

The Last Will & Testament of Stephen M. Hance Sen.

S. M. Hance April 25th 1850.

My Will and Wish is to secure
the comfort & convenience of my wife & Anne. If
she should be the longest liver I bestow her with all the
authority that I possessed in the control of what I leave
behind. Believing she will carry out my wish in an
equitable distribution among our children

- 2 Right, I wish to have three hundred and ninety five dollars as soon as it can be spared from the use of the family
- 3 I want S E H Blaney & N S G Blaney when they become of age to have One thousand dollars each as it can be spared from the use of family

Noting to the above will

S. M. Hance

131 Lane

H. L. Enoch

The above sentence, was corrected by my direction, that is a
 It regards the education of the children August 22 1853

S. M. Rouse.

The State of Alabama

Probate Court of Madison County May 5 1853.
To the Honorable Judge of Probate in and for the County Madison
State of Alabama.

1. The Petition of Charles H. Patton John E. Townsend Samuel Townsend and Edmund G. Lawrence, Sheweth unto Your Honor that Edmund Townsend late a citizen of said County of Madison departed this life at his residence in said County, after having made and published his last will and testament which is therewith filed and prayed to be taken as part of the petition. Said last will and testament bears date 25th January 1855 and was signed by said testator in the presence of George H. Prattain, Joseph C. Coggeshall and Lawrence Hobbins, who subscribed their names thereto in the presence of at the request of said testator.

Petitioners further state, that the said Edmund Townsend left no Widow Children or decedents, of Children and that the following named persons are his next of kin and him at last. Viz. Your petitioner Samuel Townsend who is a brother of said testator residing in said County of Madison, Samuel Johnson a sister residing in said County of Madison, Your petitioner John E. Townsend Montford R. Townsend, Samuel C. Townsend and Park Townsend, who are Children of said testator, ^{through} Park Townsend, who died in the lifetime of said testator and all of whom reside in said County of Madison, Elizabeth of Archibald Townsend, Jane wife of Upton Crow, Rebecca wife of Jones Crow, Ellen wife of Thomas Smith Mary Ann Townsend James Townsend Joseph Townsend and resided in the State of Virginia, Thomas Townsend and Samuel Townsend who resided in the State of Tennessee all of whom are Children of said testator deceased sister, Jane Townsend who died in the life time of said testator all of said next of kin are twenty one year of age except said Park Townsend who is under that age. By said will Your petitioners are made executor thereof. Petitioners pray that Citation may issue to each of said next of kin as one resident within this State requiring them to appear and show cause why said paper writing should not be acted as the last will and testament of Edmund Townsend and that a guardian ad litem may be appointed for said Park Townsend, that said subscribing witnesses be summoned