

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 decd. 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
our 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
D. A. Gilbert
J. L. Davis

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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 decd. were proven in open
court by the oaths of D. A. Gilbert & J. L. Davis the subscribing
witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered by the court to be
recorded as the last Will & Testament of James Nelson
decd. 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 seized
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
Pitts Six Hundred Dollars, which he has already
received in a Negro woman named Monday &
her son Bob. - also give my said Son Ephraim Pitts our
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

At the death of my wife among my following named
Heirs "To wit" William A. Pitts, Elizabeth M. Bright, Henry P. Pitts,
Leithy Dean, Jane M. Blair, Robert R. Pitts, James J. Pitts,
Thomas B. Pitts, Isaac R. Pitts, Wiley J. Pitts, also the
heirs of my two Daughters that is now dead, "To wit"
Adney C. Rowe, and Rachel A. Wall, is to have their
deceased Mother's part in my estate - but it is to be
the express understanding of this my Will that all my
Property shall remain with my wife during her
natural life or widowhood, except the Negro Boy
willed to my Son Wiley W. Pitts which he is to have
possession of at the time of my death -

It is further my wish that at the death of my wife
provided the Negroes can not be satisfactorily divided
among my heirs that they shall be sold on the
Plantation to the highest bidder, said sale not to
go out of the family, and further it is my
will that any property that I have given or may
give during my life to any of my children shall
remain with them and be accounted for as
any part of my estate -

and lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint Robert
R. Pitts and Robert Drummond sole Executors of this my
last Will, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal this the 24th day of August in the
year of our Lord 1855

Abner Scroggins

Signed Sealed & Published in our Presence & we have
hereunto subscribed our names in the presence & at the
request of the Testator the day & date above written.

Let
William Stewart

Clinton Marshall

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County Court October Term 1862
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of
said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing last Will &
Testament of ~~James Pitts~~ deceased were proven in
open court by the oaths of William Stewart & Clinton
Marshall the subscribing witnesses thereto, It is therefore
ordered by the court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament
of James Pitts Decd.
Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our said Court at
office the first Monday in Oct. 1862
Daniel J. Whittington, Clerk

Matthew H. Barter Tied to this

Matthew H. Barter I am going to write what I want
you to do with my property if I never get back home
I want you to administer on my estate, I want you to
see my land that I have in copartnership with A. L. Davidson
also my property of all kind except one bed a piece for the
two children and bed cloth and one trunk and one chest
I want them taken care of for the children then I want
you to be appointed guardian for the children, pay off
all my debts what money is left put it out on
interest till my children become of age, let my
children stay where they are unless something happens the
the old folks that they can take care of them, then do the
best you can for them, I want them reared in this
neighbourhood if suitable, I want you to see that
my children gets good learning keep my saddle and
then another saddle for them, also the spinning wheel
for mother Arlona

me

Brother please tied to this for

M. H. Barter will

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I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County
Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing
last will & Testament of M. H. Barter subd.