

William News Will

In the name of God Amen. I William News of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do make and ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

That is to say first I bequeath unto my beloved wife Annida Jane her support and maintenance off of the products of my farm during her life or widowhood of good and wholesome food and good and comfortable clothing the above maintenance to be ample in kind and quality to render her comfortable both sickness and health so long as she lives or remains my widow and she is to have the exclusive possession of the room in the north end of the dwelling house, dining room and kitchen and also the possession and control of all the personal property that she brought with her when I married her to dispose of as she thinks proper at her death or marriage

Second. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Marietta News and her bodily heirs a portion of my real estate off of the upper end or side of my farm adjoining the lands of John Bradson heirs, John and Thomas Williams, Beginning for the division line at a black gum corner to John Bradson heirs, thence N 33° E one pole to stake at a fence S 56° E 50 poles to stake and fence S 30° E 91 poles to a stake in a lane corner to John Williams or Thos Williams N 46° W 38 1/2 poles to a stake near the corner of a field N 39° E 34 1/2 poles to a stake in the mouth of a lane thence N 58° W crossing the creek to John Bradson's heirs line and with the same to Beginning supposed to contain 70 acres be the same more or less. I reserve to myself and my heirs the right of a wagon way or road through the above described land forever to haul rails firewood and timber to the farms I now live upon. I also give and bequeath to my above named daughter one third of my stock in the East Tennessee and Virginia Rail Road Company which is ten shares which is to be my daughter Marietta share of my estate both real and personal with what she has already received

In the third place I give and bequeath

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unto my two beloved sons H M Harrison and Shadrach H News the remainder of my real estate to be equally divided between them and all of my personal effects both of horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, notes, mowers and book accounts in that may be on hands at my death my said sons paying all of my just debts including a debt for my wife of sixty dollars, if it or any other debts are unpaid at my death and each of my sons are to have a good bed, each with the necessary number of blankets, quilts, comforters and counterpanes. And they are both of them equally bound to furnish my wife during her life or widowhood the above mentioned maintenance of the products raised on the farm both in quality and kind to render comfortable in sickness or health

I likewise make and appoint my said two sons H M Harrison and Shadrach News to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament here by making void and revoking all former wills by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of March A. D. 1866

William News

Signed in presence of

This 14th March 1866

Alexander Mathis

John Astor Senior

Proven in open Court by John Astor or one of the subscribing witnesses July 5/75

J H Reeves Sept. Clerk

The foregoing will was presented to the County Court of Washington County Tennessee at its May Term 1881 and proved by the oath of Alexander Mathis a subscribing witness thereto and it appearing that said will had already been proven by the oath of John Astor the same was therefore ordered to be recorded

E A Shipley Clerk