

Last Will & Testament

John Hite Decd. (Prob. Oct. Term 1897)

State of Tennessee {
 Sullivan County { I, John Hite of the County
 of Sullivan and State
 of Tennessee being of sound mind and
 memory, and knowing the uncertainty
 of life, do make and publish this my
 last will and testament hereby revoking
 all others

Item 1st I desire my funeral expenses and
 doctor bills paid as soon after my decease
 as it can be done.

Item 2nd It is my desire that all lands of which
 I may die seized shall be equally divided
 among my seven children to wit:
 Jacob & Hite, Taylor Hite, Emma Hite, Hester
 Hite, Helen Hite, Myrtle Dingle and W.D.
 Hite, and in case they cannot agree in the
 division of the same then it is my desire
 that they select three disinterested men
 one of whom shall be a practical sur-
 veyor, who shall divide the land as nearly
 equal as they can, so far as the value of the
 same are concerned.

Item 3rd I specially desire that my daughter Emma
 who is weakly and not able to do any physical
 labor of any consequence, shall have her
 share of my lands around the house when
 I now live and which share shall include
 all the buildings around my home residence
 and which building, I desire shall not be in-
 cluded or estimated in the division of the
 land. I furthermore desire that my said
 daughter Emma shall allow the other chil-
 dren to have fruit and of the orchard
 at the home residence as far as she can
 without disturbing herself.
 In laying off the share of my daughter
 Emma, for the lands referred to, I desire

that she shall have all the portion of my home
 farm, lying South East from the top of the little
 ridge at the corner of the farmage lot that por-
 tions her with timber sufficient as I think
 to answer any use she may have for it during
 her life time.

It is my desire and I her so express it that
 the lane or passage way from the public road
 as it now runs shall be kept open down to
 the water at the branch or creek.
 This road lying near the residence of my present
 home.

Item 4 I hereby give and bequeath to my son J. F. Hite
 a certain lot of land containing about five
 acres lying north of the public road, opposite
 the old Adell shop lying in this the 18th civil
 district. I sold this land to him several years
 ago but then ~~was~~ was any and made and
 for that reason, I her refer to it and desire
 that he shall have it, and that it shall not be
 taken in to the account in a division of my
 lands.

I do furthermore fix on the following line of
 division of lands bought by he and I jointly
 several years ago from Hunt and Bashon
 beginning in the middle of the road at the old
 Blacksmith shop (known as Adells) running
 with the lane or road, to the cross fence be-
 tween me and Frank, and then with the said
 fence to the woods at the hill and then parallel
 with the George Slaughter line to the top
 of the ridge, and then with the said ridge to or
 near Slaughter or Carrolls line.

Item 5 I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter
 Emma, the Bureau and clock that I now
 have, also a cow such as she may select,
 and such other personal property as I may
 have. I desire shall be ^{divided} equally among and
 between my other children, not including Emma.
 I further desire that any notes or claims I
 may have, or that may be due me shall be divided
 by my children equally among themselves, as I

thus in that way it will be better for each and all: the children themselves being my principal actors. In this connection I desire to say that my son Frank is due me on the four cents of bond I sold him about the sum of fifty five or sixty dollars for which I have no note or other evidence of indebtedness, which amount I desire shall be divided among or between all my children.
Signed and witnessed on this the 17th day of May 1897

Witnessed by
J. B. Curtis
R. W. DeFert

Proven in open Court by the oaths of J. B. Curtis & R. W. DeFert subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will on this the 4th day of Oct. 1897, until the same was adjudged & decreed by the Court to be the last will and testament of John Hite dec'd. & ordered to be recorded at the Court of Hills.
This Oct 4th 1897

Jas Fair Clerk

Last Will & Testament of
Hannah P. Moody. { Probated Nov Term 1897

I Hannah P. Moody, being of sound mind and memory, do make this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills made by me at any time.

- First. I desire that my funeral expenses, Dr Bill and all of my just debts be paid.
Second. I will devise & bequeath all my property, household, personal, and real to my ^{intended} Sarah E. Moody in fee simple, to have and dispose of at her pleasure, except as follows.
Thirdly. I appoint J. W. B. Moody as trustee of all my property for the use and benefit of my said sister Sarah and make him her lawful agent in all contracts as to same.
Fourth. I hereby appoint W. H. Good as the Executor of this my last Will.

This Oct 2. 1897

Hannah P. Moody
made.

Attest.
W. A. Robinson.
J. M. Miller

Proven in open Court by the oaths of W. A. Robinson and J. M. Miller subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will, and the same was adjudged and decreed by the Court to be the last will and testament of Hannah P. Moody dec'd. and ordered to be recorded in the Court of Hills. This Nov 12. 1897

Jas Fair Clerk