

## LAST WILL OF THOMAS J. RASH

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**Real and personal property to wife Nancy (Fox) Rash during her lifetime. After her death, real property to John W. Fox, he having purchased same. Executor John W. Fox. Personal property after wife Nancy's death to be divided:** (*Nancy Ann Fox, d/o John Kendrick Fox (b. 16 October 1802 – d. 21 July 1878, s/o Benjamin Fox & Elizabeth Anderson & Margaret "Polly" Peggy Jane Carter- b. 18 January 1840 – d. 16 June 1911: Both Buried: Rash Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN).* (*Nancy Ann Fox – b. 20 October 1849, TN – d. 16 February 1936 md Thomas J. Rash – b. 27 May 1844, TN – d. 10 July 1915, s/o William Thaxton Rash & Margaret Bean*) (*Thomas J. Rash & Nancy Fox are buried: Rash Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN).*

**S. R. Rash (brother):** (*Silas R. Rash, brother of Thomas J. Rash).* (*Silas P. Rash – b. 3 January 1850 – d. 15 January 1925. 1925 Jackson Co., TN Death Certificate #305 has b. 3 January 1848, h/o Tempie Chaffin. Silas R. Rash md 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Chaffin – b. 25 May 1850, d/o William Chaffin & Barbara Young, md 2<sup>nd</sup> Temperance "Tempie/Tempa" Chaffin – b. 13 December 1853 – d. age 91 yrs. old, d/o William Chaffin & Barbara Young. Silas R. Rash & Temperance (Chaffin) Rash both buried: Fox Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN).*

**Ellie Chaffin, wife of H. L. Chaffin:** (*Harvey Lawson Chaffin – b. 28 May 1848 – d. 29 March 1926, s/o William Chaffin & Barbara J. Young. Harvey Lawson Chaffin md Nancy Ellen Rash – b. 30 August 1851, Jackson Co., TN – d. 23 February 1928, d/o William Anderson Rash & Margaret Bean/Beene).*

**Polly Fox, wife of Thomas P. Fox, brother of my wife.**

**Relations of my wife who are to share in personal property:**

**Frank P. Fox, her brother.** (*Franklin "Frank" Pierce Fox – b. 3 July 1853 – d. 28 May 1924, s/o John Kendrick Fox & Margaret "Polly" Peggy Jane Carter. Frank P. Fox md Sarah Ann "Polly" Fox – b. 23 December 1846 – d. 8 December 1928, d/o William Rash & Peggy Bean. Frank & Sarah Ann Fox both buried: Rob Draper Memorial Cemetery, Stone Community, Jackson Co., TN).*

**Elizabeth Flatt, her sister.** (*Elizabeth Fox – b. 21 July 1841 – d. 18 February 1917, d/o John Kendrick Fox & Margaret "Polly" Peggy Jane Carter. 1917 Death Cert., Jackson Co., TN #247 has Elizabeth b. 21 July 1840 calls for Fox Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. Elizabeth Fox md John Madison Flatt – b. 31 January 1835 – d. 31 March 1907, s/o Isaac Flatt & Sarah Brown. John & Elizabeth Fox both buried: John M. Flatt Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN).*

**Parzetti Chaffin, sister and deceased (her share to her children) John W. Chaffin, Thomas Chaffin, Owen Chaffin, Barbara Flatt, Fatimy Neatherton and the heirs of Peggy Birdwell deceased to receive such part as she would had received if living.**

*(Parzetta "Parzetti" Frances Fox –b. 7 February 1846 – d. 25 April 1899, d/o John Kendrick Fox & Margaret "Polly" Peggy Jane Carter. Parzetta Fox md Sewell Davis Chaffin – b. 5 March 1852 – d. 12 September 1928, s/o William Chaffin & Barbara Young . Both Buried: Rash Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN).*

*(Children of Sewell Davis Chaffin & Parzetta Frances Fox:*

1. *John "Peck" William Chaffin – b. 25 April 1871 – d. 9 June 1950 md Olive Birdwell – b. 20 May 1871, Jackson Co., TN – d. 17 December 1942, Jackson Co., TN, d/o Thomas Edward Birdwell & Elizabeth "Betty" Kirby/Kirbey. Thomas Edward Birdwell, s/o John Harvey Birdwell Sr. & Martha Chaffin.*

*Children:*

*Forest Chaffin – b. 1892 md Zora Pippin*

*Ara Chaffin – b. 1899 md 14 April 1920, Herb Baugh*

*Erman Chaffin – b. 1905 md Smith*

2. *Thomas "Tom" Henry Chaffin – b.10 April 1877 md Lydia Aytes. Moved to Clayton, New Mexico and later to Pampa, Texas.*

*Children:*

*Lenon Chaffin*

*Alvis Chaffin*

*Harold Chaffin*

*Vela Chaffin*

*Lenice Chaffin*

3. *Arthur Owen Chaffin – b. 17 January 1875 – d. 1922 md 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Kirby & md 2<sup>nd</sup> a Fox the widow of a Birdwell.*

4. *Barbara Chaffin – b. 1876 – d. 1920 md John Flatt.*

5. *Fay Tima "Fatimy" Chaffin – b. 20 September 1878 – d. 1920 md Henry Netherton*

*And the heirs of Peggy Birdwell:*

6. *Peggy Chaffin – b. 9 November 1873 – d. 2 November 1897 md Joe Ab Birdwell, s/o Benjamin Frank Birdwell & Adalissa\Adlissey\Aldecia Wheeler. Benjamin Frank Birdwell, s/o John Harvey Birdwell Sr. & Martha Chaffin.*

*Joe Ab Birdwell – b. ca. 1880, TN – s/o Benjamin Frank Birdwell & Adalissa\Adlissey\Aldecia Wheeler. md 14 November 1889, Jackson Co., TN, Peggy Ann Chaffin – d/o Sewell Davis Chaffin & Parzetta "Pear" Frances Fox*

*...Caleb Winford Birdwell – 12 July 1890, Jackson Co., TN - d. 27 September 1957, Bellflower, Los*

Angeles Co., California – md 20 April 1910, Cordia B. Loftis (Twin) b. 22 July 1891, Hilham, Overton Co., TN – d. 4 May 1984, Coalinga, Fresno Co., California 93210 - d/o James Peyton Loftis & Clarinda American Loftis  
...Tilford F. Birdwell – 16 November 1891, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1 November 1970, Bellflower, Los Angeles Co., California 90706 – Nellie N. Hale – b. 8 May 1892, TN – d. 1 April 1977, Bellflower, Los Angeles Co., California 90706  
...Tillmon Birdwell – b. 16 November 1891, TN – d. 15 January 1972, Paramount, Los Angeles Co., California 90723 - md Alcie Hale – b. 12 May 1890, TN – d. BET 22 & 23 December 1963 Covina, Los Angeles Co., California  
...Thomas “Tom” Benjamin Birdwell - b. 15 November 1895, Jackson Co., TN - d. 14 May 1984, Redford, Wayne Co., MI – md 23 February 1913, Clara Ann Davidson - b. 28 November 1897 Jackson Co., TN - d. 26 January 1983 Bloomington Springs, Putnam Co., TN  
...William “Sewell” Birdwell - b. 23 November 1893, Jackson Co., TN – d. 18 December 1933, Jackson Co., TN – md Pearlle Louvernia Medlin - b. 28 November 1894 Jackson Co., TN - d. 11 November 1995 Both Buried: Rash Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN – d/o Sampson Medlin & Mary Billingsley

**Letha Fox (sister) deceased, be divided equally between Thomas Fox (her son) and Polly Ann Fox her daughter, both unmarried and living with their father Meredith Fox.**

*(Leatha”Letha” Matilda C. Fox – b. 5 April 1848 – d. 8 June 1911, d/o John Kendrick Fox & Margaret “Polly” Peggy Jane Carter. Leatha md Myrdie Anderson Fox – b. 3 September 1848 – d. 10 June 1932, s/o Bartlett A. Fox & Mariam Basham. 1932 Death Cert., Jackson Co., TN #12393 has Myrdie Anderson Fox b. 6 September 1847. Leatha & Myrdie Fox: Both Buried: Fox Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN). (Thomas Franklin Fox – b. 7 April 1870 – d. 19 July 1924: Death Certificate #433, 1924, Jackson Co., TN).*

1870 census Dist. 12, Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 20-20

Fox, Meredith A. 22 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 100) TN

Fox, Lethy 21 F W Keeping House TN

Fox, Barlett U. 2 M W TN

Fox, Pollie A. 1 F W TN

Fox, Thomas F. 2/12 M W TN

**I, Thomas Rash, having no children living. John W. Fox appointed Administrator (Executor-mlj). 9 July 1915, Wit: B. M. Billingsley, J. W. Birdwell s/s T. J. Rash**

1870 census Dist. 12, Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 22-22

Rash, Thomas J. 26 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 100) TN

Rash, Nancy A. 21 F W TN

Rash, Peggie J. 1 F W TN

1870 census Dist. 12, Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 23-23

Fox, John K. 61 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 500) (value of personal estate, 900) TN

Fox, Margaret 50 F W TN

Fox, Meredith A. 29 M W TN

Fox, Rachael 32 F W TN

Fox, Letta 18 F W TN

Fox, Franklin 17 M W TN

Fox, Pollie 22 F W TN  
Young, John F. 13 M W TN

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