

presence and at her request S. B. King. This  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 1910 S. W. McClellan.

The foregoing written instrument was proven  
in open Court by the oaths of C. B. King, S. W. McClellan  
the subscribing witnesses thereto on this the 11 day  
of March 1911, and thereupon said instrument  
instrument was adjudged, declared and  
decreed by the court to be the last will and  
testament of Elizabeth Crane, deceased and ordered  
to be recorded in the Book of Wills.

Teste. S. J. Price, Clerk.  
By D. A. Berger, D.C.

Last Will & Testament

Probated March Term 1911  
B. Hamilton

I B. Hamilton of the County of Hawkins  
and State of Tennessee, being of sound and  
well disposing mind and memory and mindful  
of the shortness of life and the certainty of  
death, do make and publish this my last  
will & Testament.

I bequeath my entire estate consisting  
of notes money etc. to my wife Baird  
Hamilton to have and hold forever.

Signed and witnessed -  
This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1910 B. Hamilton

Witnesses:

C. J. Brumett  
W. P. Brumett.

The foregoing instrument was  
proven in open Court by the oaths of C. J.  
Brumett & W. P. Brumett the subscribing witnesses  
thereto, on this the 11 day of March 1911, and  
hereupon said instrument was  
adjudged, declared and decreed by the  
Court to be the last will and Testament of  
Baird Hamilton, deceased, and ordered  
to be recorded in the Book of Wills.

Teste S. J. Price, Clerk.  
By D. A. Berger, D.C.

Last Will & Testament

Probated March Term 1911,  
Repus Watkins died

Be it known by all men that I do make  
this my last will, in the presence of mind &  
I dispose of my property as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> I want my wife Elvina Nelson Watkins  
to have my land, give a acre, located in  
Gravelly Valley near Bloomingdale Tenn.  
and all my personal property and all my  
money and notes in my possession at my  
death, and she can dispose of same as  
she may desire.

2<sup>nd</sup> I want my mountain farm containing  
105 acres of land to be equally divided  
between my daughters, Cordie Jones and Julia  
Hastharge. The land is to be divided  
in the best judgement by Edmund Casey  
and Rollie Bishop and the administrator  
if they should fail to agree between  
themselves.

3<sup>rd</sup> I want Julia Hastharge and Cordie  
Jones to pay my debts and shall each  
pay Vergie Ahnes twenty five dollars  
making a total of fifty dollars as her  
part of my estate. The amount includ-  
ing my debts shall be paid inside of  
twelve months after my death.

4<sup>th</sup> The present crop on the mountain  
farm in the year of my death, including  
all proceeds of the farm shall go to my  
wife to be used as she may desire.

5<sup>th</sup> I want my sons and daughters, not  
mentioned in this will to have the sum  
of one dollar each.

6<sup>th</sup> I desire to be buried in the Beckman  
Cemetery beside Minnie and shall have  
tomb stones erected at my grave at an  
ordinary expense by my daughters Cordie  
Jones and Julia Hastharge, provided they  
are not erected by the administrator.

7<sup>th</sup> I appoint S. J. Keener for my  
administrator and he shall hold this will  
and at death shall wind up my affairs  
as soon as possible.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1911

Witness

W. H. Johnson  
Geo. G. Steamer

Rufus W. Atkins.

The foregoing written Instrument was taken in open Court by the hands of Geo. G. Steamer, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1911, and thereupon said written Instrument was adjudged, declared and decreed by the Court to be the Last Will and Testament of Rufus Atkins dead and ordered to be entered in the Book of Wills.

Peter S. J. Kyle, Clerk  
By D. L. George, D.C.

### Last Will and Testament

Probated April Term 1911

Bristol, Tenn. March 31<sup>st</sup> 1911

This my Last Will and Testament:

Knowing this life to be so uncertain & transitory I while in my right mind, & of my own will, & accord, do desire to have a few things, or wishes, of mine expressed in writing. 1<sup>st</sup> I want all of my earthly belongs viz: (Property) both personal and real estate, to be given to Maggie S. Sheppard and her assigns. I mean by that, that I shall be here & under her supervision until death after which it shall go to our only living heir and son, Dr. James H. Sheppard. 2<sup>nd</sup> This Property is situated in the town of Bristol, Greene County State of Tennessee. I now live now on Broad St. between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. Six and Seventh Streets. D isiguinably known as 619 # 621 # 623 Broad Street. The description of which will be found in the Deed of record of Said County of the State of Tennessee. 3<sup>rd</sup> I desire that our (only son) he) shall be the First. That is to say all matters concerning personal & real estate must receive his advised & approval before transaction takes place. I want Doctor J. H. Sheppard to look over into the future, be it deemed & deliberate in all matters pertaining to the best interest of Mrs. Maggie Sheppard. My wife my true mother to act wisely, use sound judgment

before taking any steps in anything;

It is also my expressed desire after this paper is settled you (Maggie Sheppard) should go to reside with Dr. J. H. Sheppard our only son and only heir. I do not want her (Maggie Sheppard) to work & leave her see any more. She can not stay here. I want you to look to her every comfort, use the money derived from sale of any property to that end.

4<sup>th</sup> At my death I want her (Maggie Sheppard) my wife appointed Executor of this Will & subsequent ones if there be any, unless there be a clause in the subsequent ones to the contrary. I want her (Maggie Sheppard) appointed administrator of the Estate with out Bond. I have perfect faith in her honesty and I amness to know that every thing will be done for the best interest of all concerned.

5<sup>th</sup> Dr. James H. Sheppard shall become sole owner at her death. I desire that if she finds it necessary any for the maintenance of me my life time & Maggie Sheppard her life time & then it shall revert to Dr. J. H. Sheppard, that is what is left in the way of proceeds from said sale. The opposition is that 60% is to be used from the Hicks lot & the amounts deposited in the Bank on Interest, the same to be used at her discretion mine.

Witnesses.

George O. Bonderment  
L. G. Steamer

His  
M. J. Sheppard  
mark

### Last Will and Testament

Probated April Term 1911

Susan Woodie

I Susan Woodie do make & publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at sometime made. First I direct that my general expenses and all my debts be paid (as soon after my death as possible) out of any money that I may die possessed