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of the quarter section on the Basis line running thence 34 poles with the Basis line, thence North 70° West 408 poles to the P.V.W. Ry Co's right of way thence northeast with said railway to the said homestead line thence with said homestead line to the beginning also 20 acres of timber on the East side of the timbered land on said farm together with 12 feet of right of way on the North side of the land on the West side of said railroad for a road to said timber.

I retained liens on each tract of land sold as further security for the unpaid purchase money evidenced by the notes therefor, said notes showing on their face what they were given for. I further report that \$6.94 taxes are due in said land for 1896.

Respectfully Submitted

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Barbara Rogers (latter)
And said report being unexcepted to by the Court, ~~in execution of~~ ⁱⁿ ~~compliance with~~ ^{compliance with} the Court's order in all things confirmed and ratified.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that all the right, title, interest, estate and claim of each and all of the Complainants and Defendants set forth in the caption of this decree and all other parties to this suit in and to that tract of land sold to W.M. Stone as set forth and described in said Clerk's report herein incorporated and made a part of this decree, be and the same is hereby divested out of them and each of them, and be and the same is hereby vested ^{absolutely in} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ W.M. Stone subject herein to the lien aforesaid on the same for the unpaid purchase money.

And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that all the right, title, interest, estate and claim that Complainants and Defendants stated in the Caption and each of them and all other parties to this suit, in and to that part and parcel of said land sold to and purchased by said R.J. Wilson as shown and described in the Clerk's report herein made a part of this decree be and the same is hereby divested out of said parties and each of them and be and the same is hereby vested in said R.J. Wilson in fee simple subject however to said homestead and dower interest aforesaid and to the lien retained on the land for unpaid purchase money notes executed as aforesaid by him.

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The Clerk will make, acknowledge for registration and deliver to said W.M. Stone and R.J. Wilson each a deed conveying the respective land purchased by each and herein decreed to them respectively, or will give each a duly certified copy of this decree as a muniment of title at his or their election, said purchasers paying legal fees therefor.

On the application of said W.M. Stone and R.J. Wilson that they be allowed to pay down in cash all the unpaid purchase money that they owe for said land they purchased and herein decreed to them, and that they be allowed to take up their notes executed as aforesaid.

Counsel for all parties consenting and said guardian ad litem consenting and for the further reason that the Court is fully satisfied that said cash payment is to the advantage of all parties in interest.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Clerk receive said unpaid purchase money including interest on said notes to date of payment in cash and deliver said W.M. Stone and R.J. Wilson's notes up to them.

It is further ordered by the Court that said W.R. Deaton, guardian ad litem be allowed and paid out of the funds the sum of \$7.00 as a reasonable fee for his services as guardian ad litem for the minor children, and that a fee of (\$25.00) Twenty Five Dollars be declared a reasonable attorneys fee for Jno C Ramsey, Complainants attorney for his professional services in this cause in behalf of complainants, and it is therefore ordered that said \$25.00 fee be paid by said Clerk to said Jno C Ramsey, atty. aforesaid out of the funds already paid in on sale of land taxing his receipt therefor.

The Clerk after paying all the aforesaid fees and the cost of the cause including taxes for 1894 amounting \$6.94 will prorate and pay out to the adult parties in interest the balance of said funds on hand as their interest appear from decree of the Court in this cause, taxing receipts for all moneys so paid out; he will lend out the money of the minors according to law, unless they have a duly and regular guardian appointed according to law within 90 days from date of this decree and said guardian apply for said funds.

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within said time, In the event of regular guardian the Clerk is hereby directed to pay over to him for use of said minors their pro rata of the money paid in for them on application and receipt of said regular guardian.

And the said M. W. Stowe and R. J. Wilson by consent of all parties in interest in the cause having paid in full the purchase money and interest thereon to this date, the Clerk will make full distribution of the fund after paying costs, atty fees and taxes

Court adjourned until Thursday Dec 10 1896 at 9 o'clock AM

James J. Haele Chairman

Thursday Dec 10 1896

Court met pursuant to adjournment, present and presiding the respected James J. Haele Chairman when the following proceedings were had, to wit:

W. C. Day advise of James Coffman died

John C. Coffman
Mrs Josephine Coffman widow
Grace Coffman David Coffman
and others

In this cause it appearing to the Court from Complainant's bill, which is sworn to that three children of Ann Thompson died - formerly Ann Coffman who are grand children of the said James Coffman died

whose Christian names are unknown, and who are non residents of Tennessee, and are minors without any regular guardian. And it further appearing to the Court from the bill and from the printed publication attached to the back of the bill, that publication has been made for more than four consecutive weeks, notifying and requiring them to appear before the County Court of Bradley County, Tennessee, at the Courtroom in Cleveland on the 1st Monday of Dec'r 1896 and answer or make defense to complainant's bill. Now, in view of the premises and on motion of Complainant's solicitor it is ordered by the Court that W. L. Humphrey, be and he is hereby appointed guardian, ad litem for said three minors, who accept said appointment, and agree to file answer for them

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W. C. Day advise of James Coffman died

John C. Coffman
Mrs Josephine Coffman
widow, Grace Coffman
David Coffman and others

Be it remembered that this cause came on for order before the County Court of Bradley Co Tennessee on this Thursday, the 10 day of December 1896 upon complainant's bill, publication & process,

And it appearing to the Court from the bill which is sworn to, that defendants, John C. Coffman, Grace Coffman, and David Coffman are non residents of Tennessee and it further appearing from inspection of the publication order attached to the bill, that publication has been duly and legally made for more than four consecutive weeks before the first Monday of Dec'r 1896 requiring them to appear at the Courtroom in Cleveland on the 1st Monday of Dec'r 1896, and make defense to complainant's bill, and it appearing from the officers return on the subpoena to answer, that defendant Josephine Coffman was duly and legally served with process notifying her to appear at the Courtroom in Cleveland Tennessee on the 1st Monday of Dec'r 1896 & answer or make defense to complainant's bill, and all said parties having failed to appear or make any defense to complainant's bill, it is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that judgment pro confesso be and the same is hereby entered against them and the cause set for trial exparte as to them.

W. C. Day advise of James Coffman died

John C. Coffman and others

This cause came on for further order before the County Court of Bradley Co. on this the 10 day of Dec'r 1896.

And it appearing to the Court from Complainant's bill, the answer of the minor respondents by their guardian ad litem W. L. Humphrey, and judgment pro confesso heretofore regularly taken against all the adult defendants that this is a proper case to refer to the Clerk for an account and report.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that the Clerk of this Court hear proof and report what amount of personal property have come to the hands of the administrator or should have come by due and proper diligence and what disbursement he has made, if any

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2nd What amount of valid debts there are against the said estate of James Hoffman died

3rd He will report whether there is a sufficient amount of personal property to pay all the debts, costs and kind of note, he will show the amount of the deficiency

4th He will report whether or not the widow of the decedent is entitled to homestead and dower of his real estate, and whether or not it will require the entire real estate for homestead and dower

5th He will report whether or not it will be necessary to sell the real estate, and if so in remainder in all the land to pay the debts and costs of the estate and attorney fees, reporting in this connection the number of acres of land belonging to said estate and its character and approximate value

The Clerk will report to this Court the first Monday of January 1897

Court adjourned until Court in course
James J. Wolfe Esq

State of Tennessee
Bradley County

Be it remembered that upon this the 4th day of January 1897, it being the first Monday of said month, there was opened and held a regular session of the Quarterly Court Court for the aforesaid County of Bradley, at the Court house in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tenn, and there appeared to hold said Court the Worshippful James J. Wolfe, Chairman present and presiding, and the following named Justices of the Peace for said County to wit;

1st	J. G. Gordon	J. M. Smith
2 nd	J. A. Johnston	E. W. Menlove
3 rd	J. W. Campbell	J. N. Keith
4 th	H. T. Ditzell	W. M. M. M. M.
5 th	J. L. Stitt	W. M. Smith
6 th	James J. Wolfe	J. K. Brown
7 th	J. P. Clark	R. M. Belridge
8 th	H. W. Hix	Jacob Kellar
9 th	J. M. Caldwell	M. J. S. Nichols
10 th	J. A. Barger	W. P. Palmer
11 th	J. D. Humphrey	C. C. Morgan
12 th	W. H. Thatch	D. M. Kelley
13 th	James W. Phipps	J. C. Longstrecher
		J. P. Lambright

Where the following proceedings were had to wit;

Report of Revenue Commissioners
to the Worshippful County Court of Bradley County
Tennessee

Your finance committee has the pleasure of submitting the following report of finances of the County, on January 1, 1897

Balance on hand of County funds Oct 1 1896 \$278.66
Revenue County funds from Oct 1 '96 to Jan 1 '97 3572.52
Total 3741.16

Warrants paid & cancelled during the quarter 2882.74
Leaving a balance of County funds on hand Jan 1 '97 858.42

School Funds
School funds on hand Oct 1 1896 \$1804.22
Rec'd of School funds from Oct 1 '96 to Jan 1 1897 1225.19
Total 3029.41
School warrants paid during the quarter 2146.93
Leaving a balance on hands of school fund Jan 1 '97 882.48

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Road Funds

Road Funds on hand Oct 11896 \$25810
 Paid of Road from Oct 1. 96 to Jan 1897 71 00
 Balance 25739 10
 Road demands paid during the quarter 377 31
 Leaving a bal of road funds on hand Jan 1897 25361 79

There remains unpaid warrants issued by Clerk

Harris amounting to \$1445 22

Also unpaid Court House Bonds \$14000

We find in the hands of the Bradley County Court Clerk, Chairman sufficient funds to pay county debt the County owes, except Court House Bonds

Also the County's indebtedness to the State has been paid in full, leaving the County free from all obligations on the 1st day of Jan 1897 except Court House Bonds.

We feel to congratulate the Court and the good Citizens of the County on the splendid financial condition of the County, and the economical management of the same for the year 1896

Respectfully Submitted

J. H. Myers

Sam Risher

J. W. Carr

It is ordered by the Court that the Chairman of this Court be allowed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars salary for his services as such for the year 1897

On motion of C. B. Mayers, it is ordered by the Court that it be elected a Chairman for the year 1897, ballot was had and James O. Hark receiving a majority vote of the Court, the Chairman announced that James O. Hark was duly and legally elected Chairman of the County Court of Bradley Co Tenn for the year 1897

On Motion It is ordered by the Court that Mrs. Parnell be elected Chairman protem of the County Court, the vote was taken and the same being unanimous, the Chairman announced that Mrs. Parnell was duly elected Chairman protem of the County Court of Bradley Co Tenn for the year 1897

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It is ordered by the Court that an election be held to elect Superintendent of Public Instruction for Bradley County, ballot was had and W. R. Lawson receiving a majority vote of the Court, the Chairman announced that W. R. Lawson was duly elected Superintendent of Public Instruction for Bradley County Tenn for the term of two years

It appearing to the Court now in session that W. M. Felker late a citizen of Bradley Co Tenn departed this life at his late residence in said County about the day of 1896, and the widow of said W. M. Felker died, having waived her right in writing to this Court to administer upon the estate of her deceased husband and J. H. Felker son of the said W. M. Felker died, having made application to the Court that he be appointed administrator of the estate of his deceased father, the said W. M. Felker, therefore, the Court is pleased to order that J. H. Felker be appointed administrator of the estate of W. M. Felker deceased upon his qualifying and giving bond as required by law and thereupon the said J. H. Felker appeared in open Court gave bond and was duly qualified as required by law, and the Court further orders that Letters of Administration issue to the said J. H. Felker as administrator of the estate of W. M. Felker deceased

Ordered by the Court Jan 1897
 That Walter D. Hughes be permanently released from road duty in 3rd dist of Bradley County Tenn

Ordered by the County Court Jan 1897, That W. C. Day admin of C. W. Taylor deceased pay over the balance in his hands to Miss Lou Taylor for the equal use of the funds for the heirs of J. N. Taylor deceased, taking her receipt for the same, which shall be received by the Clerk in said Day's full settlement

It is ordered by the Court Jan 1897 that a sum not to exceed Twenty Five Dollars be appropriated by the Court to repair Lea Bridge

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January Term of County Court of Bradley
Co Tenn

Ordered by the Court that the School District
Line between the 6th & 20th School districts be as
changed as to cut out of the 20 school district
and add to the 6th School district of said County
of Bradley and State of Tenn, what is known now
as the C. F. Bales farm formerly known as the
Perritt farm in said district no 6 of said
state and county and containing 160 acres

Ordered by the Court that Wm Hagler & J. M.
Hagler administrators of the estate of J. M.
Hagler deceased be allowed to pay over the
sum of \$32⁰⁰ to J. P. Himmans the amount
due his heirs from the estate of J. M. Hagler dec'd
and that they also be allowed to turn over to
Carrie Ivester the sum of \$32⁰⁰ for the use of
the heirs of J. M. Ivester being the amount due
them from the estate of said J. M. Hagler dec'd
and that the receipts of said J. P. Himmans
and Carrie Ivester be accepted by the Court of this
Court in final settlement of said administrators

Ordered by the County Court January term 1897
That Harker Seufel be permanently released
from paying poll tax and road duty begin-
ning with the year 1896 on account of loss
of the right hand and that he be furnished
with a copy of this order

Be it ordered by the Court January term 1897
that an appropriation not to exceed Seventy
Five Dollars be made to build a bridge
across Chastee Creek in the 1st dist of Bradley
County known as the Croon Bridge, and
that J. E. Jordan & J. M. Routh be appointed
a committee to let said bridge and superintend
the building of the same

The following named tax assessors
appeared in open Court, took their oath
of office and filed their bonds as required
by law to wit: D. C. Newbrite of the 5th dist
G. W. Lumber of the 7th, D. Springs of the 8th
J. M. Leifer of the 9th W. L. Cannon of the 10th

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and J. E. Rotoliff of the 13th

Be it ordered by the Court that G. W. McAndrews
be released from paying poll tax and mowing
public roads during his disability

Ordered by the Court that J. P. Harrison, County
Superintendent of Public Instruction be allowed
the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars
for his services as Superintendent of Public Instruction
of Bradley County for the year 1896

Ordered by the Court that the Chairman of this
Court be allowed to accept the sum of \$3⁰⁰ in
full payment of an old debt belonging to the
County from R. W. Edwards Esq.

Ordered by the Court that Edgar Johnston be
permanently released from paying poll tax and
mowing public roads on account of permanent
disability

Court adjourned until 9 o'clock Aug
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James J. Hanks Chairman
J. M. Routh John Z. Gordon
E. V. Morelock J. A. Johnston J. P. Campbell
J. H. Keister W. C. Morelock
H. J. DeBell
A. L. Still Wm. Sawhite
J. K. Brangor J. P. Cash Jacob Kitter
M. G. S. Nichol J. M. Caldwell
Wm. P. Palmer C. B. Moyers P. A. Breyer
D. W. Kelly J. E. Humphrey
J. C. Londerbalt J. H. Hatch
J. F. Lawtonright James C. C. C. C.

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Court met pursuant to adjournment
Jan'y 5 1897 at 9 o'clock AM present and presiding
the worshipful James H. Hark Chairman and the
following named Justices of the Peace
J. H. Camden, F. M. Parth, J. A. Houston, E. W. Mosher
J. P. Campbell, J. H. Smith, W. D. Delzell, W. M. Mordock
J. L. Still, W. M. Towhite, J. N. Brown Jr R. W. Selridge
James H. Hark Jacob Kibler, J. P. Cash, M. J. D. Nichols
W. P. Palmer J. M. Caldwell L. C. Myers, D. N. Kelly
J. F. Humphrey, J. H. Hatch, L. C. Londerback
J. F. Cartright, James Phipps, when the following
proceedings were had to wit:

Ordered by the Court that P. N. North be
permanently released from paying poll tax and
working public roads on account of physical
disability

James Hark sworn and C. S. Bennett who was
duly elected Constable in the 4 Civil dist of Bradley
County on the 6th day of August 896, gave bond and
took the oath of his office as required by law and
entered upon the discharge of his duties (See Constables
bonds and oaths)

It is ordered by the Court that Road Commissioners
for the several road districts of Bradley County
Term be elected, Ballot was laid and Jack
McCracken receiving a majority of the votes
of the Court, the Chairman announced that
Jack McCracken was duly elected Road Commis-
sioner of the First Road district of Bradley County, Term

Ballot was had to elect road Commissioner
for 2nd Road District of Bradley County and A. S. Smith
receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the
Chairman announced that A. S. Smith was duly
elected Road Commissioner for the 2nd Road Dist
of Bradley County Term

Ballot was had to elect a road Commissioner
for the 3rd Road dist of Bradley County and
G. W. Keith receiving a majority of the votes of
the Court, the Chairman announced that
G. W. Keith was duly elected Road Commissioner
of the 3rd Road District of Bradley County Term

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Ballot was had to elect a road Commissioner in the
4th Road dist of Bradley County and Houston Dett receiving
a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced
that Houston Dett was duly elected Road Commissioner
of the 4th Road District of Bradley County Term

Ballot was had to elect Road Commissioner in the 5th
Road District of Bradley County, Jacob Smith receiving a
majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced
that Jacob Smith was duly elected road Commissioner of
the 5th Road District of Bradley County Term

Ballot was had to elect a Road Commissioner in the 6th
Road District of Bradley County and Eugene Johnston receiving
a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced
that Eugene Johnston was duly elected Road Commissioner
of the 6th Road District of Bradley County Term

Ballot was had to elect a road Commissioner in the 7th
Road District of Bradley County and H. C. Welch receiving a
majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced
that H. C. Welch was duly elected Road Commissioner
of the 7th Road District of Bradley County Term

Ballot was had to elect a road Commissioner
in the 8th road district of Bradley County and W. F.
Barnett receiving a majority of the votes of the Court,
the Chairman announced that W. F. Barnett was
duly elected road Commissioner of the 8th Road
District of Bradley County Term

Ballot was had to elect a road Commissioner in the
9th Road District of Bradley County and R. A. Palmer
receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the
Chairman announced that R. A. Palmer was duly
elected Road Commissioner of the 9th road district
of Bradley County Term

Ballot was had to elect a Road Commissioner for
the 10 Road District of Bradley County and A. J. Elkins
receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman
announced that A. J. Elkins was duly elected
Road Commissioner for the 10 Road District of
Bradley County Term

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J.M. Wolf
R Com 11
Dist
Ballot was had to elect Road Commissioner in the 11 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn, and J.M. Wolf receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that J.M. Wolf was duly elected Road Commissioner for the 11 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn

D.B. Parks
R Com 12
Dist
Ballot was had to elect a road commissioner for the 12 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn and D.B. Parks receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that D.B. Parks was duly elected Road Commissioner for the 12 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn

Joseph Brown
R Com 13
Dist
Ballot was had to elect a road commissioner for the 13 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn and Joseph Brown receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that Joseph Brown was duly elected Road Commissioner for the 13 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn

P.A. Prozier
R Com
14 Dist
Ballot was had to elect a road commissioner for the 14 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn, and P.A. Prozier receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that P.A. Prozier was duly elected Road Commissioner for 14 Road District of Bradley Co Tenn

Ordered by the Court January Term 1897, That J.A. Johnston be allowed the sum of Two Dollars for services in superintending repairs of Bridge in Dist

Ordered by the Court January Term 1897, That J.A. Jenkins be permanently released from paying poll tax and working public roads on account of physical disability

Be it ordered by the County Court at its January Term 1897 That Will Cox be allowed Two Dollars for pauper coffin for wife of James Nichols

Ordered by the County Court January Term 1897. That W.C. Day be paid the sum of Two Dollars for furnishing box to bury Mrs Barton deceased, inmate of poor house

Ordered by the Court, That Henry Walder be allowed Two Dollars for pauper coffin for Katie Walder

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Be it ordered by the Court Jan Term 1897, That Sam Green be allowed Two Dollars for pauper coffin for Jack Thompson

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At the Honorable County Court at its January Term 1897
J.P.H. Dove, Constable of the 6th civil district of said county do hereby tender my resignation as constable of said district
P.H. Dove Const

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the resignation of P.H. Dove be accepted and in all things confirmed by the Court
The above order to take effect January 6th 1897

Ordered by the County Court January Term 1897 That the Tax Assessors of the several civil districts of Bradley County be allowed the same compensation for their services as such assessors as was allowed under the assessment law of 1895-6

Be it ordered by the Court that an election be held to elect a constable to fill the unexpired term of P.H. Dove whose resignation has been accepted by this Court as constable of the 6th civil district, on notice the following named candidates, William M. Hatt, R.H. McDonald, W.S. Brown, J.J. McInnis were placed in nomination, ballot was had and R.H. McDonald receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that R.H. McDonald was duly and legally elected Constable of the 6th civil district of Bradley Co Tenn to fill the unexpired term of P.H. Dove resigned

It was ordered by the Court that a county physician be elected for Bradley Co Tenn for the term of two years, ballot was had and Dr W.R. Marshall receiving the unanimous vote of the Court, the Chairman announced that Dr W.R. Marshall was duly and legally elected County Physician for Bradley Co Tenn for the term of two years

Ordered by the Court that James T. Hale be elected Notary Public for Bradley Co Tenn, ballot was had and the Court voting unanimously in favor of James T. Hale being elected Notary Public, the Chairman announced that James T. Hale was duly and legally elected Notary Public for Bradley Co Tenn for the term of four years

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Be it ordered by the Court that W^m Duncan be elected Notary Public for Bradley Co Tenn. Ballot was had and the vote of the Court being unanimous, the Chairman announced that W^m Duncan was duly and legally elected Notary Public for Bradley Co Tenn for the term of four years.

Be it ordered by the Court that the Court Elect Three Commissioners of the Workhouse for Bradley Co Tenn - Ballot was had and J. P. Cash receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that J. P. Cash was legally elected Commissioner of the workhouse of Bradley Co Tenn; second Ballot was had and J. A. Johnston receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that J. A. Johnston was duly and legally elected Commissioner of the Workhouse of Bradley Co Tenn for the term of two years.

Motion was made to elect D. N. Kelley Commissioner of the Workhouse of Bradley Co Tenn by acclamation for the term of one year, Ballot was had and the vote of the Court being unanimous, the Chairman announced that D. N. Kelley was duly and legally elected Commissioner of the Workhouse of Bradley Co Tenn.

Ordered by the Court that an election be held to elect a Commissioner of the Poor for the term of three years, Ballot was had and James Ripper receiving a majority of the votes of the Court, the Chairman announced that James Ripper was duly and legally elected Commissioner of the Poor for Bradley Co Tenn to serve for the term of three years.

It appearing to the Court, now in session that Mrs Rachel Y. Hunter late a citizen of Bradley Co Tenn died at her late residence in Cleveland Tenn on the 24 day of December 1896, and it further appearing to the Court that the said Mrs Rachel Y. Hunter died intestate, And Maggie J. Hunter, a daughter in law of the said Mrs Rachel Y. Hunter, having made application to the Court that she be appointed administratrix of the estate of Rachel Y. Hunter died, Therefore the Court is pleased to order that Maggie J. Hunter be appointed administratrix of the estate of Rachel Y. Hunter died.

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And thereupon Maggie J. Hunter appeared in open Court gave bond and duty qualified as administratrix of the estate of Rachel Y. Hunter died, and the Court orders Letters of Administration issued to the said Mrs Maggie J. Hunter as administratrix of the estate of Rachel Y. Hunter died.

The Clerk presented the report of N. R. Osburny, guardian of the minor heirs of Mary C. Osburny died. The same being found regular was in all things approved and confirmed by the Court, and the Clerk is hereby directed to spread said settlement of record upon the settlement book of this Court.

The Clerk presented the final settlement of J. H. Blair, administrator of the estate of W. H. Blair deceased. Said settlement being regular was in all things approved and confirmed by the Court and the Court orders said settlement to be spread of record upon the settlement book of this Court. And it appearing to the Court from said settlement that said Administrator has fully settled all the business of said estate, the Court orders that the said J. H. Blair be released from further liability, and that as administrator of the estate of W. H. Blair died.

The Clerk presented the Inventory report of Margaret M. Early administratrix of the estate of T. C. McCarty died. The same being found regular was approved by the Court and ordered entered of record upon the Inventory Docket of this Court.

The Clerk presented the settlement of J. W. D. Platt Esq. Executors of the last will and testament of Thomas Platt deceased, The same being found regular was confirmed by the Court and ordered spread of record upon the settlement book of this Court.

The Clerk presented the Inventory report of Mrs Elizabeth Anderson administratrix of J. B. Anderson died, The same being found regular was in all things approved by the Court and the same is hereby ordered entered of record upon Inventory Docket of this Court.

On Motion it is ordered by the Court that J. H. Phares, J. N. Brown and Barson Rogers be appointed Committee to draft

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suitable resolutions of respect in memory of Col
J. C. Nipton

Report of Committee to
draft resolutions of respect
in memory of Col J. C. Nipton

In view of the fact that Col Nipton was one of
the pioneers of Bradley County and from his
boyhood to his declining years was prominent in the
affairs of the state and particularly of the County, we
deem that such a long life of usefulness is entitled
to our highest regard and remembrance.

Col Nipton was honored with many offices, county, state
and National, all of which he filled with credit to himself
and satisfaction to his friends. For fifty-two years he was in
public life and during these long years as a public
servant he was firm in his convictions of right, ever
maintaining the right as he saw it.
For many years Col Nipton was a member of this Worshipful
Court and the active part he took in the management of the
affairs of the County is well known to all the members of
this worshipful body. Col Nipton was a progressive man
always doing his might to advance every interest for the
growth of the County and the prosperity of the people.

But his work is done.

On Nov 10 1896 he quietly and peacefully passed away
at the ripe old age of four score years.

Resolved That in the death of Col Nipton, this Court in common
with the community and country at large, has lost one
of its most honored and useful citizens.

Resolved That this Court tender its warmest sympathies to the
family of the deceased.

Resolved That a page of the Minutes of this Court be dedicated
to his memory.

Resolved That the family of the deceased and the town
papers be furnished with a copy of these resolutions.

Respectfully submitted

June 6 1897

J. F. Brown

J. H. Hutch

Passes and Pages

On motion, it is ordered by the Court that the foregoing resolutions
be adopted and spread of record upon the minutes of this Court
and that a page of record be dedicated to the memory of
Col J. C. Nipton

Col. Jonathan Charles Nipton

Born at Cedar Hill, Blount Co Tenn

December 13 1816

Died

Cleveland Tennessee

Nov 10 1896

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N. C. Day admin^{or}
of James Coffman dec'd

John C. Coffman
Mrs Josephine Coffman
widow, Louis Coffman,
Dave Coffman & two
minor children of
Susan Thompson dec'd
defended by Guardian ad litem
W. D. Humphrey

Report of Clerk

N. C. Day admin^{or}
of James Coffman dec'd

John C. Coffman & others

Be it ~~assumed~~ ^{assumed} that this
cause was heard before the County
Court of Bradley County, Tennessee on
this the 5th day of January 1897
upon the pleadings, judgments
processes regularly taken, proof
and exhibits and former orders, decrees
and proceedings and the report of the
Clerk to this term made which report
is not excepted to, and is hereby in
all things confirmed, and is in
the words & figures following to wit:

In the County Court of Bradley County,
Tenn.

in obedience to an order of reference
in this cause taken at the December term 1896 of the County
Court of Bradley County Tenn, to hear proof and report as
follows:

What amount of personal assets have come into the hands
of the administrator, or should have come by due and proper
diligence and what disbursements he has made, if any?

What amount of valid debts there are against the
estate of James Coffman dec'd?

As well report whether there is a sufficient amount of
personal assets to pay all the debts, costs &c, and if not, he
will show the amount of the deficiency.

He will report whether or not the widow of the decedent
is entitled to homestead and dower of his real estate, and
whether or not it will the entire real estate for homestead
and dower.

He will report whether or not it will be necessary to sell
the reversionary interest or fee in remainder in all the land
to pay debts, costs & of the cause and atty fees, reporting in
this connection the number of acres of land belonging to
said estate, and its character and approximate value.

I would report from the deposition of N. C. Day admin^{or} filed
in this cause that there were no personal assets belonging
to the estate of James Coffman dec'd, that came into the
hands of the administrator, nor none that could come
into his hands.

There are two valid debts against the estate of
James Coffman dec'd, H. W. Harris for funeral
expenses \$16⁰⁰ Dr A. W. Gould medical services \$28⁰⁰

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making a total indebtedness of valid claims \$44⁰⁰
There is a note of Dr A. W. Gould against James Coffman dec'd
for \$16⁰⁰ bearing date Dec 1 1888, the same is barred by statute of
Limitation.

3rd

There are no personal assets of any kind to pay debts &c and the
deficiency amounts to \$44⁰⁰ besides costs &c

1st

Josephine Coffman, the widow is entitled to homestead and dower
out of the estate of her deceased husband, James Coffman.

3rd

The entire estate of James Coffman dec'd, consists of about
80 acres of land, worth about \$150⁰⁰ as appears from depositions
of N. C. Day and Dr A. W. Gould, which are filed in this
cause, and it will be necessary to sell the reversionary interest
or fee in remainder to pay debts, costs, atty fees in this cause.

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Respectfully Submitted

Bass and Rogers Clerk

From all of which it appears to the Court that James Coffman
deceased this life at his home in Bradley County on the 5th day
of October 1896 intestate, that he left his widow and the parties
named in the caption as his heirs at law,

that he left no personal estate that could come to the hands
of the administrator, but died seized and possessed in fee
of the following land in 6th district of Bradley Co, Tennessee
80 acres bounded on North by Smith, on South by land formerly
belonging to John C. Cant, on the East by Cantret, and on the
West by John H. Craggins. The fee to said land descended
to said heirs, and share going to said minor children of
Susan Thompson dec'd, and the widow is entitled to homestead
and dower therein. It further appears from the proof & report
that said intestate is indebted to the amount of \$44⁰⁰

disallowing the claim of Dr W. S. Nott, which the Court adjudges
is barred by statute of Limitations, and that there are no
personal assets to pay said debts or the cost of administration
and that it will be necessary to sell the fee in remainder
in said land to pay said debts, costs and fees.

The Court therefore decrees that the Clerk of this Court
sell the fee in remainder in said land in bar the equity
of redemption to the highest and best bidder on a credit
of six months, after advertising the time, terms and
place of sale for 30 days by written poster on the
bulletin board near the front door of the Court house
in Clarksville, and he will sell at the front door of
said Court house, and he will take note and good
personal security for the purchase money and retain
in lien on the land as additional security.

And he will report his action to the March term 1897
of this Court. He will also report to said Court

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The amount of costs in the cause also what would be reasonable fee for S. P. Burt solicitor for Complaint and W. D. Humphrey guardian ad litem, taking proof as to devise

Be it ordered by the Court that the election of
Coroner for Bradley Co Tenn be had, ballot was had
and J. W. Thatch receiving a majority of the votes of
the Court the Chairman announced that J. W. Thatch
was duly and legally elected Coroner of Bradley
Co Tenn for the term of two years

It is ordered by the County Court that Bacon Rogers Clerk of the County Court be allowed the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars for his services in making Port Books and Duplicate for Bradley County for the year 1896 and that the Chairman of this Court is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the Justice for said amount in favor of said Clerk.

Be it ordered by the Court that J. O. Blackburn Sheriff, be allowed the sum of One Hundred Dollars for his services ex officio for the years 1896 & 1897 and that the Chairman of the Court be hereby authorized to issue his warrant for said sum to the Treasurer of this County in favor of said J. O. Blackburn Sheriff.

Be it ordered by the Court that the labor on public roads for Bradley County for the year 1897 be taxed by the boards of said County subject to road duty be and the same is hereby assessed at four days.

Be it ordered by the Court that the following accounts from the appropriation be allowed and paid and that the Chairman issue his warrant to the treasurer to the following named parties for the amounts as follows

Business Notes \$ 14.25	W R Marshall \$ 29.00
Good Haven D Co \$ 2.20	Smith and Lea \$ 12.00
Cleveland Journal \$ 10.20	Cleveland Herald \$ 38.00
Cleveland Banner \$ 10.50	J H Harle & Bros. \$ 24.49
J H Harle & Bros \$ 3.91	Jos Lee 40x
W Marshall Price D Co \$ 6.25	Grand Hall D Co \$ 6.70
J F Phillips \$ 11.75	R B Harle \$ 7.71

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W. O. Haggard 100 cu	\$18.55	McKamy Rogers	\$29.80
McKamy Rogers	\$17.75	McKamy " Rogers	\$26.74
Horae Tipton	\$13.10	Foster & Webb	7.45
Beem Water & Cart	\$20.00	H. M. Moser	5.00
C. A. Cooper	1.20	J. J. Whitcomb	6.87
Marshall Burn & Craymiles	6.92	Jesse Wamack & Son	4.54
J. S. McLean	3.75	Julian W. Rogers	\$23.00
S. W. Marshall & Co	\$32.08	Zebedee Johnston	189.00
Glendale Electric Light & Water Co	18.00	J. S. Roberts	\$6.40
W. C. Carmyatt	\$9.00	Johnston & Tipton	\$42.74

The chairman announced that Quorum Court would ~~commence~~
at 9 o'clock A.M. Jan'y 6, 1894.

Quarterly Court adjourned until Court in course

John G. Lowden J. M. Rough
C. J. Morelock J. A. Johnston
A. D. Campbell J. H. Keith
H. J. DeWolf Wm. Traskett
L. L. Hill R. H. Schudger
J. P. Cook J. E. Kibler
W. J. S. Nichol
C. W. Moyers J. A. Barger
D. A. Kelly J. S. Humphrey
J. H. Gratch
J. C. Louderback J. H. Cartwright James Hippen

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Duorum Court met pursuant to adjournment of Chairman in this the 6th day of January 1897 at 9 o'clock am. present and presiding the Worshippful James T. Hoyle Chairman present and presiding when the following proceedings were had to wit:

Came next open Court R.H. McDonald who was elected constable of the 6th civil district of Bradley County to the County Court at its January term 1897 to fill the unexpired term of P.H. Linn resigned and gave bond and was duly qualified according to law and entered upon the duties of his office (See Constables Bonds Vouches)

It appearing to the Court now in session that James H. Johnston late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn departed this life at his late residence in said County about the 30th day of January 1897 and further appearing to the Court that said James H. Johnston died intestate and Lennie Johnston father of said James H. Johnston having applied to the Court that J.C. Coffman be appointed administrator of the estate of James H. Johnston deceased

Therefore the Court is pleased to order that J.C. Coffman be appointed administrator of the estate of James H. Johnston decd. And thereupon the said J.C. Coffman appeared in open Court gave bond and was duly qualified and swore as follows if administration would

It appearing to the Court now in session that J.W. Soren late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn departed this life at his late residence in said County about Aug 1896, and it further appearing that he has made his last will, and S.W. Soren presented to the Court a paper purporting to be the last will of the said J.W. Soren deceased and appeared Jas H. Linn and L.H. Thatch the attesting witnesses to said paper purporting who after being duly sworn say they were present when the said J.W. Soren made and published said instrument to be his last will, and that he was of sound mind and memory and that he signed said instrument in their presence and that they in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other signed said paper purporting as attesting witnesses thereto

Therefore the Court adjudges and declares that said paper purporting is, as it purports to be, the last will and testament of J.W. Soren decd and the Court orders said will spread of record upon the will book of this Court together with this probate

Court adjourned until Court in June James T. Hoyle Clerk

State of Tennessee Be I remembered that upon Bradley County this the first day of February 1897, it being the first Monday of said month there was opened and held a regular term of the Duorum County Court for the aforesaid County of Bradley at the Court House in Cordland Tenn and there appeared to hold said Court the Worshippful James T. Hoyle Chairman present and presiding, Bascom Rogers Clerk, J. C. Blackburn Sheriff when the following proceedings were had to wit

The Clerk presented the report and settlement of J.W. Marshall guardian of minor heirs of J.W. Pugh deceased the same being found regular was in all things confirmed by the Court, and the Court relieves said settlement and orders that said settlement be spread of record upon the guardian's settlement book of this Court

The Clerk presented the final settlement of P.J. Knox guardian of Katy Tate minor heir of W. McCate deceased, the same being found regular is hereby in all things confirmed by the Court and the Court orders that said settlement, be spread of record upon the guardian's settlement book of this Court, and the Court further orders that said guardian be released from further trust and liability as guardian aforesaid

The Clerk presented the report and final settlement of E.P. Campbell trustee of Dora Davis deceased and said settlement being found regular was approved and confirmed by the Court and the Court orders said settlement be entered of record upon the settlement book of this Court

It appearing to the Court now in session that Boyd Palmer late a citizen of Bradley County departed this life at his late residence in said County about the 20th day of Jan'y 1897 and it further appearing that he died intestate, and W.R. Palmer son of the said Boyd Palmer having made application to the Court that he be appointed administrator of the estate of Boyd Palmer deceased and the Court being satisfied as to the right of said W.R. Palmer to administer upon the estate of the said Boyd Palmer decd Therefore the Court is pleased to order that W.R. Palmer be appointed administrator of

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the estate of Boyd Palmer died
and thereupon the said W R Palmer appeared in
open Court, gave bond and was duly qualified
and the Court orders Letters of Administration
issued to said W R Palmer as administrator of
the estate of Boyd Palmer dead

Court adjourned until Court in Court

James J. Hoar, Chairman

State of Tennessee,
Bradley County;

Be it remembered that upon this
the first day of March 1897, it being
the first Monday of said month there was opened
and held a regular session of the Duane County Court
for the aforesaid County at the Court house in Cleveland
Bradley Co Tenn and there appeared to hold said Court
the Worshipful James J. Hoar Chairman present and
presiding, Benson Rogers Clerk and J. C. Blackburn Sheriff
where the following proceedings were had to wit:

The Clerk presented the report of J. H. Hux Guardian of
James White, a person of unsound mind. This same
being regular was approved and in all things
confirmed by the Court, and the Court orders that said
report entered of record upon the Guardian's Settlement book
of this Court

The Clerk presented the final settlement of A. W. Gould
Administrator of the estate of Joel McCreath deceased
The same being found regular was in all things approved
and confirmed by the Court. The Court further orders
said settlement be spread of record upon the
Settlement book of this Court, and that A. W. Gould
be released from further trust and liability as
administrator aforesaid

The Clerk presented the report of John Frank guardian
of Nora V. Goodwin, now Nora V. Caldwell. The same
being found regular was in all things confirmed by
the Court and the Court orders said report spread of record
upon the Guardian's Settlement book of this Court

The Clerk presented the inventory report of W. B. Cuthbertson
guardian of Victor Moulden a minor.
The same being found regular was approved by the
Court and the Court orders said report spread of record
upon the Settlement book of this Court

The Clerk presented the final settlement of J. M. Conest
administrator of the estate of Joel Dranslow died.
The same being found regular was in all things
approved and confirmed by the Court. The Court orders
that said settlement be entered of record upon the
Settlement book of this Court and the Court orders that
said administrator be released from further trust liability

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The Clerk presented the final settlement of J. M. Beatty guardian of Amanda S. Beatty minor Amanda S. Murray. The same being regular was in all things approved and confirmed by the Court, and it is ordered by the Court said settlement be spread of record upon the settlement books of this Court, and the Court further orders that J. M. Beatty be released from further trust and liability, as such guardian.

The Clerk presented the Inventory of W. D. Humphrey administrator of the estate of Dora Davis Deceased. This same being regular was confirmed by the Court, and the Court orders said inventory be spread of record upon the inventory account of this Court.

The Clerk presented the inventory of Loyella West administratrix of the estate of O. C. West deceased. The same being regular was approved by the Court, and it is ordered by the Court that said inventory be spread of record upon the Inventory Account of this Court.

The Clerk presented the Inventory report of J. H. Fisher administrator of the estate of J. H. Fisher deceased. The same being regular and the Court approved said inventory, and orders the same spread of record upon the Inventory Account of this Court.

J. C. Day administrator
of James Coffman deceased.

John C. Coffman
Wife Josephine Coffman
Widow, Green Coffman and
the minor children of
James Thompson Coffman
James Coffman, whose
given names are unknown
defended by their guardian
ad litem and solicitor
W. D. Humphrey Esq.

This cause was heard before
the County Court of Bradley
County, on this the 12th day of
March 1897 upon the pleading:
first, former orders and decrees
and proceedings in the Cause
and the report of sale made
by the Clerk of said Court
to the present session which
being unexcepted to, is hereby
in all things confirmed and
is in the words and figures
following:

W. D. Day administrator
of James Coffman, dead

John C. Coffman and others

In the County Court
of Bradley County
Tennessee

Clerk's Report of sale

In obedience to a decree rendered in the above
styled cause at the January term 1897

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in the County Court of said County and State, I exposed
to public sale, after advertising as required by said decree,
in front of the Courthouse door in Cleveland Tenn on
Saturday Feb 20 1897, in bar of the equity of redemption, the
reversionary interest or fee in remainder in the following
described land belonging to the estate of James Coffman deceased
situate in the 6 civil district of Bradley County and bounded
on the North by by English on the South by the lands formerly
owned by John C. Hunt, on the East by Grubbs and West by
J. H. Conquintiles and containing 80 acres more or
less. And at said sale Samuel Reese being the highest
last and best bidder became the purchaser at the
sum and price of One Hundred Dollars and thereafter
transferred his bid or purchase to W. B. Ferguson, the son
of the widow of James Coffman and directed title made
to him. And the said W. B. Ferguson has complied with
the terms of the decree of sale by executing his promissory
note for said sum of One Hundred Dollars due in months
from date of sale with J. R. Brown and J. W. Brown co
sureties thereon. Said sale was made subject to the homestead
and dower interests of the widow of James Coffman and
lien retained upon said land as further security for the
payment of the purchase money.

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Wm. H. Hays Clerk
From which it appears to the Court that at
said sale Samuel Reese, being the highest and best
bidder became the purchaser of said land at the
sum and price of \$100.00 but that he transferred his
said bid to W. B. Ferguson and asked that title be deemed
to said Ferguson, and said Ferguson having complied
with the terms of sale.

It is therefore adjudged and decreed by the Court
that all the right, title interest and claim that
Complainants and respondents have in and to the
reversionary interest or fee in remainder in said land
be and the same is hereby divested out of each of
them and vested in the said W. B. Ferguson and his
heirs forever in fee subject to the specific lien
here retained on said land for the payment
of the purchase money. The life estate in said
land as homestead is saved and reserved to said
Mrs Josephine Coffman widow &c
It is further ordered by the Court, that upon the
payment of said purchase money, said Ferguson
be allowed a certified copy of this decree for

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registration as evidenced of little upon paying proper charges therefor.

It is further ordered by the Court that the Clerk hear proof and report what would be a fair and reasonable fee for S. P. Hunt for his services as solicitor for complainants and what would be a fair and reasonable fee for W. S. Humphreys for his services as guardian ad litem and sol^r for the minor defendants and also what would be fair compensation to the administrator for his services as such and he will report to the April session 1897 of this Court. This cause will be retained in Court for the collection and disbursement of the fund.

It appearing to the Court now session that Benoni Pritchard late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn departed this life at his late residence in said County about the 17 of February 1897, and it further appearing to the Court that said Benoni Pritchard died intestate and application being made to the Court by Jane Pritchard relative of said Benoni Pritchard that James Hipper be appointed administrator of the estate of Benoni Pritchard deceased.

Therefore the Court is pleased to order that James Hipper be appointed administrator of the estate of Benoni Pritchard deceased and thereupon the said James Hipper appeared in open Court gave bond and was duly qualified according to law and the Court orders Letters of Administration issued to James Hipper as administrator of the estate of Benoni Pritchard deceased.

Court adjourned until Monday March 8/1897 at 9 o'clock A.M.

James T. Harte Chairman

Monday March 8/1897

Court met pursuant to adjournment present and presiding the Worshippful James T. Harte, Chairman when the following proceedings were had to wit:

No business appearing for consideration Court adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. Wednesday March 10/1897

James T. Harte Chairman

Wednesday March 10/1897

Court met pursuant to adjournment present and presiding the Worshippful James T. Harte Chairman when the following proceedings were had to wit:

It appearing to the Court that Benoni Pritchard late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn died at his residence in said County about the 17 day of Feb^y 1897 and it further appearing that he made his last will and testament and Jane Pritchard presented to the Court a paper purporting to be the last will of said Benoni Pritchard deceased and appeared in open Court John H. Remondolph and R. C. McCleary the attesting witnesses to said paper purporting who after being duly sworn say that they were present when the said Benoni Pritchard made and published said paper purporting to be his last will and testament, and that he was of sound mind and memory, and that he signed said paper purporting in their presence and that they at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses.

The Court therefore adjudges that said paper purporting is, as it purports to be the last will and testament of the said Benoni Pritchard, and the Court orders that said will be spread of record upon the will book of this Court together with this probate.

In Re Estate of Mary Wood died

The Chancery Court for Bradley County Tennessee having certified to this Court a decree setting up the last will and testament of said Mary Wood died and said decree ordering and directing that the same be admitted to probate and record in this Court, It is therefore ordered by the Court that said decree setting up and establishing said last will and testament be recorded in the Book of Wills and also on the records of this Court and said decree is in the words and figures following,

James S. West, Esq. Clerk

J. E. Johnston, C. D. McRae
J. S. Hardwick, Master
vs

Emma Woods, Edgar Woods and
Walter Wood, defended by his
guardian ad litem and solicitor
S. P. Hunt and J. H. Knox adverse
and Louis Spriggs

This cause came on for final
decree before the Hon^{ble} J. M.
McConnell, Chancellor presiding
on this the 14th Feb^y 1897
upon the original bill and answers
thereto, judgment pro con and
exhibits and proofs in the cause

and from all of which it appears to the Court that on or about the day of May or June 1895 Mrs Mary Woods then alive made and published a last will and testament and that on the 28 day of June 1895 she made and published a codicil to said last will and testament and that on the 2 of July 1895 she departed this life and it further appears to the satisfaction of the Court that said last will and testament at or about the time the same was made as aforesaid were deposited by her in a certain trunk of hers along with deeds and other valuable papers and that thereafter she executed a codicil as aforesaid and of which a certified copy is made and Exhibit to Complaint and it further appearing that after the death of said testatrix as aforesaid, said original will could not be found among the valuable papers of said testatrix or elsewhere upon and although diligent search was made therefor, and upon the whole case the Court is of opinion and so adjudges that the testatrix, the said Mrs Mary Woods did at in her life time amend or revoke said original will, but that the same was abstracted by some person unknown and lost and destroyed so that the same can not be found and therefore the Court adjudges and decrees that said last will and testament was operative and in full force and effect except as modified or changed by the codicil shown at the death of said testatrix and from the pleadings, proof and exhibits in the cause it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that said Mary Woods testatrix in and by the terms of said original will gave, bequeathed and devised and disposed of in substance her estate, real and personal as follows to wit:

The testatrix willed and directed that no funeral expenses be first paid, her household furniture of every description, except the specific bequests hereinafter shown she gave and bequeathed to defendants Lona Spriggs and Miss Emma Woods and requested that the same be equally divided between them by Mrs Julia T. Hall and she gave and bequeathed to Miss Lona Spriggs her gold watch and also her entire set of best silver ware, consisting of knives, forks, spoons, butter dishes, sugar bowls &c including all her silverware, known and styled by her as her "best set", and all her other wares, crockery &c were to pass as furniture and to be divided as already shown and she also gave

to Miss Lona Spriggs her parlor clock and a number of photographs. Said testatrix devised real estate as follows: I hereby give, sell and bequeath unto the Methodist Episcopal Church South situated in Cleveland Bradley Co Tennessee and unto J. B. Johnston, C. D. McDear and C. D. Hardwick trustees of said Methodist Episcopal Church South to be held by said trustees and their successors in trust forever for the use, benefit and enjoyment of said Methodist Episcopal Church South the following described real estate, consisting of a house and lot being and situate in the city of Cleveland Bradley County, Tennessee, and being her house and lot at the corner of Church and Meadow Streets in said city and wherein the testatrix resided at the time of her decease. The said house and lot to be held and used as a parsonage by said Methodist Episcopal Church South and the said trustees and successors were to execute the trust and they were vested with power and authority to sell and convey at their discretion said real estate and to reinvest the proceeds in more convenient property if deemed advisable and she also gave to said trustees of said Church Four or Five Hundred Dollars to be applied to the purchase of a Pipe Organ for said Church and if not used for said purpose, then to be used for some other church purpose. The said testatrix next devised and bequeathed as follows: I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto Emma Woods my house and lot situated on Sea Street in said city of Cleveland and known as the Woods house and lot, and she also gave to said Emma Woods a large picture of herself and her late husband W. W. Woods.

The testatrix also gave and bequeathed to Edgar Woods the sum of Fifty Dollars and to her executor in trust for Walter Woods who was an invalid and to be used in defraying his burial expenses the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars and she nominated and appointed Duke D. Harle the complainant as her executor and exonerated him from being required to give bond as such executor and said last will and testament were signed and sealed by the testatrix and also in the presence of the testatrix were attested and signed by Charles H. Magee and Mrs Dr C. P. Smith as attesting witnesses at her instance and request.

And the Court finds from the proof in the cause that the foregoing is in substance

and in fact the contents of said last will and testament and the codicil made by said testatrix is in the words and figures following, to wit:

I, Mary Wood hereby republishing my last will and testament except so far as it may conflict with this codicil, do make and publish this codicil thus,

It is my wish and devise that my house and lot on Church Street in Cleveland, Tennessee and the bequest of \$1500⁰⁰ in money shall go to the benefit of the local congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Cleveland. I therefore devise my said house and lot on Church Street as aforesaid to the Executors named in my will and to their successors to hold in trust but the same shall be used as a parsonage for the Centenary Church, being the local congregation at Cleveland as aforesaid, my said executors to hold the title thereto, but to permit its occupancy for the purpose aforesaid. My said executors are to see that the property is kept up in repair out of funds to be furnished by the congregation or from any other source they may be able to procure them. I further devise to my executors the sum of \$1500⁰⁰ in cash that same to be invested by them and the income paid out for the salary of the minister of Centenary Church aforesaid or for any other proper purpose of the work of said Church as may be ordered by its session. Should said Centenary Church of Cleveland aforesaid be now an incorporated body or hereafter become incorporated so as to give it authority to hold property, then I direct my executors to execute to it a deed to said house and lot to be held and used by it as a parsonage for its minister, also to convey and to deliver to it the said fund of \$1500⁰⁰ to be invested by said incorporation and the income used for church purposes as if in the hands of my executors.

The purpose of this provision is to name some person authorized to hold property as my devisee so that the devise shall be valid.

I do not know whether said congregation is incorporated or not and the devise is framed so that if it is not incorporated my executors shall hold the property in trust and administer it for the benefit and use of the congregation.

If it is incorporated or hereafter becomes so incorporated and empowered to hold property, then my executors are to be relieved of their trust

and they are to make conveyance of the property held by them to the corporation which shall then hold the same in trust for the purposes mentioned in this codicil.

This June 28 1890

Mary Wood

Signed by the testator in our presence and by us in her presence and the presence of each other, we being called by her specially to witness this codicil to her will.

This June 28 1890 at Nashville Tennessee

Melvin S. Mabet
Albert D. Marks

State of Tennessee,
Bradley County,

Be it remembered that upon this the 2nd day of March 1896, it being the 1st Monday of said month, there was opened and held a regular session of the quorum County Court for the aforesaid county of Bradley at the Court house in Cleveland Tennessee and there appeared to hold said Court, the Honorable James T. Harte, Chairman, present and presiding, Bascom Rogers, Clerk, and J. H. Blackburn, Sheriff, where the following proceedings were had to wit:

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In Re

Codicil to Will of Mary Wood deceased,

Be it remembered that on this the 2 day of March 1896 before James T. Harte Chairman of the County Court of Bradley County, S. J. Hilde produced in open Court a paper milley purporting to be a codicil to the last will and testament of Mary Wood died bearing date of June 28 1890 having the name of Mary Wood signed thereto, and being subscribed by Albert D. Marks and Melvin S. Mabet as attesting witnesses and moved the Court that the same be admitted to probate and record as the codicil to the last will and testament of the said Mary Wood died, and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of the said Albert D. Marks one of the said subscribing witnesses that said paper milley was written during the lifetime of said Mary Wood and signed by her and subscribed in her presence and at her request by the said Albert D. Marks and Melvin S. Mabet as attesting witnesses and that said instrument was executed by said Mary Wood on the day it bears date as and for her codicil to her last will and testament and that she was at the

time of sound mind and disposing memory and it further appearing that said Mary Wood lately died in Bradley Co Tennessee and that her usual place of residence at the time of her death was in said county, it is so adjudged and it is adjudged and declared and decreed by the Court that said instrument is the true and whole codicil of the said Mary Wood died to his last will and testament and the clerk is directed to file and record the same

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Court adjourned until March 14, 9 o'clock AM 1894

James T. Hauls

Chairman

State of Tennessee

Bradley County

I, J. B. Rogers, Clerk of the County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the codicil of Mary Wood deceased, to his last will together with the order of probate of the same as appears of record in my office and approved and signed by James T. Hauls, Chairman of the County Court.

This July 13, 1894

J. B. Rogers

Clerk of Court

(Seal)

Therefore the Court adjudges and decrees that the foregoing together with said codicil be and is hereby declared to be the last will and testament of said deceased, Mary Wood and ad, judges and decrees that it be so hereby set up and established as the last will and testament of the said Mary Wood, and that it have at law and equally all the force and legal effect of said original will and testament and shall and be in the same plight and condition as the original and as though it were the original will itself, and it will be certified by the Clerk and Master of this Court to the County Court of Bradley Co Tennessee and admitted to probate and of record in said Court as the last will and testament of said deceased and to the end that all proper proceedings may be had thereunder in the administration of said estate and it is further ordered that said decesses or either of them upon payment of legal fees therefor may have a certified copy of this decree to be registered as a muniment of title

And therefore J. B. Rogers, J. E. Johnston & C. D. McPier as trustees of said Methodist Episcopal Church South appear by collector in open Court and present the following agreement made by them as trustees for and in behalf of said church and the children and heirs at law of W. H. Wood dead, to wit:

On the Chancery Court at Cleveland Tennessee

This cause is compromised on the following terms to wit:

The trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in case the will is set up by decree of the Court agree to release, set over and transfer to Edgar Wood, Walter Wood and Elliot Wood all the bequests and legacies to them made except the devise of the parsonage and the rents thereon accrued subsequent to the death of Mary Wood and One Hundred Dollars of the fund in the hands of the Administrator which is to be paid to them. The personal estate in the hands of the administrator is to be subject to the following charges:

First paid to Albert O. Mansie by J. E. Johnston incident to setting up the codicil. P. J. Wood administrators charges, expenses court and his legitimate legal fees, the fee of One Hundred Dollars to Mayfield Saw and Acker and the costs of the cause including fee to S. P. Hunt as guardian ad litem, and as a matter of course to the fee to Mayor and Smith for their for their clients and also such compensation as S. P. Hauls nominated executor is entitled to.

This agreement does not include special and specific legacies to other parties or legatees.

C. D. Henderson, J. E. Johnston, C. D. McPier

Edgar Wood, Walter Wood, by S. P. Hunt guardian

ad litem

And said agreement and compromise being unexcepted to the Court orders that the same be and is hereby confirmed and excepting the house and lot heretofore set apart and devised as a parsonage for the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Cleveland Tennessee and which was vested by the codicil in said nominated executor I hereby set over and excepting said house and lot retained and received by said church and its trustees and also the sum of \$100.00 which the defendant administrator will and is hereby directed and ordered to pay to said

trustees, the rest, residue and remainder of the legacies and bequests to said church and the trustees for it are set over released and transferred to Edgar Wood Muller Wood and Elliot Wood subject to the charges as primary in said agreement set forth and which primary charges set forth in said agreement are hereby declared a lien on the funds.

And it is ordered and adjudged that the defunct and administrator pay the costs of the cause out of the funds in his hands to be administered and also that he pay to J. E. Johnston the \$42⁰⁰ expended and advanced by him as shown in said agreement and that he will also pay to P. B. Mayfield, P. D. Cairns solicitors \$100⁰⁰ and to J. P. Hunt guardian ad litem the sum of \$28⁰⁰ which the Court adjudges as reasonable for his services and as to the compensation of said administrator and John C. Ramsey his solicitor and of Maynor Smith solicitors and Isaac S. Hauls ex-nominal executor and which are charged upon said fund, said parties are entitled to a reference in this Court or the County Court as they may elect.

State of Tennessee }
County of Bradley } J. W. H. McKenny C. J. in of
the Chancery Court at Cleveland
Tennessee do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct and complete copy of the final decree in the above styled cause and the same appears of record in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal of office at office in Cleveland, Tenn, this March 10 1897.
J. W. H. McKenny C. J. M.
(Seal)

Court adjourned until Thursday March 12 1897 at 9 o'clock A. M.

Thursday March 12, 1897 Court met pursuant to adjournment present and presiding the Worshipful James S. Hauls, Chairman, when the following proceedings were had to wit:

It appearing to the Court from the certified copy of the final decree in the Cause of S. S. Hauls et al vs Edgar Wood et al from the Chancery Court of Bradley County Tenn certifying to the County Court of said county said final decree

as the last will and testament of Mary Wood deceased and for issuance of Letters Testamentary and from all of which it appears to the Court that Isaac S. Hauls was nominated in executor of said last will and testament of the said Mary Wood and that he was excused from giving bond as such executor and therefore said Isaac S. Hauls appeared in open Court and qualified as executor of said last will and testament of the said Mary Wood deceased. And thereupon the Court orders that J. D. Knox admr of the estate of Mary Wood deceased make his settlement with the Clerk of the County Court and pay and turn over to said Isaac S. Hauls all moneys and effects of every kind and description belonging to said estate. And the Court orders Letters Testamentary issued to said Isaac S. Hauls as executor of the last will and testament of the said Mary Wood deceased.

It appearing to the Court that James Watson is a minor without any regular guardian, and James Watson father of said minor in person requested that J. H. Cartwright be appointed guardian of said minor. Therefore the Court is pleased to order that J. H. Cartwright be appointed guardian of James Watson and thereupon the said J. H. Cartwright appeared in open Court gave bond and was duly qualified as the law requires; and the Court orders Letters of Guardianship issued to said J. H. Cartwright.

S. S. Hauls Exr et al	{	10
Mary Wood decd et al		Formally pending in the Chancery
vs		Court at Cleveland Tenn, but now
Edgar Wood et al		by decree of said Chancery Court,

the final decree of said Chancery duly certified appears of record in the Will Book and Records of said County Court of Bradley Co, Tenn to which record reference is here made.

An motion of J. D. Knox admr of the estate of Mary Wood decd, it appearing to the Court from the certified decree of the Chancery Court aforesaid, that said Administrator and his counsel & others therein named are entitled thereto: - It is ordered by the Court that in pursuance to said decree of said Chancery Court and also of this Court, all parties by counsel consenting thereto that the Clerk of this Court have proof and report to the present term, if

practicable, otherwise to the next term, upon the following matters.

- 1st What is reasonable compensation for J. J. Knox administrator of the estate of Mary Wood dec'd, for his services as such in behalf of said estate.
- 2nd What is a reasonable fee for John C. Ramsey, Counsel & solicitor, for said Administrator for his services in behalf of said estate & the due and proper administration thereof.
- 3rd What is reasonable compensation for Wraynor & Smith, Solicitors for Edgar Wood & the other defendants in this cause for their services rendered in behalf of their clients in said above styled cause.

The time for taking of this account is by the Court fixed, all parties by Counsel consenting, thus, at 2 o'clock P.M., March 17, 1897, at the County Court Office, and no further notice of the time or place of taking said account will be required. All other matters regarding the final administration of said estate are reserved.

Court adjourned until 7 March 17 1897
9 o'clock A.M.

James J. Haele Clerk

Wednesday March 17 1897

Court met pursuant to adjournment, present and presiding the worshipful James J. Haele, Chairman, where the following proceedings were had to wit:

L. J. Haele Esq etc

of Mary Wood, dec'd et al vs
Edgar Wood et al

This cause came on this March 17 1897 before the Worshipful County Court of Bradley County Tenn the Hon James J. Haele presiding, upon the whole record of the cause including former decrees and especially a decree of reference ~~hitherto~~ entered of record in this cause and the report of the Clerk of this Court pursuant to said decree of reference made to this present Court, which report is in the following words and figures to wit:

L. J. Haele Esq of
Mary Wood dec'd et al
vs
Edgar Wood et al

In the County Court of
Bradley County Tennessee
The undersigned would

respectfully report in pursuance to a decree of this Court hitherto made directing me to hear proof and report.

- 1st What is a reasonable compensation for J. J. Knox administrator of Mary Wood dec'd.
 - 2nd What is a reasonable fee for John C. Ramsey Counsel and solicitor for said administrator for services rendered in the administration of said estate.
 - 3rd What is a reasonable fee for Wraynor & Smith Solicitors for Edgar Wood and others.
- That he took the deposition of three witnesses of his office March 17 1897 commencing at 2 o'clock P.M. and reports as follows:

1st That from the proof J. J. Knox administrator of the estate of Mary Wood dec'd, is entitled to a compensation of \$80.00 for his services. (See deposition of J. H. Saul question 2; also deposition of J. M. Montgomery, question 2).

2nd That John C. Ramsey is reasonably entitled to a fee of \$100.00 for the services rendered said administrator and estate in the administration thereof. (See deposition of J. H. Saul question 2; deposition of J. M. Montgomery question 2). That from the proof the firm of Wraynor and Smith is entitled to a fee of \$100.00 for their services as solicitors and counsel for Edgar Wood, and other defendants.

Respectfully submitted

Barrett Rogers Clerk

Which report being unexpected to is hereby in all things verified and confirmed.

From all of which it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the amounts set out and allowed in said report to the respective parties therein named are proper and reasonable allowances in each instance for the particular service rendered as stated in said report.

It is then for ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said compensation set out respectively to the administrator J. J. Knox and his counsel and solicitor John C. Ramsey and to the firm of Wraynor and Smith of defendant Edgar Wood and others in said report is by the Court hereby allowed and decreed to each of said parties respectively to be paid out of the funds of said estate of Mary Wood dec'd, now in the hands of said administrator. It is further ordered by the Court that

Said administrator retain out of the funds of said estate in his hands the sum of \$80⁰⁰ allowed him and he will pay to John C. Ranney, Solicitor for said administrator out of said funds of said estate in his hands the sum of \$100⁰⁰ (One Hundred Dollars) and he will also pay to the firm of Traylor and Smith Attorneys out of said fund the sum of \$100⁰⁰ taking their receipt therefor which shall be allowed as credits to said administrator in his final settlement of said estate. The administrator will also pay all the costs of this reference and proceedings thereunder out of said fund taking receipts therefor, which will be allowed as a proper credit to him in his final settlement of said estate.

Court adjourned until Monday March 27, 1847, at 9 o'clock A. M.

James J. Hurdle Chairman

Monday March 27, 1847

Court met pursuant to adjournment, present and presiding the Most Honorable James J. Hurdle Chairman, when the following proceedings were had to wit:

The Court presented the final settlement of T. J. Knox administrator of the estate of Mrs. Nancy Wood, deceased. The same being found regular was approved and in all things ratified and confirmed by the Court, and the Court orders said settlement spread at length of record upon Administrator's Settlement Book of this Court, and the Court further orders that said T. J. Knox administrator be and is released from further trust and liability as administrator of the estate of Nancy Wood deceased.

In Re
Estate of Mrs. Nancy Davis
deceased

In this cause it appearing to the Court from the inspection of the last will and testament of said Mrs. Davis died, that she provided in the 4th clause of her said will that if she should become sick or helpless and any one of her children or other person should well care for, none need provide for her during such sickness and

and helplessness, that such an one should be well paid for the same out of her estate, and the same was made a primary charge upon her estate. And it further appearing to the Court from the affidavit of J. W. Thomas, who is the executor of said last will and testament and the affidavit of A. J. Homer, who is not of kin or interested in the cause, that said testatrix of her own choice made the home of said J. W. Thomas her home for the last 11 or 12 years of her life, and all of said time she was more or less sick and helpless and required special attention, care and nursing &c. And that during 5 or 6 years of said time she was sick and helpless from four to six months each year and required special care, attention and nursing, and that said J. W. Thomas and his wife furnished her the care, attention, nursing &c. contemplated in said clause of the will.

And from all the facts and circumstances, the Court is of opinion that \$300⁰⁰ would be small compensation for said services.

It is therefore adjudged by the Court that said Thomas be allowed said sum of \$300⁰⁰ under said clause of the will and that he may retain the same out of said estate.

The Court presented the report and partial settlement of J. W. Thomas Executor of the estate of Mrs. Mary Davis, deceased. The same being found regular was approved and ratified by the Court, and the Court orders said report and partial settlement entered of record upon the Settlement Book of this Court.

It appearing to the Court that Orlando Hughes late a citizen of Bradley County departed this life at his late residence in said County about the last of July 1846, and it further appearing to the Court that he died intestate and L. H. Hughes son of the said Orlando Hughes having made application to the Court that he be appointed administrator of the estate of his deceased father, and the Court being satisfied of his right to administer upon said estate.

Therefore the Court is pleased to order that L. H. Hughes be appointed administrator of the estate of Orlando Hughes, deceased, and thereupon

the said S. H. Hughes appeared in open Court,
gave bond and was duly qualified as the law
dictator, and the Court ordered S. H. Hughes as administrator of
the estate of Orlando Hughes, decd.
Court adjourned until Court in Course
James J. Wade Chairman

April Term 1897

State of Tennessee
Bradley County } Be it remembered that upon
this the 5 day of April 1897,
it being the first Monday of said month, there
was opened and held the regular session of the
Quarterly County Court for the aforesaid County at
the Court house in Cleveland Bradley County and
there appeared to hold said Court the Worshipful
James J. Wade, Chairman, present and presiding and
the following named Justices of the Peace for
said County to wit:

1st Dist	J. M. Smith	J. S. Crowder
2 "	E. V. Munson	J. A. Johnston
3 "	J. H. Smith	J. P. Campbell
4 "	H. T. Helyar	Wm M. Munson
5 "	J. L. Bell	Wm. Smith
6 "	James T. Smith	J. K. Brown
7 "	J. P. East	R. W. Mulbridge
8 "	H. H. Smith	Jacob Kibler
9 "	J. M. Caldwell	M. J. S. Nichols
10 "	C. C. Myers	W. P. Palmer
11 "	J. H. Humphrey	J. A. Barger
12 "	J. N. Hatcher	D. N. Kelley
13 "	James Hopper	L. C. Underbark
		J. P. Lambright

Where the following proceedings were had to wit:

Report of Revenue Commissioners

To the Worshipful County Court, of Bradley County,
Tenn.
Gentlemen:

Your Finance Committee have the
pleasure of submitting the following report of
the finances of the County for the quarter ending
March 31 1897

County Funds on hands Jan 1 1897	\$ 888 44
County funds from Jan 1 1897 to March 31 1897 inclusive	\$ 15488 83
Total	\$ 16377 27
County Warrants paid during the quarter	1163 43
Balance of County funds on hand April 1 1897	\$ 5213 84

School Funds

School funds on hands Jan 1 1897	\$ 882 48
" " received Jan 1 1897 to March 31 inclusive	5442 93
Total	9325 41
School Warrants paid during the quarter	5893 44
Bal School funds on hand April 1 1897	3431 97

April 1897

Road funds on hand Jan 11/897	\$181.50
Road funds received Jan 1 to March 31 inclusive	761.56
Road Warrants paid during the Quarter	943.36
Balance Road funds on hand April 1, 1897	302.35
	641.01

Unpaid Warrants, outstanding April 1/1897	\$483.77
Also 9 embankment bonds	90.00
Total liabilities of the County	\$9483.77

We would respectfully call attention of the Court to the expense of the Workhouse coal Pumps for the first quarter of 97

The Workhouse costing \$86.73 and the Pumps \$73.05 not including salary of Superintendent. There had been an average of 16 in the Workhouse under the old system of boarding convicts in jail at 40¢ per day, the chain gang would have cost the poor board alone the sum of \$576 for the first quarter of 97. Too much can not be said in favor of the present system and economical management of the County Farm & Workhouse.

The County being so near out of debt, we would recommend that your body take some action toward Road Improvements for which there seems to be an almost universal demand.

Respectfully Submitted
J. W. Gass Samuel Kibler, J. M. Hux

Be it ordered by the Court at April term 1897 That Will Sullivan be allowed a peddle without license

Be it ordered that M. G. Moore, Milton Workman and J. B. McBratney be appointed a Committee to repair the road and build a bridge across the branch at the Sulphur Springs on the road from Charleston to Buxton and that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated to build said road and bridge

Ordered by the Court that J. Wimer be released of \$2.40 income assessment on \$2000 personally and that A. B. Eason be refunded 10¢ poll tax erroneously assessed and that the Chairman issue his warrants to the trustee for said sums to said parties

April 1897

Ordered by the Court April term 1897 That D. H. Land be released of the taxes on \$1600.00 worth of property for the year 1896, the same being a clerical error

Ordered by the Court April term 1897 Bradley W. Fenn That A. J. Southland be allowed to put up gates on the road leading from McGinnis Chapel Church by Dotto Ford and to the Machinery of Elvan furniture shop

Be it ordered by the County Court April term that an appropriation not to exceed \$400.00 be allowed to floor mouse creek iron bridge in the 6th civil district

To the Honorable County Court of Bradley County Tennessee
I hereby tender my resignation as Constable in the 12 District of Bradley County Tenn. this the 5th day of April 1897
W. A. Harris Const

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the resignation of W. A. Harris as Constable in the 12 civil district be accepted and confirmed by the Court

Be it ordered by the Court at its April Term that an appropriation of (\$400.00) Forty dollars be allowed for the purpose of changing the road leading from Mrs. Gennis to or by A. J. Perkins at the branch and to build a bridge across the said branch

On motion and second it is ordered by the Court, That the Methodist Episcopal Church South be and is hereby released of the taxes for the year 1896, on its parsonage house and lot located in the second ward of the city of Cleveland and now occupied by the pastor of said Church, said rectory being willed to said Church by Mary Wood died and said property being assessed in her name. Said Mary Wood having departed this life in July 1895

Be it ordered by the County Court of Bradley Co That Aaron Swafford be released from road duty during his disability

Ordered by the Court that the bill of Knox Bros & Co for \$17.65 be allowed and ordered paid out of the general fund of the County

April 1897

To the Worshipful County Court
We your committee appointed at the Jan'y term to
superintend building a bridge in the 1st civil district known
as the Coon bridge let said bridge to the lowest
bidder, said bid being \$56⁰⁰ and that said bridge
is built and received by your committee and
ask the Court to receive the bridge and release
your committee

Respectfully Submitted

This April term 1897

J. M. Roush } Com
J. J. Couden }

It is ordered by the Court that the report of the
committee to build the Coon bridge be received
and that the committee be discharged

Be it ordered by the Court of Bradley Co at its
April term 1897, That W. P. Beah be released from
Road duty and and poll tax permanently

Be it ordered by the Court That Miss Jane Haultight
be released of Tax on \$500 - the same being annually
assessed for the year 1896

Ordered by the Court that an election be held by
the Court to elect a constable in the place of
W. A. Harris resigned; A. C. McKinney and W. P. Beah
being placed in nomination, ballot was had and
W. P. Beah receiving a majority of the votes cast
the Chairman announced that W. P. Beah was
duly and legally elected constable for the 12 civil
district to fill the unexpired term of W. A. Harris
resigned

Be it ordered by the Court that W. H. Hooper
be elected constable for the 9th civil district
by acclamation to fill the unexpired term of
H. H. Macdell who has failed to give bond
as required by law, ballot was had and the
vote being unanimous, the Chairman announced
that W. H. Hooper was duly elected constable
for the 9th dist to fill unexpired term of
H. H. Macdell who had failed to qualify

Ordeal W. H. Hooper who was this day elected
constable for the 9th dist of Bradley Co Tenn,

by the County Court, into open court, gave
bond and was duly qualified as required
by law and retired upon his duties.

For Bond and oath see Constable Bond Book

Be it ordered by the County Court that E. P. Prince
be allowed Two Dollars on Coffin furnished old man
Cobb

Be it ordered by the County Court at its April term
That Ben Brindley be ~~expedited~~ or released from
road duty during his disability

To the Worshipful County Court of Bradley County
Tennessee

I, H. C. Woolcott, street inspector for Bradley
County do hereby tender my resignation as Street Inspector
aforesaid county and ask your honorable body to
release me from any further duties of said
office

This April 5 1897

H. C. Woolcott

Street Inspector

Ordered by the Court that the resignation of H. C.
Woolcott as County Street Inspector for Bradley County
be accepted and that he be released from further
duties

Be it ordered by the Court that an election
be held to elect Street Inspector for Bradley County
J. F. Castnought and F. A. Progers being placed in
nomination, ballot was had and J. F. Castnought
receiving a majority of the votes cast, the Chairman
announced that J. F. Castnought was duly
and legally elected Street Inspector for Bradley
County

Be it ordered at April term of County Court
That John Caywood be released of working
public roads and paying poll tax during his
disability

Ordered by the County Court at its April term
1897 That E. P. Knox be allowed two dollars for
a pauper coffin for Nelson Ware deceased

April 1897

Ordered by the County Court at its April term 1897 that Joe Saccardi be allowed four dollars for 7 days work on road, and horse one day in 15 cent.

Came into open Court. H. A. Beatz, who now this day elected Constable in the 12 district of Bradley Co. Term to fill the unexpired term of W. L. Harris resigned, gave bond and was duly qualified as the law directs and entered upon the duties of the office, for oath and bond see Constables Bond Book

Be it ordered by the Court at April term 1897 That nine dollars be appropriated to repair the the Lea Bridge

Ordered by the Court that an election be held to elect officers to meet upon the Circuit Court of Bradley County, at its May term 1897, ballot was read and John Cleveland and Joseph Pindle receiving a majority of the votes cast, the Chairman announced that John Cleveland and Joseph Pindle were duly elected to meet upon the Circuit Court at its May term 1897

Re
Cleveland Water & Electric Signal Company of
Cleveland Tennessee

In this cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the assessment of said Company's property in this County for the year 1896 at the sum of \$30000.00 is too much and consequently unjust, and that \$20000.00 would be a fair assessment.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said assessment be and the same is hereby reduced to \$20000.00 and that upon this sum only said Company will be required to pay tax

Be it ordered by the County Court of Bradley County at its April term 1897, That an order passed at the July term 1896 releasing J. W. Redwine from road duty and poll tax be rescinded and for nothing held

April 1897

Be it ordered by the County Court of Bradley County at its April term 1897 That George A. Rose be released from road duty during his present disability

Be it ordered by the Court that the following venire be appointed for the May term ¹⁸⁹⁷ of the Circuit Court of Bradley County Tennessee to wit:

1 allot	J. M. Gibson	Bill Baker
2 "	John Gold	John Gibson
3 "	William May	A. B. Biles
4 "	L. R. Porter	R. O. Lawson
5 "	B. F. Bacon	S. B. M. Cullley
6 "	Jacob Davis	Frank S. S. S. S.
7 "	J. Kibler	J. S. Smalley
8 "	Jess Cleveland	J. A. H. H. H.
9 "	E. Russell	Robert Williamson
10 "	London Eaton	N. B. Hiers
11 "	Alvin Welch	Will Caylor
12 "	James Ervhard	J. C. Allen
13	J. B. Harvey	Wm. Cannon

Be it ordered by the Court That Thomas Jones be permanently released from poll tax and road duty on account of permanent disability

Do the honorable County Court of Bradley County We the undersigned committee appointed by the Court at its October term 1896 to build a new bridge across Chestnut Creek at the J. R. Howard farm on Cleveland and Benton Road report that we have had said bridge completed for the sum of \$800.00 and ask the Court that we be released from further duty
Apr 6 1897
J. A. Johnston
E. V. Woodson

Ordered by the Court That the report of the Committee to build the bridge across Chestnut Creek at Howard place be accepted and the Committee be released from further services

It is ordered by the Court that the petition of W. C. Shugart and others relating to Cleveland & Blue Springs public road be referred to the road Commissioner of the 6th Road district

April term 1897

Be it ordered by the Court that Ben Campbell be permanently released from road duty and paying poll tax.

McDoy attorney of
James Coffman et al
vs
John C. Clifflin et al

In this cause it appearing to the Court from the report of the Clerk to this term made and from the proof taken and on file, that J. C. Clifflin

should be allowed Fifteen dollars for his services as solicitor for complainant in this cause and W. D. Humphrey Esq. for his services as guardian ad litem for the minor defendants should be allowed Five Dollars and said report being unexcepted to is hereby in all things confirmed.

It is therefore adjudged by the Court that the Clerk pay to J. C. Clifflin said sum of \$15.00 and to W. D. Humphrey said sum of \$5.00 out of the first money coming into his hands from said estate. And the Court being of opinion that \$10.00 would be fair compensation to W. C. Day for his services as administrator of said estate, and the Court orders said sum paid him out of said estate.

Ordered by the Court that W. P. Simmons be released from paying poll tax and working on public roads during his disability.

Be it ordered by the Court in the matter of J. D. Blackburnship J. J. Simmons & others petitioners in order to open the old road leading from the Howard School house to the J. D. Blackburn house in 2d dist, that the old road be allowed to remain open and that the Commissioner in said district assign hands and appoint crossers for both roads.

Court adjourned until 9 o'clock AM Tuesday April 6 1897

James J. Kealey Chairman
J. G. Londer T. M. Rowth J. A. Johnston
E. J. Morelock J. D. Mansfield J. D. Keith W. M. Morelock
H. T. Deibel J. L. Hall W. H. Smith
J. H. Brown R. W. Sebridge Jacob Kibler H. N. Voss
No. J. D. Nichol C. A. Barger W. M. Palmer
P. M. Caldwell C. C. Moyers Det. Kelley
J. J. Humphrey J. H. Hatch James W. P. East
J. C. Londerbad J. F. Learton

April 6 1897

Tuesday April 6 1897 Court met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock A.M. April 6 1897 present and presiding James J. Kealey Chairman and the following named Justices of the peace for said county to wit:

John C. Cowden J. M. Routh J. A. Johnston E. J. Morelock
J. D. Keith J. C. Campbell H. D. Kelcey W. M. Morelock
J. D. Deibel W. H. Smith J. H. Brown James J. Kealey
J. C. Clifflin Jacob Kibler H. N. Voss J. D. Nichols W. P. Palmer
J. M. Caldwell C. C. Moyers J. A. Barger J. N. Kelley
J. C. Londerbad J. P. Humphrey J. H. Hatch J. C. Londerbad and
James Nipper, where the following proceedings were had to wit:

Be it ordered by the Court that William Plunk be permanently released from paying poll tax and working public roads on account of disability.

Be it ordered by the Court that Oliver Green be permanently released from paying poll tax and working on public roads on account of permanent disability.

Ordered by the County Court April term 1897 that an iron bridge be built across Coahulla Creek on the Spring Lake road at East of Whitman farm said bridge to be 40 feet in length.

Be it ordered by the Court, that C. C. Moyers and J. A. Barger be appointed a committee to superintend the changing of the road and building a bridge across the branch at the widow Jesse place.

Be it ordered by the Court, That J. G. Cowden J. M. Routh J. A. Johnston E. J. Morelock be allowed Five Dollars each for their services in superintending the building of the bridges across Coahulla Creek at Coon and Howard farms.

Be it ordered by the County Court that Will. Neily be released from paying the fine of Fifty Dollars assessed against him by the Circuit Court of Bradley County at the January term 1897 and that the Clerk of the County Court certify this order to the Circuit Court Clerk to satisfy his docket.