, one milk cow, the bureau in the upper room and the best bedstead in the house. I also give her four good chairs, the wash kettle, one small table, and the privilege of the use of my house for twelve months after my death.

Third, The balance of my house hold and kitchen furniture, farming implements, Stock &c. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary E. Best. I also give and bequeath to my said daughter One Thousand dollars in money.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my grand-daughters, daughters of my said daughter Mary E. Best, Eight hundred dollars each, in money.

Fifth, I give and devise to my grand-sons, as follows: To W. D. Best the Scott farm in the 7th District of Blount County, Tenn, containing 160 acres, and also ten acres of timber land off of the north-east corner of my home tract. To Coy O. Best my home farm in the 7th dist. of Blount County, including the 40 acre tract purchased of Addison Hannah, except the ten acres herein above devised to W. D. Best off of the North east corner of the home tract, But the said Coy O. Best is required to pay to Ralf Best the sum of Three hundred dollars. To Ralph Best my McCulloch farm in the 6th civil district of Blount County, containing 83 acres. To my youngest grand-son, son of my said daughter, Mary E. Best, (and whose given name, if named at this time, I do not know) I give my lower farm near Carpenters Camp-ground, containing 90 acres. Said farm is also in the 7th district of Blount County. But my said daughter M. E. Best is to have possession of said farm until said grand son shall arrive at the age of 18 years, But it provided that if said grand son should die before the reaches the age of 18 years, then my said daughter is to have the control, and the rents thereof during her natural life, and at her death to go to my grand-children in equal shares.

Sixth, I authorize and direct my Executors to sell the 20 acre tract, which I reserved off of the Murray farm when I sold to P. Hill, and

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the proceeds in the payment of the cost of administration and payment of bequests. And if there should be any surplus of my personal estate after the payment of debts, funeral expenses, payment of bequests and of administration, I direct that any residue and remainder be equally divided among my grand children.

Out of my home farm herein devised to Coy O. Best I reserve all of the timber land lying north of my big field. But this not to interfere with the devise of ten acre to W.D. Best.

Seventh, I now name and appoint M.C. Carpenter and E.M. Huffstetler Executors of this my last will and testament, and I direct them to employ S.P. Rowan, Attorney at Law, to assist in winding up my said estate and to pay him a reasonable fee for his services.

Given under my hand this the 15th day of September, 1904.

Witnesses

J.H. Martin

J.H. Raulston

his

T.D. X Carpenter

mark

Codicil.

I, T.D. Carpenter hereby add this codicil to the foregoing "will"

First I nominate and appoint Jas. H. Martin with M.C. Carpenter as administrators and executors of this "Will" instead of E.M. Huffstetler.

2nd. I give to Coy O. Best in addition to the foregoing "will" two acres of timber land extending from the Scott Lane Road to the lower end of his bequeathment and parallel with the "Big field" fence on that side N. of said field.

(in addition to the Scott farm mentioned above)
3rd I desire that W.D. Best get five acres wood land beginning on the corner near the North end of Scott Lane and running to the Jim Raulston line (instead of "Ten" acres as designated in the "Will")

4th I give and devise the remainder of all the timbered land not otherwise mentioned lying north of the "Big field" to my daughter Mary E. Best during her natural lifetime to use only what timber may be needed for fuel or improvements on the farm and then, after her death this land to be divided equally among her children

5th It is my will and desire that all lands which are bequeathed as per above to Coy O. Best And to W.D. Best, shall not be subject to sale or bargained in any way whatsoever, for a period of five years after legal possession of same

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6th Should there be a surplus of moneys after all expenses shall have been paid then it is my will and desire that my grand daughters shall receive same, over and above what I have already bequeathed to them until the whole sum shall amount to One thousand dollars each, and then all other amounts to be divided equally among my grand children who are children of my daughter Mary E. Best.

All bequeathments to be paid to my grand daughters with all revenues thereon at the age of eighteen years.

I desire my administrators shall as soon as convenient to possess themselves of all notes, checks, deposit certificates, and moneys and the key to deposit vault, and proceed as per this bill and codicil.

Given under my hand and seal this Nov. 28- 1904.

his
T.D. X Carpenter
mark.

Witnesses

W.A. Brickey

J.H. Raulston

Codicil

I, T.D. Carpenter, on account of the Rail road, running through the place, add this codicil to the foregoing "Will" I want the railroad running through the "big field" to be the line between my daughter Mary E. Best and my grand son Coy O. Best.

I also desire my administrators to make Coy O. Best a deed to the land mentioned in the foregoing "will" to him and his heirs.

I desire my administrators to make W.D. Best a deed to the land mentioned in the foregoing "will" to him and his heirs.

I also want the piece of land on the North side of R.R. that is added to my daughter Mary E. Best to be disposed of as stated in the foregoing "Will".

Given under my hand and seal this Aug. 25" 1905.

Alice H. Raulston

J.H. Raulston

his
T.D. X Carpenter
mark.

I, T.D. Carpenter of Blount County, Tenn. hereby add the following codicil to my last will and testament hereto attached, to wit;

1st That W.D. Best have only the 160 acre tract known as the Scott farm, leaving out the five acres which I hereby devise to my daughter, Mrs. Mary Best.

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2nd That the lands devised to my two grand-sons, W.D. & C.O. Best, shall go to them, and vest in them, for and during their natural lives, and at their deaths to vest in their children respectively. And I require that each pay the sum of five dollars per year for ten years to the M.E. Church at Carpenter's Camp-ground for repairs on the church and grave yard, the surplus to go to the Preacher in charge.

3rd All the real estate not devised by my said last will and testament I give and devise to my daughter Mary Best. But she is required to pay to the M.E. Church at Carpenters camp-ground five dollars each year for ten years for repairs on the church and grave yard and any surplus to the Preacher in charge.

Given under my hand this the 21st day of March, 1907.

his
T.D. X Carpenter
mark.

Witnesses

Sam P. Rowan

J.H. Martin.

I, T.D. Carpenter of Blount County hereby add the following codicil to my last will and testament hereto attached: 1st That W.D. Best is required to pay to the M.E. Church at Carpenters Campground one hundred dollars \$100.00 and one hundred dollars to his Mother Mary Best.

2nd That C.O. Best is required to pay to the M.E. Church at Carpenters Camp ground one hundred dollar\$100. and one hundred dollars to his mother Mary Best. This money above mentioned going to the church is to be paid into the hands of the Trustees of the Church.

The interest from this money is to be used for repairs on the Church and Graveyard and the surplus each year if any to the Preacher in charge. I desire this money loaned out and only the interest used.

3rd I ^{nominate and} appoint J.E. Rowan as a joint Executor and administrator of this my last Will & Testament to act with J.H. Martin and M.C. Carpenter.

Given under my hand this 26th day of May 1908

his
T.D. X Carpenter
mark

Witnesses

M.C. Carpenter

Etta Walker.

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HOLOGRAPHIC WILL.

JOHN H. THOMPSON.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1898.

too home all it may concern this is to certify that I John H. Thompson of districe No. 8 County of Blount, State of Est tennessee this day gives & wills to my wife Martha T. Thompson my seventy acres of land to have and hole & do as she pleases with forever & forever

John H. Thompson

MARCH TERM 1914.

Wiley P. Singleton

Frances Ellen Singleton.

State of Tenn., Blount Co.

November 16th 1907. the 11 Civz. Dis.

To all who it may concern I or we Wiley P. Singleton and Frances Ellen Singleton we this this day make our will and that Samuel Singleton Shall have all of the Lan Lying on the South and West of the Wrights fear Road containing 3/4 of one acre more or less Joining the Lands of a Hitch on the South, Wm. Ballard on the west

We all So will McCowan Singleton twenty dollars to be payed at hour death.

We all So Will that the Reast of the Land Shall be Equally set Devied between Magnole Badgett Frances Elen Badgett and they may the devasion Line to Suit themselves this Lan is bounded as fomers on the North S.R. Ballard on the South by R- Wits ferry Road Same Road A Hitch on the East this will shall be Probated at the Death of both of us this is made before me in good faith

Wiley P. Singleten his mark X

Eliza- Frances Ellen Singleton her mark X

Witnesses W.R. Ballard

E.A. McGinnahan-J.P.

Ed frocks Witness