

Nancy M. Earnest Will

The foregoing will was presented to the Court for probate, at the August term 1876. And proven by the oath of James Patton & James H. Baylies in open Court and ordered to be recorded and J. A. Bradshaw qualified as executor.

J. H. Gusham Clerk

Rev. John Wright Will & Margaret Wright

We John Wright and Margaret Wright of Johnsons City Washington County and State of Tennessee do by these presents make this our last will and Testament, revoking all other wills that we might have made.

First we direct that our burials shall be done in a plain Christian like manner without any funerals afterwards.

Secondly. That all necessary expenses, and just debts paid out of any property, or debts that may be at command. Thirdly we will and bequeath the acre lot where we now live in Johnsons City bounded on the East by Dr. Mungle on the South by a main street and on the West by J. D. Nails lot to our son George Washington Wright, including all the appurtenances thereto belonging or pertaining, with all the House, and Kitchen furniture in our possession, and debts due us, except one bed, with this incumbrance that our second son John James Wright being a cripple is to be supported and taken care of to the value of his part of the half acre lot where the House stands, as the deed will show.

Fourthly - We will and bequeath to our daughter Catharine Range one bed including the Stead, straw and feather ticks with two sheets, blankets, Comfort and quilt. Fifthly. We pledge ourselves each to the other not to revoke or recind this will, unless by consent of both. And lastly we make and appoint George Washington Wright the executor of this our last will and Testament, releasing him from giving Bond and Security. Given under our hands and seals, this 18th day of September 1874 in presence of

Mont Hap Jacob McNece John Wright (read)
Margaret Wright (read)

The foregoing will was proven in open Court at the Sept term 1876. by the oaths of Mont Hap & Jacob McNece the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded. And J. M. Wright was qualified as executor.

William H. Cowan's Will

I, W. H. Cowan of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee, knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and convinced that every one has a right to dispose of his property in his own way, while of sane mind and strong memory, do make this my last will and Testament.

First - I direct my executor hereinafter mentioned, after my death to have my body buried in a decent manner, without show or ostentation by the side of my dear parents in Salem grave yard.

Second; I wish them to pay all just debts out of my estate.

Thirdly - I give to my beloved wife M. A. Cowan all my real ^{and personal} estate to have and to hold for her maintenance, and the education and maintenance of our dear children.

Fourth; After the death of my wife, I direct that the remaining executor of my estate to have all the property real or personal to be divided equally among our children, J. M. Cowan, Sallie H. C. M. J. C. J. D. C. L. H. C. W. C. & M. C. if they have finished their education, if not to retain an amount sufficient to finish it.

Fifth I appoint my beloved wife M. A. Cowan executor and my aff. female son J. M. Cowan executor of my estate without requiring them to give bond and security.

Sixth - I give my executors right to see any of the property belonging to my estate real or personal at any time that they may think proper.

I have but little property to divide among my dear children, but I would direct them to the Lord Jesus Christ who is able to give them an inheritance that is incorruptible and will never fade away. I hope after the toil and sorrows of this life to meet all my family in the mansions of the blest above.

May 9th 1875

W. H. Cowan

The foregoing will was presented for probate at the Sept term of the County Court for 1876. and the genuine hand writing of the will proven to be the writing of the said W. H. Cowan & with his signature thereto by the oaths of Ed. G. W. Telford and W. S. Martin in open Court, and there being no objections to said will the Court ordered the same to be recorded, and M. A. Cowan the executor & J. M. Cowan the executor came into open Court and was duly sworn as the law directs, they being released from giving bond by the will.

J. H. Gusham Clerk