

Last Will and Testament John S. Whitaker dec^d

State of Tennessee

Knowing the uncertainty of human life I John S. Whitaker do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament

My will is that my property be disposed of according to the laws of Tennessee State, except what I hereafter designate I give & bequeath to my son Rufus Whitaker, One thousand dollars (\$1000.00) over and above his equal share or portion, of my estate with the rest of my heirs - My son Charles now a resident of Texas probably had received as much or more than there will be for each of my other children for I held notes against or on him for some where about fourteen or fifteen hundred dollars & also on my memorandum book about Eleven hundred & thirty dollars charged as given to him on that memorandum book all of which said notes and memorandum book act, I do hereby declare shall be deemed as his legacy then for advanced & my portion both added together will amount to his full share of my estate, but on a final settlement and division of my estate all must be made equal by reference to all the legacy charges on my memorandum book & the various notes I hold in my possession against each of my heirs, the notes I held against each one of my children are to bear six per cent interest from the time they became due; but the overplus charged on my memorandum book the difference in the amounts then charged is not to bear interest but to be reconed in a final settlement of my estate as the last received I do hereby bequeath to the Indiana Mission Association One hundred dollars, I also bequeath to the China Mission Association One hundred dollars to be paid by my executors to the Southern Board of Land Associations & friends, I do hereby appoint my Son in Law's William Ches & Harrison Russ Executors to this my last Will & Testament in Witness Whereof I have signed with my hand and affixed my seal this 16 day of August 1846

Witness
W. J. Smith
Robert Morton
One thousand
and no hundred before
Signed
John S. Whitaker (Seal)

The last Will and Testament of Rhoda West of Lincoln County Tennessee

I Rhoda West considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of a sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (My) First I direct my last debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of the first money that may first come into the hands of my Executors Second, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah A. West the young gray mare named Amanda, if she brings a foal in the Spring it is to belong to my wife, and lastly to all the rest residue and remainder, of my Real & personal estate land money goods and Chattels of what kind and nature so ever, I give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Elizabeth West, requesting her, to give to my two youngest daughters Isabella C. West, and Eliza C. West One hundred dollars each, so as to furnish them a horse and saddle if she can during her life time, Confident that she will make an equitable distribution I leave it entirely at her disposal to sell or do with as she see fit I hereby appoint William Wyatt my executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 11th day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & fifty three

Rhoda West (Seal)
The above instrument consisting of One sheet was here subscribed by Rhoda West the Testator in the presence of each of us and was declared by her to be her last will and Testament and we at her request signed our names hereunto attesting Writings at the date thereof
William Wyatt
John Wyatt & Residing in Lincoln Co

Proven and admitted to record at the Leg. Term 1853 of the County Court & Record the 28th July 1853
George Cunningham Clk