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declaring and making void all others of any kind whatever. In witness whereof I have this day set my hand and seal, it being the 18th day of April in the year of our Lord 1872

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of — Alfred Gloner (Seal)

J. N. McGarry
A. J. Hicks — on the day and date above written

Proven in open Court Dec 1st 1873
Test James P. Rader Clerk

The Last Will & Testament of John W. Blevins Sen.

In the name of God Amen. I John W Blevins of Sullivan County and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: That is to say I first direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid immediately after my decease. Item first I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret my black mare, also one bed of her own selection, and all necessary bed clothing to make it comfortable: I also give and devise to my wife Margaret possession full possession of my dwelling house, the one I now reside in. she is also to draw her support from that part of my land that I now reside upon lying west of the division line run by James Pilcher for and during her natural life

Item second I give and devise to my daughter Catherine Odell, that tract or parcel of land lying on the east side of my old survey and detached from that portion of my land that I now reside upon by a division line of the same as above by Jas Pilcher and containing by estimation Two hundred and fifty and One fourth acres more or less and bounded as follows. Beginning at a Spruce pine on the river bank a new corner to a division line S 85½ E 61 P. to a Chestnut S 54 W 15 P. to a poplar N 34 E 55 P. to a sycamore S 45½ W 34 P. to a stake

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S 7½ W. 17½ P. to a stake, N° 77. E 43 P. to a white oak S° 88. E 120 P. to a poplar N° 68 E 22 P. to a white oak S° 39½ E. to a walnut, new corner on old line N° 68 E 101 P. to poplar N° 82 E 50 P. to a fallen beech on the river bank N° 68½ W. 32 P. with the river N° 35 W 24 P N° 62 W 68 P. N° 78 W 14 P. N° 65 W 67 P. N° 48 W 96 P N° 70 W. 88 P. N° 63 W 14 P. to the Beginning. The above described tract of land, to the said Catherine Odell and to her and her Child or children I will and devise it forever.

Item third, I will and devise to my daughter Ruth Shipley and to her Children all that part of my land lying west of a division line run by Jas Pilcher containing by estimate about two hundred and eighty seven acres more or less, with this proviso that my wife Margaret as before stated is to hold possession of my dwelling house the same that I now reside in during her natural life and draw her support from the products of said Land.

Also give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Shipley and her children all my personal estate of every kind and description, to her and her children I devise it forever.

Item fourth. I nominate and appoint my two sons in law, James Shipley, and David Odell my executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all wills or testaments heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal. This April 24th 1871

Acknowledged and signed in our presence and at the Testators request sign as witnesses thereto — John W Blevins (Seal)

Wm D B Blevins
Caleb R Morrell

Proven by oath of Caleb R Morrell subscribing witness & hand writing of W. D. B Blevins proven by J. D. Odell & J. N. McGarry upon oath in open Court. Jany 8th 1876

A. J. Lex Clerk