

May 16, 1961.

to the best of my knowledge, it being a transcript of a certified copy.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name, and affixed my seal of office, the 8th day of October, 1839.

(Signed) William W. Brazelton, Clerk.

From the foregoing certificate of Mr. Brazelton, it, therefore, appears that he had a certified copy of Burwell Thompson's will, before him, at the time he made a copy of same; and if this is correct, then what Mr. Brazelton was doing was simply making a second certified copy from a previous certified copy before him.

I thought you might be interested in knowing how I got possession of the certified copy of Burwell Thompson's will, certified to by William W. Brazelton, and here is how it happened:

After my father died in January, 1925, my mother evidently wrote to a Mr. J. C. Henley, Sr., who lived either in Franklin or Grundy County, Tennessee. It seems that the second wife of Burwell Thompson was Margaret Reed, a widow whom he married in 1816, when she was about 38 years of age and he 57.

Two children of this marriage were born - one of them a daughter, Malinda, who was born in 1819 and died about 1868. Malinda married Campbell Henley. J. C. Henley, Sr., who was 79 years of age when he wrote my mother in 1925, was a Grandson of Burwell Thompson. Expressed in another way, he was the son of Malinda Thompson and Campbell Henley.

I am enclosing a copy of July 1, 1925 statement of J. C. Henley, Sr., given by him to my mother in 1925. In it you will observe he states:

"Burwell made his will in 1833, of which I have in my hand", evidently he omitted to say "copy of which I have in my hand". It was Mr. Henley, Sr. who furnished the photo copy of the will of Burwell Thompson, a photo of which I sent to you.

In your memo, above quoted, you stated "the only will by a Thompson was in 1824; the will of William Thompson".

Probably, this William Thompson was the brother of Burwell Thompson, above mentioned, for he had three brothers who evidently came to Tennessee

mark.

I agree and consent that my Father and Mother may exchange ^{male} ~~female~~ the negro willed to my by them for a negro girl by the name of Cachald July 2nd 1827.

The above was made in the presents of G. J. Copelan & John Siler so says Thompson, Martha S. Thomson T. J. Copelan July the 2nd 1827.

State of Tennessee
Franklin County

County Court

November Term 1829

Then the last will and testament of William Thomson deceased was probated in open Court & duly proven by the oath of John Siler a Subscribing witness thereto and the said John Siler makes oath that Alexander Simmons was a subscribing witness to said will who has since deceased it is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be recorded. E. Russell Clk. Recorded in my office 13 day of Aug.

Oath that Alexander Simmons was a Subscribing witness to said will who has since deceased it is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be recorded.
E. Russell Clk

Recorded in my office this 13th day of August 1828
E. Russell Clk.

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with him, William, Steven and Samuel. I would like for you to send to me a photo or Verifax copy, if you have a machine, if not, a certified copy of the will of William Thompson, and order of the probate proceedings, showing application to probate the will, and any heirship papers, advising me of the cost, so that I can send you check to cover.

Again, thank you for your search, and for the photo or certified copy of the probate proceedings in connection with William Thompson, for which I will send my check.

Sincerely yours


George Thompson, Jr.

GT, Jr/cft

Alexander Simmons
mark.

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E. Russell Clk

Recorded in my office this 13th day of August 1828
E. Russell Clk

Ruimveldt's Nancy; Lurina & Anna Ruimveldt to them or
 their heirs forever Lastly I appoint my son-in-law Joseph
 Sewell my son William Ruimveldt and my friend Paul Williams
 Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all
 others by former wills and I do direct that my Executors here-
 inbefore named nor neither of them shall be compelled to give
 security for the performance of their duties as Executors to
 this my last will which shall be fully authorized to do all the
 duties of Executors without giving any security whatever
 in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal
 this 31st July 1827
 Signed & sealed in the presence of } Moses ^{his} Ruimveldt (Seal)
 John H. Gooden }
 Joseph Huddleston } more

State of Tennessee: August Term 1827 Then the last
 Trautman County will and Testament of Moses Ruimveldt did
 appear by the oaths of John H. Gooden & Joseph Huddleston
 the duly sworn witnesses thereto & on Motion Joseph Sewell
 & William Ruimveldt two of the Executors therein named came
 into open Court and were qualified as the said directs &
 returned into Bond in the sum of Four thousand Dollars
 according to law and that Letters Testamentary were
 accordingly and ordered to be recorded
 Recorded in my office
 this 13th day of August 1828 } E. Russell Clk
 E. Russell Clk } J. H. Deputy W. B. Magowan

I William Thompson of the County of Trautman & State of Tennessee
 being sworn in bloody oath of record disposing mind &
 memory made and published this following to be my last
 will and Testament hereby revoking all prior wills
 In the first place I will that my just debts and funeral
 expenses be first of all paid In the next place I will &
 bequeath to my wife Elizabeth in case she survives me
 my negro woman Mary and also the one portion used
 & benefit during her natural life or widowhood as she can
 shall be of the plantation and houses wherein I live the
 household and Kitchen furniture the horses cattle hogs
 and farming implements and all other property owned and
 possessed by me at the time of my decease And I have
 heretofore advanced my daughter Rosanna & provided for
 her as for my circumstances will admit I bequeath
 to her five shillings only In like manner as I have advanced
 and provided for my son William Thompson I can do no

I, William Thomson of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory make and publish this following to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all prior Wills.

In the first place I will that my just debts and funeral expenses be first of all paid. In the next place I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth in case she survives me my negro woman Milley and also the one portion use and benefit during her natural life or widowhood as the case shall be of the plantation and houses whereon I live the household and kitchen furniture the horses cattle negroes and farming implements and all other property owned and possessed by me at the time of my decease.

As I have heretofore advanced my daughter Rosaanna and provided for her as for my circumstances will admit I bequeath to her five shillings only. In like manner as I have advanced and provided for my son William W. Thompson I can do no more for him without manifest injustice to the rest of my children therefore give to him five shillings only.

To the children of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Lucas to wit: Thomas Lucas, William Lucas, Sivina Lucas and the twins Caroline and Enchina I give to them five shillings each and through considering the helpless situation of some of them I could wish to do more my circumstances will not authorize any further positive provisions.

I give and devise to my son Robert H. Thompson and his heirs forever my tract of land lying on Beans Creek in said county of Franklin whereon I reside subject to the previous bequeaths concerning made to my wife. I give and bequeath to my daughter Jenny now married to Jacob Siler a bed and furniture a cow and calf my negro girl named Misa.

I paid for my daughter Novia at the time of her marriage with Heavis cannot therefore afford to leave anything to her son George she herself being now no more. I give and bequeath to my daughter Margarite my negro girl Fanny or in case she is otherwise disposed of then some other negro girl worth three hundred dollars and in case I leave no such negro gal then I give her three hundred dollars in money to be raised out of my personal estate. I also give her a bed and furniture and a cow and calf. I give to my daughter Martha Serana my negro girl Mable a bed and furniture and a cow and calf. I give the residue of my estate not having before disposed of to my said wife to be at her absolute disposal.

I constitute and appoint Alexander Simmonds and John Siler Executors of this my last will and testament witness my hand the sixth day of December A.D. 1824.

Witness his
John E. Siler x
mark
Hix
Alexander H. Simmonds
mark.

William Thompson

I agree and consent that my Father and Mother may exchange the negro willed to my by them for a negro girl by the name of Mable Cachald July 2nd 1827.

Martha S. Thomson
The above was made in the presents of G. J. Copelan & John Siler so says Thompson. F. J. Copelan July the 2nd 1827.

State of Tennessee County Court
Franklin County November Term 1829

Then the last will and testament of William Thomson deceased was probated in open Court & duly proven by the oath of John Siler a subscribing witness thereto and the said John Siler makes oath that Alexander Simmonds was a subscribing witness to said will who has since deceased it is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be recorded.
E. Russell Clk. Recorded in my office 13 day of Aug.

Own now Alexander Simmonds was a Subscribing witness to said Will who has since deceased it is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be recorded.
E. Russell Clk

Recorded in my office this 13th day of August 1829
E. Russell Clk.

Rumrills Nancy; Lurina & Anna Rumrills to them or
 their heirs forever Lastly I appoint my son-in-law Joseph
 Sweet my son William Rumrills and my friend Paul Williams
 Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all
 others before made and I do direct that my Executors here-
 inof named nor neither of them shall be compelled to give
 security for the performance of their duties as Executors to
 this my last will that shall be fully authorized to do all the
 duties of Executor without giving any security whatever
 on which I have hereunto set my hand & seal
 this 31st July 1827

Witnessed in the presence of us } Moses Rumrills (Seal)
 John H. Gooden }
 Joseph Gooden

State of Tennessee } August Term 1827 then the last
 Francis County } will and Testament of Moses Rumrills did
 was produced in open Court and duly
 proven by the oaths of John H. Gooden & Joseph Gooden
 the Subscribing witnesses thereto & on Motion Joseph Sweet
 & William Rumrills two of the Executors therein named came
 into open Court and as qualified as the said decedent &
 executed into Bond in the sum of Four thousand Dollars
 according to Law and that Lurina's Testamentary will
 accordingly and ordered to be recorded
 Recorded in my office } E. Russell Clerk
 this 12th day of August 1828 } by his Deputy W. B. Mayhew
 E. Russell Clerk

I William Thompson of the County of Francis & State of Tennessee
 being well in body but of sound disposing mind &
 memory make and publish this following to be my last
 will and Testament hereby revoking all prior Wills
 In the first place I will that my just debts and funeral
 expenses be first of all paid In the next place I will &
 bequeath to my Wife Elizabeth in case she survives me
 my negro woman Mary and also the one portion most
 benefit during her natural life or widowhood as she
 shall see fit of the plantation and houses wherein I live the
 household and Kitchen furniture the horses cattle hogs
 and farming implements and all other property owned and
 possessed by me at the time of my decease " And I have
 heretofore advanced my Daughter Rebecca & provided for
 her as for my circumstances will admit I bequeath
 to her five shillings only. In like manner as I have advanced
 and provided for my son William Thompson I can do no

more for her without manifest injustice to the rest of my
children I therefore give to him five shillings only. To the children
of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Lucas to wit Thomas Lucas
William Lucas. Sonna Lucas & the twins Coroline and Estina I
give to them five shillings each and though considering the difficult
situation of some of them I could wish to do more my circumstances
will not authorize any further positive provisions. I give
and devise to my son Robert H. Thompson and his heirs forever
my tract of land lying on Beans River (in said County of
Franklin Tennessee) I reside subject to the previous bequest
concerning made to my wife I give and bequeath to my daughter
Jenny now married to Jacob Selas a bed and furniture a cow
and calf my negro girl named ~~Maria~~ ^{Maria}. I paid for my daughter
Lonia at the time of her matrimony with Pearce Carrist
therefore afford to leave anything to her son George she herself
being ~~now married~~ ^{now married}. I give and bequeath to my daughter Marguerite my
negro girl Fanny or in case she is otherwise ways disposed of then some
other negro girl worth three hundred dollars. And in case I leave
no such negro girl then I give her three hundred dollars in money to
be raised out of my Personal estate. I also give her a bed & furniture
or a cow & calf. I give to my daughter Martha Serana my negro girl Nake a bed
and furniture & a cow and calf. I give the residue of my estate not herein before
disposed of to my said wife to be at her absolute disposal.
I constitute and appoint Alexander Simmonds & John Selas Executors of
this my last will and bequeath. Witness my hand the sixth day of Decr.
A.D. 1824.

William Thompson

Witness
John ^{his} Selas.
Alexander ^{my} H. ^{will} Simmonds
^{not}

I agree and consent that my Father's Matter may exchange
Mahala the negro Willard to me by them for a negro girl by the name of
Rachel July 2nd 1827.

Martha S. Thompson

The above was made in the presence of Elyedean & John Selas &
say Thompson & Elyedean July the 2nd 1827.

State of Tennessee County Court
Franklin County November Term 1829

When the last will and testament of William Thompson
deceased was probated in open Court & duly proven by the oath of John
Selas a subscribing witness thereto and the said John Selas makes
oath that Alexander Simmonds was a subscribing witness to said will
who has since deceased it is therefore ordered by the Court that the
same be recorded

E. Russell Clk

Recorded in my office this 1st day of August 1828
E Russell Clk