CORNELIUS CARVER'S WILL OF 11 MAY 1865

I, Cornelius Carver, planter of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And first, I direct that my body be decently entered on my own premises near the grave of my wife in said county in a manner suitable to my condition in life, if possible, and as to such worldly estates it has pleased God to invest me with, I dispose of the same as follows:

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expences be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any portion of my estate, real or personal, and,

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son, Joseph Carver and Samuel Carver, my entire home tract or tracts of land, giving to Samuel, the upper portion and the improvements on which I now live and the best part of my land, the line between them I design making and marking out soon myself, these two sons are the only living children I now have.

Third, I bequeath to my son Joseph, and my son, John Carver's heirs, my son, Hiram Carver's heirs, my son, James Carver's heirs, and my son, William Carver's heirs, and Samuel the balance of my estate all to be equal except such sums or portions as I may hereafter donate or bequeath, I mean each one of my sons to be equal their heirs standing in the stead of their fathers one whole.

Fourth, I bequeath and direct my executors to give and pay to Naoma Lambeth, Rachel Wood, and Elizabeth Carver, William Carver's daughters, and the son of Raulston Carver, deceased, fifty dollars each out of my estate before a division takes place. These embrace all my children and grandchildren that I recognize and all that I wish to have any portion of my property or estate. I do hereby appoint my beloved sons, Joseph and Samuel Carver, executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereby I, Cornelius Carver, the said testator, have to this my last will and testament written on one half sheet of paper set my hand and seal the 11th day of May 1865.

Cornelius (his mark) Carver

Source: Allison Connections by Della P. Franklin 1988, pg. 868. (Any other information of Descendants of Naomi (Ray) Carver can be found the book Ray Connections by Della P. Franklin).

*4-846 Naomi Ray, birth date unknown, d/o Jane Allison & Capt. James Ray. She married Cornelius Carver ca. 1812, Jackson Co., TN, s/o John Carver & Polly Dycus. He was born 12 June 1795, Person Co. NC. He served in the Tenn. Militia of the War of 1812. He died 29 May 1867 in Jackson Co., TN. She preceded her husband in death, the date unknown.

Her children mentioned in the will were:

- *5-16810 Joseph R. "Joe" Carver, born 7 October 1813, Jackson Co., TN married Martha Crabtree ca. 1843.
- *5-16811 Samuel Sampson Carver
- *5-16812 John S. Carver died before 11 May 1865, leaving six minor heirs.
- *5-16813 Hiram Carver died before 11 May 1865.
- *5-16814 James H. Carver married Mary Elizabeth. He died before 11 May 1865.
- *5-16815 Raulston Carver, died before 11 May 1865. He left three daughters to inherit his father's portion of the estate.
- *5-16816 William C. Carver, born ca. 1842, Jackson Co., TN married Martha Ann Ray, 9 September 1868, d/o John A. Ray.
- *See Chapter 14 & Allison files at: http://www.ajlambert.com