

ISAAC BATES WILL SMITH COUNTY TENNESSEE 1855

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In the name of God, Amen. **ISAAC BATES**, of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and perfect memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the words and figures following, that is to say:

ITEM: 1st: I command my soul to God who gave it, my body after my death to be directly interned according to the discretion of my Executor herein after to be named.

ITEM: 2nd: I give and bequeath unto my daughter, **MARY BAILIFF** and the heirs of her body, one-half of the note I hold on **WILLIAM BAILIFF**, it being the only note I now hold on the said **BAILIFF**.

ITEM: 3rd: I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARY BAILIFF** and the heirs of her body, one-fourth of the note on **WILLIAM BAILIFF** and thirty dollars more to their part out of my estate.

ITEM: 4th: I give and bequeath unto my daughter, **MARGARET WATSON** and the heirs of her body, one fourth of the said note on said **WILLIAM BAILIFF** and thirty dollars more to be paid out of my estate.

ITEM: 5th: I give and bequeath unto my son **JAMES BATES** eight hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate.

ITEM: 6th: My will further is that after the death of myself that all the balance of my estate, both personal and real, shall be sold on the twelve months and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between following named children.

ITEM: 7th: I leave unto my wife, **MARTHA BATES**, if she is the longest liver, my bed bedstead and all the furniture that belongs to it, and all that belongs to her, and **ONE NEGRO GIRL** named?, and five hundred dollars cash, a good horse and saddle and if I am called from you all before the mill is finished, I leave it to **WILLIAM BATE** to ? it and finish it, for his own benefit, that is to say my part of the mill.

ITEM: 8th: **SUSANAH LANGFORD, WILLIAM BATES, JOSEPH BATES, BENJAMIN BATES** and **BIRD ELLIS BATES**, their heirs forever, except **JOSEPH BATES**, he is to have four hundred dollars in this division, the other legatees in this item 9th on account of his having received that sum therefore from me in land.

ITEM: 10th: I further will and direct that my Executors herein after named shall take my estate into their hands and control. I held the same during my natural life and at my death.

ITEM: 11th: Before any distribution of my estate mentioned in this 5 items is inside my will is that all my just debts be paid.

ITEM: 12th: I do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my son **JOSEPH BATES** and **WILLIAM BATES** Executors, to execute this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this **9th day of March eighteen hundred fifty four.**

ISAAC BATES

Signed and acknowledged in our presents, we subscribe our names as witnesses to his will in the presence of the Testator.

**W.C. CHRISTIAN
CHARLES ?**

**TENNESSEE, SMITH COUNTY
COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM 1855**

It appearing to Court that paper writing purporting to be the last will and testimony of **ISAAC BATES**, deceased, was set up and ? by the Circuit Court of Smith County and ordered to be ? to this ? ? ? , it is therefore ordered that said last will and testament is set up and established by said Circuit Court be executed together with the ? of the ? ? also the ? in said ? as ?? to this court.

WILLIAM ?, Clerk of Court