

Will of Lemuel Sullivan County

my sister Marriet Rockfield and her daughter forever and that nothing heretofore written in this my last will and testament be otherwise construed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and date above written.

In presence of Maryant W. Walllett,
Edmond Longley To each and all of whom (as) the
James Orr said Maryant W. Walllett did and
Joseph Haskett doth declare the above to be her last
Ann R. Stagg will and testament.

Virginia

At a Court Contained and held for Washington County the 26th day of March 1867

The last will and testament of Maryant W. Walllett deceased was proved by the oaths of Edmond Longley and ordered to be filed at the office of the Clerk of this Court
 With James C. Campbell Esq.

Virginia

At a Court Contained and held for Washington County the 29th day of August 1871

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Maryant W. Walllett deceased was produced in open Court for probate and proved by the oaths of Joseph Haskett and Anna R. S. Readman formerly Anna R. S. Stagg two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the same is ordered to be recorded.

Teste Wm G Young, Esq.

Virginia Washington County to wit.

I Wm G. Young Clerk of the County Court of the County and state aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of Maryant W. Walllett deceased and also the order of Court admitting the same to probate as appears of record in my office.

County Court of Washington County to wit.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Court aforesaid this 1st day of November 1871. Wm G. Young, Esq.

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Virginia

Washington County

I R. M. Page Judge of the County Court of Washington do certify that Wm G. Young whose genuine official signature is subscribed to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the County Court of Washington and that his said Certificate is in due form of law.

Witness my hand at Abingdon Virginia this 1st day of November 1871.

R. M. Page Judge

County Court of Washington County to wit. 1st November 1871
 Recited to be recorded by the County Court of Washington County to wit.

The last Will and Testament of Peter Rubin Deed.

In the name of God Amen

I Peter Rubin being of sound mind and disposing memory knowing well it is appointed for man to die commemmorating death to God and dispose of my worldly effects in the following manner to wit

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Rubin the farm on which I now live; and so much of my personal property as she may want to have and hold during her natural life should she outlive me, and at her death to go to my daughter Mary Rogers wife of Jessie & Rogers. And at her death to go to her children Jessie & Rogers.

2nd I give and bequeath to my two sons John H. Rubin and Charles P. Rubin all my personal property that my wife Elizabeth Rubin may not want at my death and what she may receive shall go to them at her death also all money and cash notes that may be on hand at my death shall be equally divided between my two sons above named.

It is my will and desire that my daughter Mary Rogers and her husband Jessie Rogers remain on the farm after my death should I die before my wife.

3rd It is my will and desire that Mary Rogers Jessie & Rogers her husband above named furnish my wife Elizabeth Rubin a good and sufficient support and furnish her a horse that she can ride when she desires to do so.

Sullivan County Court Blountville Town

5th and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint John Beard and Peter K. Rogers my executors to this my last will and testament, and desire that they faithfully execute the same.

Signed sealed in presence of witnesses this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty six
Witnesses

Peter Goable J. G. Goable Peter Kuhn
William A. Beard

Proven in open Court by Peter Goable & J. G. Goable December 1st 1871. Attest etc.

Circuit Court Sullivan County, Sumpter

L. G. Dryden Esq.
of Martin Bookher Dead
Elo Bookher and wife
Mahala Bookher

Plaintiff

Monday July 26, 1869
Be it remembered that a regular term of the Circuit Court began and held for the County of Sullivan at the Court house in the town of Blountville on the 1st Monday in July in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Sixty nine and of the American Independence the Ninety second.

Present and presiding the Hon. W. C. Gillumwaters Judge of the First Judicial Circuit

Thursday July 29th 1869

L. G. Dryden Esq. The plaintiff produces a writing in which he is nominated as executor of Elo Bookher and said which is in the words & figures his wife Mahala following to wit:

Bookher To Martin Bookher of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and Considering the uncertainty of life do therefore make order publish and

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declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say just after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal

1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Phillips formerly Ziza Bookher four acres of land including the land where Isaac Phillips now lives up and down the creek and the land over the creek opposite the house where said Phillips lives.

2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Louisa Bookher all the balance of this plantation on which I now live to her and her heirs. I give & forever also all my household and kitchen furniture and all of my personal property.

3rd I give to Wm Bookher one Dollar.

To Catherine Sampson one Dollar.

To Mahala Bookher one Dollar.

To Andrew Bookher one Dollar.

To C. J. Bookher one Dollar.

To Ulysses Baldwin one Dollar.

To Rebecca Marshall one Dollar.

Lastly I nominate and appoint L. G. Dryden my executors of this last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

Signed sealed in the presence of
A. W. H. Gilman Martin Bookher
A. C. Bookher marks

Tuesday March 2^d 1868.

Proven in open Court by A. B. Simpson Clerk
And the said Plaintiff avers that the said writing purporting to be the last will and testament, of the said Martin Bookher deceased and the said testator avers that the said instrument of writing is not the last will and testament of the said Martin Bookher deceased.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that a jury come to try the issue joined between the parties

Monday March 28, 1870

Be it remembered that at a regular term of the Circuit Court began and held for the County of Sullivan at the Court house in the town of Blountville on the 1st Monday of March 1870. Present W. C. Gillumwaters Judge of the First Judicial Circuit.

State of Seneca Sullivan County

Wednesday March 31st 1870

Alv. Bookher & wife Contested will.

vs
L. G. Dryden Plaintiff of party until the next term of
this Court.

Wednesday March 27th 1871.

State of Seneca

Be it remembered that at a regular term of the Circuit Court began and held for the County of Sullivan at the Court house in Blountville on the 27th instant being the 27th day of March A.D. 1871 was present before the Hon. L. E. Gillenwaters Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, the following proceedings were had and entered of record to wit:

L. G. Dryden vs This Cause is continued as on affidavit of the Plaintiff of the death or payment of the costs of the Plaintiff & wife of this term.

It is therefore Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the costs affixed for which Execution may issue.

Monday July 24th 1871

Be it remembered that at a regular term of the Circuit Court began and held for the County of Sullivan at the Court house in Blountville on the 24th instant being the 24th day of July One thousand eight hundred and seventy one and of the Independence of the United States the ninety fifth was present before the Hon. L. E. Gillenwaters Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Seneca

Tuesday July 27th 1871

L. G. Dryden vs. vs. Come the parties by their attorneys of Martin Bookher & wife and also a Jury of good and lawful men of Sullivan County to wit Bookher & wife vs. L. G. Dryden & Joseph A. Tongasco, John Haw by William Beckles, Mr. Wm. Pitty Robt. Brice, Wm. Bartland, John Stiles, R. D. Harr, Wm. Thomas, David Brum, Isaac Hicks, and William Suddgrass who being elected trial and sworn the truth to speak upon the aforesaid trial and the trial progressing and there not being time to conclude the same to day said jury is adjourned from rendering a verdict until to morrow until which

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time this cause is continued

vs
L. G. Dryden Plaintiff

vs
Come the parties by their Attorneys, Alv. Bookher & wife and also a Jury of good and lawful men of Sullivan County to wit, A. Tongasco, John Hawley, Wm. F. Martin, Tully, Robert Green, Wm. Bartland, John Hill, Dr. Harr, David Brum, Wm. Thomas, Isaac Hicks and William Suddgrass who being elected trial and sworn the truth to speak on the issue joined upon their oaths do say that the writing mentioned in the issue is the last will and testament of Martin Bookher deceased. Wherefore it is adjudged by the Court that said writing is the last will and testament of the said Martin Bookher deceased and that the Plaintiff record of the same the books herein annexed. Ordered further that the Clerk copy a copy of the record in this case to the County Court of Sullivan County, together with the original will to be there recorded.

State of Seneca vs. vs. A. H. Bullock Clerk of the Circuit Court of County & State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and perfect transcript of the record in the above named cause as the same now appears of record in my office
Seal of the Circuit Court under my hand & seal of office at the Clerk's office in Blountville on the 24th day of Nov. 1871
John L. Nichols, Clerk.

John L. Nichols Joseph Anderson vs. vs. Come the cause coming on to be further heard and determined on the 26th day of November 1871 before the Hon. W. C. Smith Chancellor
Samuel White Hines before the Hon. W. C. Smith Chancellor

Upon the Bill of Complaint the cause of Hills judgment vs. Plaintiff here toforo regularly taken and entered against the Plaintiff who have not appeared to the discontinuance or audience on file from Hines in the cause &c. &c.

And it appearing to the Chancellor that the Testator

State of Sumpter Sullivan County

Sam'l. Rhin departed this life about the time stated in the will leaving a last will and Testament, in which Compl't were named and appointed his executors, and that they qualified as such Executors, and went forward in the execution of said will after the same was admitted to probate in the County Court of said Sullivan County, and that said original will was destroyed by fire to the burning of the Clerk House in the year 1863, and it further appearing that a memorandum of said will has been prepared by a substantial copy thereof, by said Compl't, John S. Rhin or in the family of the Testator and that the same has been overruled by the order of Compl't and admitted in the Circuit C. of said which is in the words and figures following to wit.

The Last Will and Testament of Sam'l. Rhin.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Sam'l. Rhin being sound in mind but yet in body do make this my last will and Settlement of all other.

I commit my soul unto God, who gave it, believing that my body will be resurrected by the power of Jesus Christ, that soul and body will be reunited, that through his righteousness all that in him shall be saved.

Do, & will that my funeral expenses be paid and all my just debts.

I do appoint as the executors of this my last will and testament Jos. R. Anderson and John S. Rhin, They shall not be required to give bond or security & shall settle debts as they may think best, not exceeding specie in any case.

I will and bequeath to the Elders of the Presbyterian Church at Blountville Tenn, and their successors in office Two Hundred Dollars to be kept at interest and the interest paid Annually to the Pastor of said Church, the amount to be paid two months from the time said Executors enter upon their office.

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5th I will and bequeath one tenth of the monies in hand of and on the way to J. A. Quigley, Augusta S. C. and James Boyd, Lynchburg Va now being invested in Cotton and tobacco. He aid in establishing a Southern Bible Society in the Confederate States, and in the event a profit is realized from said investments, my executors are to pay one tenth of the profit realized, to aid said society, and in the event no profit is realized, they pay only one tenth of the original investment.

6th My will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha the whole of my house hold property, also one third of my real estate in Term, & if she prefer it, the interest upon one third of the value of the same. I also will and bequeath to her, the third of all my debt, Cash in hand & bonds.

7th I will and bequeath to my son John S. Rhin my silver watch.

8th I will and bequeath that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between my children, Mrs. J. Rhin, Fannie A. Ward, Mrs. Jas. B. Frost, Robt No. & little, Mrs. Maggie & to be paid them when they arrive at the age of twenty one years, or whenever they may be married.

9th I will and bequeath that my colored man George Chorso & his prolelter my son John S. Rhin, or any of the other children he may select, who shall him his soul, the one half of his hire to be retained by my executors & the other half to be used by himself for his own support.

10th I will and bequeath that my colored man Jerry remain with my wife if he prove faithful.

In witness whereof I subscribe my name to this my last and Testament this day of February 1863

John S. Rhin
A. B. Siflin
John Isaac Smith

Sam'l. Rhin,