

State of Tennessee Sullivan County
The last will of Stephen Adams Decd.

State of Tennessee & Stephen Adams of the County
 Sullivan County, and state aforesaid being of
 sound mind and disposing me-
 mory do make this my last will and testament revok-
 ing all others made heretofore to wit after paying all
 my just debts and funeral expenses & bequeathing unto
 all my son children all my personal and real estate
 to be equally divided between Sarah J. Adams wife of Ad-
 ams, Mary Ann Adams, Rebecca M. Adams, Esquire
 N. Adams, David Elias Adams, David Elias Adams to
 have his part where I now live or so much of it
 as will come to his part the house and improvements.
 My desire is for the rest of children to divide all the
 rest of my land peacefully and friendly and agree on
 each one's lot before divided, notes and personal pro-
 perty that I am possessed of to be divided as above
 mentioned. If there is more than they want to keep
 then it must be sold by my executors. My desire is
 that all grow here till they marry or go to their own
 homes. Shortly after my death my executor to take
 an inventory of all my personal property then the
 children can see what they need to carry on the farm
 the balance to be sold. Jesus Adams is to be reasonable
 support during his natural life. If they my children
 want to sell their part in said land my desire is
 that they may sell to each other but not to strangers
 I do appoint John Barnes or James H. Adams and George
 Hill my executors, and they are not to give security.
 I witness whereof I set my hand and seal this second
 day of July, 1863.

Signed sealed & delivered by
 the testator as his last will
 Testament in presence of us

A. S. Hamming
 David Erwin

Stephen Adams
 His mark

Proven 7th July 1863.

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 State of Tennessee & John C. Rutledge Clerk of the
 Sullivan County Court for said County
 hereby certify this within to be
 a true copy of the last will and testament of Stephen
 Adams Decd. as appears proven of record in my office
 now under my hand and official
 seal at office in Knoxville this 20th
 day of August 1863



John C. Rutledge Clk.

Submitted to Record by order of Court in lieu of orig-
 inal July 21, 1871.

Geo. H. Cox, Clerk.

The last will of Margaret Netherland
 Samuel P. Catlett In this cause, it appearing to
 Thomas R. Catlett the Court that the Defendants
 and others Thomas R. Catlett, Char. L. Long
 and wife Fanny Long, formerly Fanny Catlett and
 Joseph Harris Administrator of Thomas R. Catlett sa-
 decedent, have been regularly brought before the Court
 by due and legal notice, given by publication in the
 "Bristol News" a newspaper published in the town
 of Bristol, County of Sullivan, Tennessee. That the said
 Defendants have failed to appear to make any defen-
 ce within the time allowed them by law. Therefore
 on motion of the Complainant by his solicitor, it
 is ordered and decreed by the Court, that judgment
 pro Confesso be and the same is hereby taken and en-
 tered against the said Defendants, and the Cause
 set down for hearing ex parte.
 And this Cause came on to be heard by the Ho-
 norable N. C. Smith, Chancellor, this 18th day of May
 1871, upon the Bills and exhibit thereto, and the judg-
 ment pro confesso taken and entered above, from wh-
 ich it appears to the satisfaction of the Chancellor, that
 in the year 1839, Margaret Netherland, the grand mother
 of the Complt. made and executed a last will and

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testament, and soon thereafter died. That said last will and testament was duly and legally proven and recorded according to law, in the Circuit Court of Sullivan County, in the State of Tennessee, on the 4th day of October, 1841, that some time in the year 1863, said last will and testament, and all the records relating thereto, were destroyed by fire, which was unintentional on the part of the Complamant; That a full and correct copy of said will has been procured, and is made Exhibit A to the Bill filed in this Cause, and is in the words and figures following, to wit:

Copy of Margaret Netherland's will & knowing the proper & Exhibit A. to Bill

I give to my daughter Warren Beckwith, my girl Sally; To Maria Beckwith, nelly or the price of a good negro, as she may choose. To give to my son John Netherland Jordan, and confirm my promise that I wanted nothing of the proceeds but the comfortable provision for our family, and any thing that might be over should be his, knowing he would have to expend smartly to make ready for farming, as most of my negroes were unsuitable for the field, he had to hire, and in fact he bought to have had it. The other servants I divide between my three youngest daughters, and hope they will keep the different families together as far as practicable. I should any desire to still I want them sold to some of my family - should any die without issue, the servants I give them is to revert to Richard Cloud, Richard son of G. W. Netherland, and Richard, son of Jas. Rogan, or any of my youngest daughters progeny, the owner may prefer, future occurrences may justify the privilege of a different legatee.

I then this is my will, if no effort is made to cancel my husband's will, but if an effort is made I can not aid them, and in lieu of what I have devised, I give \$1. There is an unsettled case in

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my father's estate, should any thing be coming to me I give it to G. W. Netherland, J. W. Netherland, John Netherland and the Children of son David Netherland first wife my three youngest daughters, I leave Benjamin Cloud, G. W. Netherland and John Netherland my Executors, If any difficulties, desire them to take legal fees. The difference I make in said Children is from motives of equity, the oldest have an interest in their self-mothers legacy. The youngest Children is equally dear to me, although not entirely bereft of parents. I believe my self to be in possession of my reason, and choose to have my will witnessed by persons boarding under the same roof, entirely uninterested

Geo. Benjamin Birdwell for Margaret Netherland
Joseph Birdwell
George Cloud

July 6, 1839

Provd. 4 Octo. 1841

By Henry Cloud

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that said Copy be, and the same is hereby set up, substituted and established as the last will and testament of said Margaret Netherland deceased, for all intents and purposes, and that the Clerk, Master of this Court shall certify a copy thereof to the County Court of Sullivan County, which Court shall receive and record the same, which when so received and recorded shall answer all the purposes of the original will, either in law or equity, and may be used in all respects, and to the same extent that said original will could have been used, had the same never been destroyed.

And it further appearing to the Court that the said Testatrix bequeathed certain slaves to her three youngest daughters, that one of said daughters viz, Margaret W. was then the widow of James Lynn, died that some time thereafter the said three daughters of the Testatrix make a division of the negroes bequeathed to them in which division a negro boy, or man, named Sam was set apart to and received by the said Margaret W. Lynn, who thereby became her absolute property.

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That subsequently thereto, the said Margaret W. Quinn married Thomas R. Catlett or and removed with him to the state of Virginia, taking said slave with her to that state, that sometime thereafter Margaret W. Catlett died leaving the complainant her only child and heir at law, that some time after the death of said Margaret W. the said Thomas R. Catlett or, sold said slave to one Alexander Hindley, and for the purchase money or a portion thereof took this note, which is in the hands, or under the control of the Deft. Joseph Harris the Administrator of said Thomas R. Catlett now deceased, that the defendants to Thomas R. Catlett and Henry Long, are children of the said Thomas R. Catlett or, by a previous marriage, who claim an interest in said note, which claim is contested or denied by the complainant.

The Court is further pleased to order and decree that in settling the rights of the parties in regard to said note, the complainant shall have all the benefits from the said copy of said will that he could or might have had under the said original will had the same not been destroyed. It is further ordered, and decreed that the Compt. pay the costs of this cause, for which execution may issue.

State of Tennessee J. J. Phillips Clerk of the County and State of Tennessee
Sullivan County

do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Decree pronounced by the Chancery Court at Blountville Tennessee on the 18th day of May 1871 in the case therein named, the Hon. H. L. Smith Chancellor &c presiding - as the same appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Blountville Tenn the 30th day of June A.D. 1871.

J. J. Phillips

Will Drawn at Sullivan County Court

The last will and Testament of John I. Smith

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I John I. Smith of the County and State aforesaid do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament, revoking all other wills by me at any time made 1st I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Barbara, in the event that she live longer than I do all of my personal property of every description for her use and support in the following manner to wit:

In the first place I desire that she keep a sufficiency of stock on the place to cultivate the land & for common farm uses and also of other stock such as cattle hogs &c as much as may be needed for customary uses & purposes, and the remainder if there be any with any other personal property that may not be needed on the farm be sold, the proceeds of which to be applied as hereinafter provided.

In the second place I will & bequeath to my wife one note of hand I hold on John W. Shew for fifty dollars and I further will and direct that all other notes and accounts that I may have on different persons be collected immediately and that the funds arising therefrom together with the proceeds of the sale of my personal property heretofore mentioned, and any monies that may be on hand at my decease, after paying my debts if there be any and the legal costs of winding up my estate be invested in Government bonds (State or United State as may be best) and that the interest arising therefrom be regularly collected and paid over to my wife Barbara for her own use.

2nd At the death of myself my beloved wife Barbara will and bequeath all of my personal property of every description to my dear niece Mary Barbara his daughter of my sister Martha & of Mary Helen his wife.

3rd I will and bequeath to Barbara Smith youngest daughter of my brother J. M. Smith the tract of land containing about thirty acres lying on east side of the Blountville road and being the same upon which the said J. M.