

or Sister she may choose, & I give and bequeath unto whom
ever may be coming to my son Thomas to recd from William
in trust for the sole and undivided benefit of my said Son
Thomas & his heirs, & I give and bequeath unto whom may be
coming to my sons William William & James and Daughters
what ever to them & their heirs without restriction".
1000 have heretofore advanced to my son Archibald the
sum of \$1200 to my daughter to my self and in Sammerville
Kosciusko the sum of \$1500, to my son Thomas \$940 to
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GEORGE THOMPSON, JR.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK
OF FORT WORTH

May 4, 1961

Clerk, Probate Court
Franklin County
Winchester, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing photocopy of April 10, 1961, letter which I wrote you, requesting 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 certified 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, together 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.

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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 McGowen, 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.

No CNB time

april 1898

Abigail Gibbons
Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Abigail
Gibbons to be her last will and Testament in the presence of us
who hereunto our selves witness and subscribe in the
presence of the Testator

John Schmitz
James Estes

State of Tennessee I hereby revoking all former Wills & also sending you
Franklin County of the County aforesaid State aforesaid do in as a new
published this as my Last Will and Testament

First & still that as soon after my Death as possible may be
hereafter to be named pay my funeral and Interment expenses
and Just debts. Likewise I give to my Daughters Mary Ann
Helen Thompson, Jr.

Clerk, Probate Court
Franklin County

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May 4, 1961

I realize I am causing you a lot of trouble in looking up these old records,
but if you can find time to do this for me, I will be most appreciative; and, as
stated, I will be happy to forward check for cost of the certified copies, in ad-
vance of their preparation.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. Thompson, Jr.
George Thompson, Jr. m.

5/8/61

The County Judge referred this letter to
me for an answer.

The records between 1808 - 1876 do not
indicate a record of the will of Benwell
J. Thompson. Our minute books concerning
Probate matters begin in 1837.

If this will (The Certified Copy which you
have) is Certified to by the Clerk of
Franklin County please indicate the
number of the will book and page
thereon and return to this office and
I will make a further search.

Geo. Thompson
Probate Clerk

In his maintenance and education and when he shall have
attained the age of twenty one to deliver the property bequeathed
to him together with the remaining proceeds of his father's
possessions. I charge it to John and Amy Kennedy
in this old age. I absolutely charge him to obey the commands
of the service and to cultivate the friendship of his son Gordon
and my friend Thomas Wilson. Finally I still to my Grand
daughter Elizabeth Hutchins daughter of John and Amy Hutchins
and to her heirs forever a my good wife named Scott a daughter
of whom should die without issue or before the age of twenty
one.

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or Sisters who may choose 8th I give and bequeath unto all
over may be coming to my Son Thomas to my son William
in trust for the use and good benefit of my said Son
Thomas & his heirs, or I leave and bequeath to
be
left

In the name of God I command I Barwell Thompson of London
and County having had this my appointed time to make
my last will and Testament first
spared my soul to God and my body to his earthly burial by
my execution this all my last will to be paid out of my estate
This blood and myquity to my slaves Margaret Thompson
an negro woman by the name of him 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 Polly
the wife of my wife 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 rest of all my
property and effects and in the hands during his natural life
and after her death they are found to be equally divided
between my son Samuel Thompson and my daughter Elizabeth
Thompson - It is understood that beforehand that I leave
to my daughter Elizabeth and negro woman called
Daisy and all her increase, and what household furniture
she be part of all my estate - It is also understood that before
I die that I have leave to my daughter Polly etc Elizabeth -
an negro woman named Polly and that the whole of furniture
to be her part of all my estate - It is understood that beforehand
that I leave given to my son George Thompson two negro
men called Harry and the other by the name of George, and
all my other property out of monies and effects of the household
to be his part of all my estate, I wish him no household effects
my son Samuel Thompson going, property in London to me my
possess at this time but he shall not be obliged and his part
by the act of Congress that he shall have of the house, of goods
and negro and by the name of George and Sam and
part of all my property of monies, and effects of
house furniture as the fore mentioned persons, to be given with
his mother, to be under her control to my son Samuel Thompson
name of age, then the said property to be delivered to my son George
Thompson - I also leave and myquity to my daughter
Elizabeth Thompson of the property let it remain to you.

Settions to be held at New York in the presence of us
who have herein under written names and seals in the
presence of the Testator -

John Smith
James E. E.

State of Indiana I hereby revoking all former wills & also under my
Franklin County of the County aforesaid do make and
do as follows as my Last Will and Testament

Baptized last on the 1st day of January by the name of Lucy
and was left by the name of Lucy and the Christian name of my
but done, preparing you and the young landholder furnished
all the furniture and property to come with her mother
until she comes or comes of age, then to be delivered
to my daughter Elizabeth Thompson - to my will, that
she no longer be open that I have made this present year
in both places to the sum to my wife and my two children
for to support them, and stock, it may be that my son
Samuel Thompson shall have no land, that I hold my
son Isaac Thompson's full land for a till that when
I die Samuel Thompson's son Isaac, that my son George
McMahon and his wife and two children I make
for McMahon's full land, until my son Samuel Thompson
die, and his wife and two children to be reckoned, and to
the remaining of my wife and my two children to make them
support in the land - also my childrens' place that is necessary to
place to be got to pay up the last for you, if any claimants
to be left, was of my wife and two children I make
this my last will and testament and I have signed it before
and sealed this my creatures looking al fresco with his
before made by me - the will I acknowledge to be my
last will and testament - done and signed by me the
18th day of October 1833.

In witness whereof
Samuel C. McCallum
Isaac Kind,

Bennett Thompson

State of Indiana I William H. Brantford Clerk of the
Franklin County Court doth hereby certify that
this is a true copy of the will of Bennett Thompson aforesaid
to the best of my knowledge, being also a copy of
the original will.
The witness whereof I have signed to copy
now and affixed my seal thereto
the 8th day of October 1839
William H. Brantford

in this old age
toes (the service and to cultivate) the ground
and my son Thomas Wilson, Timothy & still to my Grand
daughter Elizabeth Hutchins daughter of John and Mary Hutchins
and to her heirs forever a negro girl named Dorcas a daughter
of below, should she die without issue or before the age of twenty
one.

or Sisters who may choose, I give and bequeath unto
whomsoever may be coming to my Son Horace to my son William
in trust for the sole use and benefit of my said Son
Horace all the same and all his estate

In the name of God above I Benwell Thompson of said
and County of New Hampshire having had an opportunity to consider what
it behoves to do, I make this my last Will and Testament first
by whom my soul is held, and my body to be decently buried by
my executors now all my last debts to be paid out of my estate
then I bind and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Thompson
as my executor by the power given him during his natural life
as often he made the negroes he held, and the money equally
divided among my children, also my goods commended among
the my wife during his natural life, and after her
death the said goods commended to be sold and the money equally
divided among my children and the rest of all my
property and effects and in the same during his natural life
and after her death they are bound to be equally divided
between my son Samuel Thompson and my daughter Melinda
Thompson - It is understood that before that I have given
to my daughter Melinda two negroes named Sally and
Henry and all her inchoate, and what household furnished
to be her part of all my estate - It is also understood that here
before that I have given to my daughter Polly all her
an negro being named Ned and what household furnished
to be her part of all my estate - It is understood that before
that I have given to my son George Miller two negroes
named Charles and the other Negro of his own, and
all my other property and effects and what household
to be his part of all my estate, I bind and bequeath unto
my son Samuel Thompson my property he can have in my
possession at the time that he shall not be aged and his part
of the rest of my things that he shall have when he is aged
two years and by the name of Lewis and Brown and also end-
ed of all my property out of course, and one third of all
house furnished as the fore mentioned property, to be given with
his mother, to his under her control to my daughter Margaret
Lewis aged, then the said property to be divided by my daughter
Thompson - I also bind and bequeath to my daughter
Melinda Thompson of the property left in my estate.

Witness to all the best Seal of Franklin in the presence of us
who have herein written in witness whereof in the
presence of the Testator

John Smith
James Estes

to the sum of £1000000 & thereby revoking all former wills & also undergiving
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should never be obliged to buy the same above
1 (the service and to get him to the sum of his board
and found Thomas Nelson's monthly 2 shillings to my Grand
child Elizabeth Hitchins daughter of Mr and Mrs Elizabeth Hitchins
his heirs forever a very poor girl named Ruth a daughter
was born dead without issue or before the age of twenty
one.