

Chase Hales Will Cont.

will is that my daughter Susan Hale have one bolt and side Saddle ^{and} Bow and Day, one spinning wheel and one bedstead and bedding. Saw and pigs and other items that I gave to my other daughters when they first left me.

Given under my hand and

I hereby nominate and appoint Nathan Shipley my Executor to this my last will and testament.

entertained before signed.

Given under my hand and seal this the 24th day of April 1872

in the presence of

William Ford

Chase Mitchell

Chase Hales Seal
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The foregoing will was presented to the court for probate at the May term 1876. and proven by the oaths of Chase Mitchell one of the subscribing witnesses, and the signature of William Ford the other subscribing witness by the oaths of Nathan Shipley and Thomas Mitchell. And ordered to be recorded.

J. H. Gusham Clerk

Nancy McClung Earnest's Will

I Nancy McClung Earnest of the County of Washington State of Tennessee calling to mind the certainty of death, and the probability of being called off at any time by death. Do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz: First I direct that my funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate, out of the first money that may come into my Executor's hands.

Secondly - I do bequeath the land where I have lived for the several last years of my life supposed to contain some fifty or sixty Acres more or less. Adjoining the lands of Daniel Dewader, J. St. Colleen David Hoaga and others, to my two daughters Amanda Morilla Earnest and Margaret Melvina Earnest and their heirs, they to keep and maintain their father Josiah W. Earnest during his lifetime, in a decent and comfortable manner furnishing their father food and raiment suitable to his age and condition, always treating him with great kindness.

Thirdly - I do bequeath also to my two daughters Amanda McEarnest and Margaret McEarnest, all of my personal goods and chatties of every kind and description including household and kitchen furniture, the other two daughters that are married having received their portion.

Fourthly - I also bequeath that part of my estate (if any) willed to me by my beloved uncle E. L. Mathis late of said County deceased, be equally divided between my three daughters, To wit, Nancy Anna McClung, Amanda McEarnest, Margaret McEarnest, Nancy L. Harrison will receive her share of the estate of her great uncle E. L. Mathis in the present, and after the death of Josiah W. Earnest that there is nothing received from the estate of E. L. Mathis after it is settled up, then the home place, that is Amanda etc and Margaret McEarnest will pay two years, after the death of their father Nancy L. Harrison twenty five dollars.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint James A. Bradshaw to be my Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In testimony I hereunto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of July 1876.

Signed in presence
of July 3rd 1876.

Nancy McClung Earnest Seal
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James Patton
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(See over)

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. S. 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. 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