

Education of my children. This is to include all personal property on the second notes and accounts that may be due me. Money on hand or in the bank. Household and kitchen furniture, and all my personal estate wherever it may be.

It is my will and I direct that my beloved wife Ann Maria Deane Caples shall have the exclusive use, benefit and control of all my real estate, during her natural life, which said real estate consists of the farm on which I now live, known as the John C. Carter farm, and two tracts and lots situated in the town of Mendon, Massachusetts on the East side of the river in said town, and adjoining each other and adjoining the property of J. D. Conners in the north; and at the death of my wife, it is my will, and I direct that all my real estate for aforesaid in kind, equally divided in my children, I direct none to go to so leave in my children justice to each of them: but if this cannot be done, then it is my will, that my Executor hereinafter named, shall sell all my real estate, so early as or soon thereafter as in his judgment, will best answer the interest of my children; and the proceeds of such sale, after paying all debts and expenses, be equally divided among all my children.

It is my will, and I direct, that should my beloved wife Ann Maria Deane Caples, during her life, after my death, that all the provisions made for her, in the will hereinbefore, in my will shall be forfeited, and she and no one shall have the use and benefit of my real estate and the same in such event shall, in my will shall now or again, have in my lifetime, to my children, who shall in case my wife Maria (again), have the immediate possession of all my real estate to be disposed of by them, as provided in the 4th and 5th of my will.

It is my will and I direct, that my Executor hereinafter named, in case of the sale of my real estate shall have, and he is hereby clothed with power to make, execute, and deliver and or deed to the

purchase or purchasers of my real estate, with legal covenants of warranty as to title and to place the purchase or purchasers thereof in the peaceable and quiet possession of the same.

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of June 1911, and the seal of said Court.

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The foregoing written instrument was read in the Court of the County of Bristol, and signed, sealed, and attested in presence of the undersigned Justices of the Peace, on the 15th day of June 1911, before me said Justice of the Peace, and the same was read and attested by me, and the same was read and attested by me, and the same was read and attested by me.

Attest my hand and seal this 15th day of June 1911.

Last Will and Testament of
Chas. H. Vance, deceased.

The last Will and Testament of Chas. H. Vance, exr. I, Chas. H. Vance, exr. a citizen and resident of Bristol Superior County, State of Tennessee, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and the importance while in the enjoyment of health both in body and mind, of making such disposition of the property I own in this great goodness, has bequeathed the same as is in accordance with my wishes and desires, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all

other Wills I may at any time have hereafter made.

First Clause

I Will and desire that as soon after my death as possible and convenient, all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executors out of my estate, I desire that my funeral shall be simple and unostentatious and attended with as little expense as possible and that my grave be marked with plain simple and unexpensive, but durable Tomb Stones, with such brief and unostentatious inscriptions thereon as my dear wife and children may direct.

Second Clause

I give Will devise and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick the lot of ground I own lying in the Town of Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee, in the 17 Civil district of said County fronting on Sixth Street, of said Town, on the Western side of said Sixth Street, and adjoining the lot on which my residence when I now live in said Town, is situated and South of same, bounded on the South by Cherry Street, on the East by Sixth Street, on the North by the Right by the line fence that separates the lot herein devised from my said residence lot, and on the West by Calderwood Alley, being the same lot on which my stable, corn crib and carriage house now stands, to have and to hold unto her the said Rebecca M. Hedrick in fee simple forever.

I also Will and devise and bequeath to my said daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick my Mare Maud that I have kept at home in Bristol for the use of myself and family as a family horse sending her to the farm sometimes especially during the winter season when she cannot be used by the family, to be worked and used moderately, but in giving this Mare to my daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick, I desire that she shall be used and worked for the benefit of my wife and my two daughters Margaret and the said Rebecca and her husband Chas. S. Hedrick and their children during the life time of my wife,

as my wife shall direct and during the time she is so used she is to be fed from the crops from the farm, and if at any time it is desired she may be sent to the farm to be worked and used moderately and at the death of my said wife then such use of her as above mentioned is to cease, and my said daughter is from that time to have the absolute ownership and possession of said Mare Maud to do with as she desires as her own property.

Third Clause

I Will give, devise and bequeath to my beloved daughter Margaret J. Calderwood all the land which my residence now stands in which I now live, situated in Bristol, Sullivan County Tennessee, in the 17 Civil district of Sullivan County fronting on said Sixth Street in said Town, bounded on the East by Sixth Street, on the South by the line fence that separates this lot from the lot hereinbefore devised to my daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick; on the West by Calderwood Alley; and on the North by the line fence that separates the lot now owned by Mrs. Saml. S. Shrig from the lot herein devised in this third clause together with the residence house, and buildings, houses, out houses and improvements thereon, being or situated, to have and to hold unto her the said Margaret J. Calderwood in fee simple forever, I also Will devise and bequeath to my said daughter Margaret J. Calderwood all the house hold and kitchen furniture and all other personal property that may be in said residence house, or out houses on said lot or that may be on said lot belonging to me at the time of my death, but that to include any of the personal property in said buildings or houses on said lot or on said lot belonging to my dear wife or to my dear daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick and husband Chas. S. Hedrick or to either of them, but such personal property in said residence house or other buildings on said lot, on or said lot belonging to me at the time of my death aforesaid.

I also Will devise and bequeath to my said daughter Margaret J. Calderwood my carriage

and all harness belonging to the same, also the forks saddle and bridle and hators in the stable and crib, also the shovel and cutting box knife I also will devise give and bequeath to my said daughter Margaret J. Vance my mare Kate that I keep at the farm.

But it distinctly understood that the devise and bequeath made in this the third clause of my will is made to my daughter Margaret J. Vance, subject to the trust and provisions hereinafter made.

Fourth Clause

I will give devise and bequeath to my beloved sons James Isaac Vance, who now resides in Newark New Jersey, Joseph Anderson Vance, who now resides in Chicago Illinois, and Charles Robertson Vance, who now resides in Norfolk Virginia, and to my beloved daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick, my farm on Beaver Creek in Sullivan County Tennessee, about six miles southwest of Bristol Tennessee in the 4 civil district of Sullivan County Tennessee, being the same farm heretofore purchased by me from Ira N. Pendleton the boundaries of which are set forth and described in the deed of Ira N. Pendleton and wife to me dated the 3 day of December 1871, and registered in the Register's Office of Sullivan County Tennessee at Knoxville in Book Vol 50 pages 441 to 446 in which reference is hereby made, together with all horses, mules, man and other work stock belonging to me on said farm at my death excepting the mare "Kate" given to my daughter Margaret in the third clause of this will also all cattle hogs and other stock on said farm belonging to me at the time of my death, excepting the cattle, milch cows and calves on said farm that belong to my wife, and excepting also a heifer that belong to my daughter Margaret, also the mowing reaper, disch and other harnesses, corn sheller, crib and other farming machinery and utensils of all kinds plows, traces, wagons and all personal property that heretofore have been on said farm belonging to me, there is also excepted out of this devise and bequest, a year

old calf now on the farm belonging to my little granddaughter Margaret L. Hedrick and the two ponies and mare "Byrd" that belong to my son James, said farm and personal property heretofore devised and bequeathed in this the fourth clause of my will to my beloved sons James Isaac Vance, Joseph Anderson Vance and Charles Robertson Vance, and to my beloved daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick to be held and owned by them in the following interests to wit: to my son James Isaac Vance a two seventh interest, to my son Joseph Anderson Vance a two seventh interest, to my son Charles Robertson Vance a two seventh interest and to my daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick a one seventh interest, to have and to hold unto them the said James Isaac Vance, Joseph Anderson Vance, Charles Robertson Vance and Rebecca M. Hedrick in fee simple forever.

But it is distinctly understood, that this devise and bequest made in this the fourth clause of my will is made subject to the trust and provisions hereinafter made.

Fifth Clause

The trust and provisions referred to in the third and fourth clauses of this my last will and testament are as follows to wit: I will and desire, and do devise and bequeath that my beloved wife Margaret J. Vance shall occupy and enjoy my residence property and the lot on which the same is situated in Bristol Sullivan County Tennessee, fronting on Sixth Street of said town, being the same property heretofore devised to my daughter Margaret J. Vance in the third clause of this my will, which she shall reside in possess and enjoy as aforesaid, and have full control direction and management of same during the term of her my said wife's natural life as her home, during which time she is to keep the same in proper repair, and not permit the same to be injured, so that the same be kept in at least its present condition up to the time of her death reasonable wear and tear expected and during her life time aforesaid she is to keep the taxes on said property promptly paid up each year as they fall due, so as not to become

delinquent, which said occupation, enjoyment use and possession of said residence and lot and all buildings on the same by my said wife during her natural life is to be for the benefit of my said wife and our said daughter Margaret who is to continue to reside in said property with her mother and have her home there just as she has always had, and for the benefit of such other of my children or grand children who may desire to reside in said property with my said wife during her natural life aforesaid.

In requesting repairs to be kept up on said property I mean the ordinary repairs that she is able to have made, and that to include repairs that are expensive and which she may not be able to have done, what I desire is that she may be able during her natural life aforesaid to keep the property preserved as far as she can so that at her death it may be as near as possible in its present condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, but if she is not able to do this, she can only do the best she can up to this time be all that shall be required of her. I also will desire and bequeath that my said wife have full possession control and use during her natural life aforesaid, of all house hold and kitchen furniture and all other personal property in said residence or upon the lot on which my said residence house and the other buildings are located, that may belong to me at the time of my death, I do not mean of course to include in this any personal property in said residence house or upon said lot belonging to my daughter Rebecca M. Reddick and her said husband Charles S. Reddick or to either of them, or to my daughter Margaret which she may own outside of what I have devised and bequeathed to her in the third clause of this will, or that may belong to my said wife as she has the right to do as she pleases with her own property, also the right to use during her said natural life the "Marion" brand as provided for in the second clause of this will, also the use of the carriage, the fork shed, cutting box, saddle, bridle, harness, and all personal property embraced in the third clause of this

will, which use possession and enjoyment of said personal property by my said wife aforesaid is to be for the benefit of my said wife and my said daughter Margaret, and any other of my children or grand children who may desire to live with my wife, for and during the natural life of my said wife, and if any of said property, I mean the personal property, is to be used and enjoyed by my said wife as stated is worn out in its use or damaged or destroyed without her fault, while being so used by her, she is not to be held responsible in any way therefor.

I also will and desire and do devise that my said wife during her natural life aforesaid shall the right to control manage and conduct and operate my said farm on Beaver Creek in Sullivan County, Tennessee, embraced in the fourth clause of this will, and to have and receive the rents profits and products growing out of such management, and out of same pay the taxes accruing on said farm and on the residence property in Bristol occupied by her during her natural life aforesaid, and if she is able keeping the residence property insured as I have done, and after paying said taxes and insurance, the residue of said rents profits and products she is to have for the benefit of herself during her natural life aforesaid, and for the benefit of my said daughter Margaret and such other of my children or grand children as desire to live with her at any time as my said wife shall direct. It is my desire that my said wife during the time she controls and manages said farm as stated, to take good care of same, not permit the same to become dilapidated, or to go down, or see as far as she can that the same is properly farmed and cared for without the lands, to take special care of the timber using that that is down as far as possible without cutting timber down, she has also the right to get her fire wood as much as she desires from said farm, first using that that is down, just as I have done, but if the down timber is so

decayed that it is not fit for fine woods she can cut timber down for that purpose. She also has the right to cut down such timber as may be necessary to repair or make fences or other improvements if she desires. She will of course exercise her discretion in all these matters. My desire is that the valuable timber on said farm she be preserved as far as possible, but she is not to be denied in the use of same. And for the purpose of enabling my said wife to cultivate and successfully carry on said farm, she shall during her natural life aforesaid, have the possession of and the right to use all farming utensils machinery, wagons plows, mowers, drills harness Reapers hoes, chains &c. and all work stock harness &c. on said farm belonging to me at the time of my death and also any other personal property thereon that may belong to me, and belonging in working said farm. She is as far as she can to have said property taken care of, but if any should die or be injured or destroyed without her fault, she is not to be held responsible therefor.

It is my earnest desire that my daughter Margaret reside with her mother in the old home, and that they and such other of my children and grand children who shall desire to reside with her during her natural life shall be comfortably provided for, as far as possible, and to this end I have thus placed under the management and control of my dear wife during her natural life said property as set forth in the fifth clause of my will in the hope that she may be able out of the profits and crops arising out of same to pay off said taxes and said insurance, and have sufficient left for the comfort and support of herself and our daughter Margaret and such other of our children and grand children as may desire to live with her. And to further enable her to do this, I desire that my executors hereinafter named shall from time to time give her such advice and counsel as she may desire, and look after

and help and assist her in the management of same, and if my said wife shall not choose to do this and keep the taxes and insurance paid, and obtain therefrom an ample and comfortable support for herself and our daughter Margaret and such other of our children and grand children as desire to reside with her, then my said executors and the consent of my wife may make other arrangements in the matter as may seem wisest and best, and as may be satisfactory to all concerned, preserving as far as possible the interests each one in said farm and personal property therein as set out in the fourth clause of this will, I further will and bequeath that my wife shall have the right to select out of the increase of the stock on said farm from year to year during her natural life, such of the same as she may desire to have fattened for her family use, and also to see if she desires anything to keep an ample supply of the stock hogs and their increase on said farm to enable her to do this my wife of course has the right to manage and control and dispose of any of the cattle much cows or calves on said farm belonging to her or that she may keep on said farm during her natural life, or any other stock or personal property she may have on said farm during her natural life, she is also to have the stock, wagons, or other personal property on said farm to do any hauling back and forth from the farm to Bristol or any other hauling for work she may desire to do during her natural life. I also will and desire that my son James Isaac Vance shall have the right to have his two ponies and mare Bird kept upon said farm and cared for pastured and fed during the natural life of my said wife, out of the products of the farm without charge to him just as they have been kept except during the time he may have the same at Bowling Rock or if his husband dispose of the ponies or Bird, or they should die, to have the same privileges with any others that he may get in their stead.

And at the death of my said wife the trust and provisions herein mentioned and referred to and referred in said third and fourth clauses of this my will should cease and the property devised and bequeathed in said third and fourth clauses of this my will shall be and remain from the time of her said death, quit and wholly released from said trusts and provisions. The mule cows that are kept here at home and five head and their increase belong to my said wife in addition to the mule cows that are on the farm and she may do as she pleases with them.

Sixth Clause

I will and devise that my daughter Margaret J. Vance shall have all benefits that may arise from a policy of insurance I hold in the "The Georgia Home Co." excepting the benefits that may arise from said policy in reference to the mare named "and the stable and crib covered by said policy which I desire to go to my daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick. That is to say, I will and devise to my said daughter Margaret so much of the benefits that may arise from said policy covering the residence house and all property therein, and all property mentioned and set forth in the third clause of this will covered by said policy, and my carriage and harness which I have devised to my daughter Margaret, and to my daughter Rebecca M. Hedrick, so much of the benefits arising from said policy as covers the mare named, the stable and crib, said policy expires in August 1907.

Seventh Clause

I will and bequeath to my beloved grandson Charles Robertson Vance, son of James Isaac Vance, my gold watch and the chain belonging to same.

Eighth Clause

I will and bequeath to my beloved grandson Joseph Anderson Vance, son of Joseph Anderson Vance, my gold headed cane.

Ninth Clause

I do hereby nominate and appoint my

beloved sons James S. Vance, Joseph A. Vance, and Charles A. Vance, and my beloved son-in-law Charles L. Hedrick, executors of this my last will and Testament, and having the utmost confidence in their integrity and fidelity it is my will and desire, and I hereby direct that neither of them shall be required to give bond in qualifying as executors of this my will.

Given under my hand and seal this 30 day of February 1906.

Chas. A. Vance (read)

Attest.

This is to certify that Chas. A. Vance, Pastor in the foregoing will, acknowledged the foregoing to be his last will and Testament at the time it bears date, and at the same time signed his name thereon in our presence, and at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, we have signed our names unto a business of same.

W. C. Cochran

T. W. King

I wish to add the following codicil to my foregoing will. It is my will and desire that if there should be any coal, iron ore or other valuable mineral discovered on the farm or tract of land mentioned in the fourth clause of my foregoing will that my beloved daughter Margaret J. Vance shall have an equal interest with my other four children James Isaac, Joseph A. and Chas. A. Vance and Rebecca M. Hedrick in fee simple in such coal, iron ore and other valuable mineral that may be discovered in said tract of land and the profits that may accrue from said coal, iron ore and other valuable mineral that may be discovered in said tract of land so that each one of my said children James Isaac, Joseph A. and Chas. A. Vance, and Margaret J. Vance and Rebecca M. Hedrick aforesaid shall have an equal interest in such coal, iron ore and valuable mineral that may be discovered on said tract of land and the profits growing out of such coal, iron ore and other valuable mineral interests aforesaid. Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of Dec. 1905.

Chas. A. Vance

This is to certify that Chas. Vance, Notary in the foregoing will & codicil acknowledged the foregoing Codicil bearing the date of 28th day of Dec. 1809. It be the codicil to his said last will and Testament and that his signature thereto is his genuine signature, and at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other, we have signed our names hereto as witnesses to this said codicil.

Edw. Shing
Charles C. Carsoe

The foregoing written instrument was proven in open Court by the oath of Chas. C. Carsoe, W. J. Buzzow, and W. J. Hornum, on the 15th day of Nov. 1811, and thereupon said written was adjudged, declared, deemed by the Court to be the last will and Testament of Chas. K. Vance, deceased, and ordered to be entered in the book of Wills.

Wm. J. Myls, Clerk
By D. C. Barger D.C.

Last Will and Testament of
J. M. Gast, deceased.
Probed Nov. Term 1811

I J. M. Gast of sound mind and body do make this my last will and Testament. First, that in the event I should die before my wife Rebecca E. Gast, I will that she shall have and control as she may think best for her own comfort and interest all my real and personal property of all kinds. Second, In the event she should die before me, then, at my death, I will, that what I may have at my death shall go to my daughter Betsey E. Gast to have, hold and dispose of as she may think best for herself, with the understanding that her sister Annice Y. Fair may have a home with her so long as she remains single and desires to remain with her, if in the event Annice Y. Fair should marry it is left optional with Betsey as to whether Annice may stay with her or not. If at any time any of the other children should claim any portion of the property that may be left to Betsey, I desire that she

pay to any of them one dollar each as they demand any thing.

Witness my hand this August 14, 1806.

J. M. Gast,

attest.

C. L. Hyden
J. P. L. you.

The foregoing written instrument was proven in open Court by C. L. Hyden, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, on the 18th day of Nov. 1811, and thereupon this matter was continued until Nov. 20, 1811 for further proof.

Wm. J. Myls, Clerk.
By D. C. Barger D.C.

The foregoing written instrument was further proven in open Court by the oath of W. D. Byne the other subscribing witness thereto, on the 20th day of Nov. 1811, and thereupon said written instrument was adjudged, declared and deemed by the Court to be the last will and Testament of J. M. Gast, deceased, and ordered to be entered in the book of Wills.

attest. J. P. Myls, Clerk
By D. C. Barger D.C.

Last Will and Testament of
A. J. Barnet, deceased.
Probed Nov. Term 1811

The last Will and Testament of A. J. Barnet, I A. J. Barnet of the 16th Civil district of Sullivan County and in the State of Tennessee, I am a farmer and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and as to my worldly estate and all the property real personal or mixed if I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit, my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my Executors hereinafter named be paid out of my Estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient. I