

This 25 day of Sept. 1886.

(Signed) M. B. Tate

The within Codicil to his last will is signed, sealed and subscribed by the Testator, M. B. Tate, in our presence and in the presence of each other, and is witnessed by us at his request. This Sept. 25th 1886.

(Signed) N. C. St John

(Signed) A. H. Tate.

Virginia: At a Court held for Smyth County
19 Sept. 1896

The last will and testament of M. B. Tate, deceased with the Codicils thereto annexed, was presented in Court, and the said will was proven by the oath of Jas H. Brewer subscribing witness thereto, and Codicil 2 was proven by the oath of N. C. St. John & A. H. Tate subscribing witnesses thereto, and the signature of M. B. Tate to first Codicil to said will was proven to be genuine and to be in handwriting of the testator, and the said will and Codicils are ordered to be recorded; and John R. Robinson & Mrs H. Wren, two of the executors named in the said will having refused to take upon themselves the burden of the execution thereof, and on motion of James D. Tate the other executor therein named who made oath thereto entered into and acknowledged his bond without security in the penalty of \$20,000⁰⁰ conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will with the Codicils annexed in due form of law.

Teste: J. H. Colleton, C. C.

State of Virginia }
County of Smyth } To wit:

I, W. C. Sexton Clerk of the County Court of said County and a Justice, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript of the record of the last will and testament of M. B. Tate, deceased, and probate thereof from the records of the said Court.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and annex the seal of said Court at office in the town of Marion, this 7th day of January 1896

W. C. Sexton Clerk

Virginia: County of Smyth

I G. H. Hodge Judge of the County Court of Smyth County, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that W. C. Sexton who hath given the foregoing certificate, is Clerk of the said Court, and that his attestation is in due form given under my hand this 7th day January 1896

G. H. Hodge
Judge

Last Will and Testament of
John W. Bowser Decd. Pro Valed Jan. Term 1896

- I John W. Bowser, of the County of Sullivan and the State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, and knowing that life is uncertain and that death is sure, to come sooner or later, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby by writing any and all other words to form none.
- 1st. I give that my burial expenses and doctor bills shall be paid as soon after my decease as it can be done.
- 2nd. I give grant and devise to my wife, Sarah Bowser all the real and personal estate of which I may die seized unless she should be one of the personal property that she may desire to keep or take care of and in that event my desire is that so much as she may not want shall be sold to the highest bidder, and the money applied as hereinafter provided. The above gift to my wife Sarah Bowser is for and during her life time, but at her death, my desire is that my real estate consisting of the farm on

which I now live, lying on the north side of
Highport and Janesboro road and containing
about 100 acres and all personal property left
by me and which may not be necessary
for the support and maintenance during life
shall be sold at public sale upon such
terms as my executor may think best say
twelve months time, and the proceeds of said
sale as to both realty and personally, when collected
shall divide equally between my brother and
sister, and the brother and sister of my
wife Laura formerly Laura Copass.

This sale to be made upon the condition that
George Slaughter to whom I have hitherto given
lifetime lease of land off the same upon which I now
live Louis water the balance, but if he dies, and
will pay to my executor the sum of one thousand
and eleven dollars to be by him divided and dis-
tributed as he in his own specified with in
or at the end of twelve months from the
death of my wife Laura. Then and in that
event it is my desire that he shall have
the land and that it shall not be sold at
public sale as he in his own designated.

3rd I desire that my wife Laura or my executor
shall (next) purchase and have situated at the
head and foot of my Grave bank or grave stones
with suitable inscriptions thereon.

4th Such money as may come into the hands
of my Executor from a sale of personal
property immediately after my decease
in the event my wife shall decide to
have a part of the same sold at once, shall
be applied in the payment of any claims against
my estate of a legal character, and the bal-
ance, if any, shall be put at interest, with
a view of distribution among and between
the parties herein before designated.

5th Any claim or claims for money due and
owing to me. I desire shall be collected by
my executor and the money put at interest
with a view of distributing as before

continued
Signed on this the 29th day of May 1895
Signed in the
presence of:
J. F. Nite
A. L. C. Campbell.

John W. ^{his} Barker
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Proven in open Court by the oath of A. L. C. Campbell
and continued for further proof. This the 6th day of
July 1896

J. M. Sam. Clerk.
Continued for further proof until July 15/1896
when same was fully proven by the oath of J.
F. Nite & the same having been adjudged by the
Court to have been the last will and testament of
John W. Barker deceased and ordered to be recorded
in the books of records, this July 15/1896

J. M. Sam. Clerk

Last Will and Testament of

L. G. Dryden Dec. & Proved Feb'y Term 1896

In the name of God Amen
I, L. G. Dryden a citizen of Sullivan County Ten-
nessee being of sound and disposing mind and
memory do make, ordain and establish this
my last will and testament hereby revoking
all former wills at any time by me made
First I give my soul to God to be disposed of ac-
cording to his pleasure.
Second I request my Executors here in after named to
have me buried in a decent and Christian like
manner and to have suitable tomb stones placed
at my grave.
Third I direct my Executors to pay all of my just
debts and funeral expenses out of any
money I may have in hand at my death.