

State of Tennessee
County of Lincoln County Court Oct Term 1862.

I David J. Whittington clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing last Will & Testament of George Hall deceased were proven in open court by the oaths of Thomas Hampton & A. W. Smith the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered by the court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament of George Hall dec'd. Witness David J. Whittington clerk of our said court at office the first Monday in October 1862.

David J. Whittington Clerk

I James Nelson of Lincoln County State of Tennessee being of a sound disposing mind & knowing that it is appointed that man shall die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament "viz"

1st I will that my just debts be paid by my executor herein after named out of any monies that shall first come into his hands of mine.

2nd I will that all my property, land & all be sold at public sale to the highest bidder, the perishable property on one year credit, the land on our ~~ten~~ year credit, with sufficient power to convey the title to the purchaser.

3rd I will that my children be made equal in the distribution of the net proceeds Mary D. Stephenson's children one Isaac R. Nelson one, Permelia Bledsoe son Thomas R. one, Nancy A. ~~Nelson~~ one, Lucy Patton one, Sarah A. Nelson one, John W. Nelson one, Emily J. Nelson one, Virginia P. Nelson one, -

4th I will that my son Isaac R. Nelson be my executor to carry into effect this my last will and Testament to which I subscribe or set my hand & seal in presence of these subscribing witnesses, this 12th August 1857.

James Nelson

Test D. A. Gilbert
J. L. Daves

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I David J. Whittington clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing last Will & Testament of James Nelson dec'd were proven in open court by the oaths of D. A. Gilbert & J. L. Daves the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered by the court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament of James Nelson dec'd. Witness David J. Whittington clerk of our said court at office the first Monday in Oct. 1862.

David J. Whittington Clerk

I know all men by these presents that I James Pitts being in a poor state of health but of sound mind & perfect memory, and being desirous before my death to arrange my temporal affairs that justice may be done to my surviving heirs, I therefore make & publish this as my last Will and testament, hereby revoking & making nul & void all former wills by me at any time made.

1st I direct that my funeral expenses & all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as convenient out of any monies that I die signed of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my Beloved wife Rachel, all my real & personal estate of every kind and description, to be hers during her natural life or widowhood and at her death to be disposed of as herein after directed.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to my Son Ephraim R. Pitts Six Hundred Dollars, which he has already received in a Negro woman named Monday & her son Bob. - also give my said Son Ephraim R. one Negro Boy John to his part in full of all my estate.

Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my Son Riley W. Pitts my Negro Boy George and to have possession of him at the time of my death, this to be his part in full of all my estate.

Fifthly - It is my Will that the balance of my property, not named above be equally divided