

Last Will and Testament of J. W. Hester die

Be it known to all whom it may concern that I, Isaac W. Hester a Citizen of the State of Tennessee residing near the Town of Fayetteville in the County of Lincoln and at present a Lieut in the Navy of the U. S. of America do hereby make my last Will and Testament as follows—After all my debts have been paid, I desire that all Money which is now, or may become due me by Note or otherwise may be divided into four equal parts; I bequeath one of these parts to my beloved Mother Mary Hester; two of said parts I leave to my affectionate Sister Ann B. Hester and the remainder I will unto my dear Mother W. H. Hester, the same to be disposed of as the said parties may think proper. Should my Mother Mary or should her death precede my own, then it is my wish that all the property whether in Money or otherwise which may become my portion of the estate, together with all Money due me by Note or otherwise may be divided into three equal parts, one and one third (1 1/3) of said parts I leave unto my Sister Ann B. Hester; one of said I bequeath to my Mother W. H. Hester; and I desire that the remaining two thirds of a part may be equally divided between my Mother Joseph S. and Elijah L. Hester. Should any of the aforesaid parties depart this life without being before this Testament be executed, then I desire that the portion which would have appertained to the one so dying may be equally between those above named. I leave my full dress, knife, my, Coated Hat, Espantils, and sword to my beloved Mother and after her death to the eldest Son of our family. I leave all my public documents and private Journals to my Mother W. H. Hester and after his death to be transferred to Sister Ann B. Hester. I desire that all my private letters without exception may be burned. I my friends Dr. A. C. Bonner and John M. Bright to superintend the execution of this my last Will and Testament from under my hand and seal the 15th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

William J. Caldwell
Ab. L. Humphreys

J. W. Hester

State of Tennessee }
Lincoln County } County Court June Term 1859
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of said County hereby Certify that the foregoing last Will and Testament of J. W. Hester deceased was this day duly proven in open Court by the oaths of William J. Caldwell and Ab. L. Humphreys the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court to be so Certified and Recorded as the Law directs.
Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our said Court in Fayetteville the 1st Monday in said Month
Daniel J. Whittington Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Charity Payne die
State of Tennessee Lincoln County — I Charity Payne of Lincoln County and State of Tennessee do hereby make this my last Will and Testament. I do will and bequeath unto Wm. B. White his equal divide of 200 Acres of Land lying on the West side of the Spring branch with an equal division with Amos and Chanton, Elizabeth and Quinn and Thomas Jefferson and also Will and bequeath to my Grand Children sons of the body being of Martha W. White Wife of James S. White to wit Amos and Charity Elizabeth and Diana Hanes and Thomas Jefferson; All the balance of my personal Estate consisting of forty six Acres and a fourth of Land lying in the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee and also the balance of my personal estate now in my possession, consisting of 2 Bed, Furniture and one Horse and one Wagon and saddle and one Bureau and one Clock and one Cupboard and furniture and one Linn all of which I am now possessed of. I do appoint Paul Single and D. B. Cooper my Executors to this my last Will and Testament this the 20th day of November 1853. Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of November 1853.
Charity Payne
D. B. Cooper

State of Tennessee }
Lincoln County } County Court March Term 1859
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of said County hereby Certify that the foregoing last Will and Testament of Charity Payne deceased was proven in open Court by the oaths of A. C. Bonner and D. B. Cooper at the present Term subscribing to same thereto. Whereupon the Court is so that the same be so Certified as the Law directs. Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our said Court in Fayetteville the 1st Monday in said Month
Daniel J. Whittington Clerk