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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*.

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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 1888. 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

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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.

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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 revoling all prior Wills.

In the first place I will that my just debts and funeral expenses befirst af all paid. In the next place I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth in case she survives me my negrow comin Milley and al Milley and also portion use and benefit during her natural life or widowthe one portion use and benefit during her hatural file or withow hood as the case shall be of the plantation and housewhereon I live the household and litche, furniture the horses cattle negros 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 shellings only. In like manner as I have advanced and provided for my son William W. Thempson I can do no more for him without manifest unjustice 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, Milliam Lucas, Sivina Lucas and the tw ins Caroline and Enchina I give to them five shillings each and through considering the helphess situation of some of them I could wish to do more my circumstanses will not authorize any further positive provisions.

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

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

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