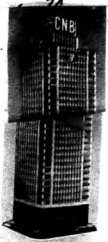


or such as she may choose. I give and bequeath what at
any may be coming to my son Thomas to my son William
in full for the sole and undivided benefit of my said son
Thomas & his heirs. I give and bequeath what may be
coming to my sons William & James and daughter
Elizabeth to them & their heirs without restriction. I
1000 have heretofore advanced to my son Archibald the
sum of \$200 to my daughter to my daughter Mary
Knox the sum of \$500. to my son Thomas \$940 to
my son



CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK
OF FORT WORTH

May 4, 1961

GEORGE THOMPSON, JR.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Clerk, Probate Court
Franklin County
Winchester, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing photocopy of April 10, 1961, letter which I wrote you, re-
questing a certified copy of the will of Burwell J. Thompson, which was probated
in Franklin County, Tennessee. The photocopy of the will which I have is certi-
fied as of October 8, 1839, the will being dated October 18, 1833.

As I have not received a reply from you to my former letter, it occurred to
me that perhaps my letter had miscarried, and I am tracing you for a reply. If
you will advise me the cost of a copy of the will of Burwell J. Thompson, to-
gether with the application to probate same, the order thereon, the inventory, etc.,
I will be glad to send you my check for same, in advance of the preparation of the
copies by you.

In the attached April 10 letter which I wrote you, I stated that my great-
grandfather, George W. Thompson, was one of the children of Burwell J. Thompson,
whose will is above mentioned. He was born about 1792-4, and probably died about
1850. His first wife was Anne McGown, born 1792 and died 1827. His second wife
was Charlotte Smith, to whom he was married September 16, 1828.

In my April 10 letter, I asked if the will of George W. Thompson, son of Burwell J.
Thompson and Nancy Wofford Thompson, was probated in Franklin County, as was the
will of Burwell J. Thompson. If so, I asked you to have made a certified copy of
the will, application to probate, and any heirship papers in connection with the
will of George W. Thompson, or perhaps an administration upon his estate.

My father, George Thompson, was born in November 1857, near Pelham, Tennessee.
He attended the Winchester Normal, where he met my mother, who was then attending
Mary Sharp College. In 1902-03, when I was about twelve or thirteen years of age,
I attended Winchester Normal, living with my grandmother, across the street from
the old Professor Clark residence and not far from the home of Mr. Alexander, who
then was President of the bank at Winchester.



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by and sealed published and declared by the above named Abigail
Gibbons to be her last will and Testament in the presence of us
who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the
presence of the Testator
Abigail X Gibbons
J. Schmitt
James Estlin

or Sister who may choose: I" I give and bequeath not at
my may be coming to my Son Thomas to my son William
in trust for the sole and full benefit of my said son
Thomas & his heirs, & I give and bequeath the said

In the name of God, I Samuel Thompson of County
and County, knowing that this is appointed time that all
things be done, I make this my last Will and Testament first
I give my soul to God, and my body to his holy Church, by
my intentions that all my debt debts to be paid out of my estate
then I bequeath and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Thompson
an negro maid by the name of Jane during her natural life
and after her death the negro to be sold, and the money equally
divided among my children, also my negro woman called Mary
to the age of years during her natural life, and after her
death the said negro woman to be sold and the money equally
divided among my children and the third of all my
property out of doors and in the house during her natural life
and after her death this sum to be equally divided
between my son Samuel Thompson and my daughter Abigail
Thompson - It is understood that Abigail that I have given
to my daughter Sarah at Glasgow and negro woman called
Abby and all her increase, and what household furniture
to be her part of all my estate - It is to be understood that I have
given that I have given to my daughter Polly at Glasgow -
an negro boy named Ned and what household furniture
to be her part of all my estate - It is understood that I have
given that I have given to my son George Thompson two negro
maids one called Bessy and the other by the name of Mary, and
all my other property out of doors and in the house to be
to be his part of all my estate, I also have and bequeath unto
my son Samuel Thompson, my property in the house and in my
possession at this time that he shall not be obliged and of his part
by the rest of my heirs that he shall have the share of aged
the negro and by the name of Lewis and Bond and also Bond
third of all my property out of doors, and one third of my household
furniture all the foregoing mentioned property, I have with
his mother, to be and her children to my son Samuel Thompson
come of age, then the said property to be divided to my son Samuel
Thompson - I also have and bequeath to my daughter
Abigail Thompson of the property that is now in my

Witness to all the last Will of Testament in the presence of us
who have hereunto subscribed our names and signatures in the
presence of the Testator.
J. Smith
James Estlin

State of Tennessee & hereby revoking all former wills & bequeathing
fraudulent unity of the County and State aforesaid do make a will
I do hereby declare as my last will and Testament

that I have been married to my wife by the name of Henry
and she is by the name of Sarah and the children of my
But does not properly and has of my late estate furnished
all the former mentioned property to a man with his mother
until the marriage or coming of age, then to be delivered
to my daughter Malinda Thompson - I do hereby will, that
I have my Cow & Cows; that I have made this present guar-
antee to my wife and my two children -
I will leave to be given to my wife and my two children -
I have made a shall have my land, that I hold my
land in my name Thompson with land for a little that shall
my wife and Malinda Thompson and my son George
I have made shall make and my son Malinda Thompson
the property of my wife and my two children to make their
support in the land and my two children to make their
place to go to pay up the last payment of any debts
to be left to the use of my wife and two children - I make
this my last will and Testament and stand and stand
and shall this my executor to make all forms with his
before made by me - this will I do know to be my
last will and Testament - I do hereby declare this
15th day of October 1833.

In witness whereof
Samuel Thompson
Lease & Clerk

Samuel Thompson

State of Tennessee & I William M. Brantley Clerk of the
County of Davidson do hereby certify that
this is a true copy of the will of Samuel Thompson died
to the best of my knowledge, it being a transcript of
a certain original
I do hereby certify that I have
read and approved of the
the 8th day of October 1833
William M. Brantley

for the old and
forest the spring and to cultivate the ground of his brother
and my friend Thomas Watson, I hereby will to my grand
daughter Elizabeth Hutchinson daughter of my son and Mary Ann Hutchinson
and to her heirs forever a negro girl named Martha daughter
of John, should she be without issue or before the age of twenty
one.

or Sisters who may choose, I'd give and bequeath what
ever may be coming to my Son Thomas to my son William
in full for the sole and undivided benefit of my said son
Thomas & his heirs, & assigns and I do hereby

In the manner of the above I have well & lawfully given and
made and assigned, knowing that this is apparent that all
things are to die, I make this my last will and testament first
I give my soul to God, and my body to his devoutly loved by
my executors then all my last debts to be paid out of my estate
then I bequeath and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Thompson
an negro owned by the name of John during his natural life
and after his death the negro to be sold, and the money equally
divided among my children, also my negro woman called Mary
to the age of 21 years during his natural life, and after her
death the said negro woman to be sold and the money equal-
ly divided among my children and the third of all my
property out of acres and in the house during his natural life
and after his death this amount to be equally divided
between my son Samuel Thompson and my daughter Abigail
Thompson - It is understood that hereafter that I have given
to my daughter Sarah Abigail and negro woman called
Mary and all her increase, and what hereafter furnished
to be her part of all my estate - It is to be understood that here-
after that I have given to my daughter Polly Abigail -
an negro boy named Ned and what hereafter furnished
to be her part of all my estate - It is understood that hereafter
that I have given to my son George Thompson two negro
men one called Sam and the other by the name of Henry, and
all my other property out of acres and in part of the house to be
to be his part of all my estate, and I do hereby bequeath unto
my son Samuel Thompson my property in the house and in my
property at the time that he shall not be aged out of his part
by the last of my children that he shall have it, when he is of age
the negro owned by the name of Sam and Ned and also the
third of all my property out of acres, and one third of my house
and furniture all the foregoing mentioned property, is to come with
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and one of age, then the said property to be divided to my son, George
Thompson - I also have and bequeath to my daughter
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Witness to be her last will of Testament in the presence of us
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my friend Thomas Watson. Recently I still to my Grand
the Elizabeth Hutchinson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anne Hutchinson
his heir joins a negro girl named North a daughter
I should abide without issue or before the age of twenty
one.