County Court August Term 1856: Then the last Will and Testament of C. D. Blanton was presented to Court for probate and was duly sworn by Wm. E. Venable & Wm. Franklin witnesses thereto.

Wm. E. Taylor Clk.

D. D. McElroy Will

I D. D. McElroy of the County of Franklin State of Tennessee being of sound mind do make this my last Will and Testament. Item 1st I desire that my wife Elizabeth have my negro woman Julia & children to have and to hold during her widowhood and if my wife Elizabeth should marry then she is only to have a child's part. Item 2 I desire that my negro man remain with my wife and children and not be hired out. Item 3rd I desire that all my property that is not by this Will disposed to be sold to pay my just debts and if the property sold should more than pay my debts the remainder to be equally divided between my wife and children. Item 4th I desire that my children have my land at my mothers death and my wife to be permitted to have the land to support my children during her widowhood. Item 5. I desire my Executor to allow my wife plenty of provisions for the year or 1857 for the comfort and support of my family. Item 6 I appoint E. M. Sherman my Executor to Execute this my last Will. Given under my hand and seal this the 31st of July One thousand Eight hundred and fifty six.

Geo. Hatchfield J. H. Hatchfield
H. Whitfield

D. D. McElroy (Seal)

Item 6 I desire that E. M. Sherman be appointed Guardian for my Mother and see that she is supported out of the proceeds of my land and to see that she is taken care of while she lives.

Geo. Hatchfield J. H. Hatchfield
H. Whitfield

D. D. McElroy (Seal)

County Court September Term 1856 Then the last Will and Testament of D. D. McElroy was presented to Court & sworn by the oaths of G. & J. H. Hatchfield two of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

Wm. E. Taylor, Clk.