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WILLIAMS - WITCHER, M.

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LAST WILL of WILLIAM C. WHEELER... (*William Carroll Wheeler, s/o Jubilee Wheeler & Lucinda Brown. William married Edith Rodgers*).

In the name of God Amen I **William C. Wheeler** being of Sound mind and disposing memory but weak of body and Knowing that it is appointed for all men to die,

In respect to the worldly goods and effects with which it has pleased Almighty God to bless me, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come in to hands of my executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my much beloved wife **Eadith Wheeler** my entire estate of whatever Kind and nature except as above provided, and the tract of land on which my son Jubilee Wheeler now lives I desire that she my wife shall have hold and enjoy the same during her natural life if she should out live me then said estate to inure to my heirs as herein after expressed

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son **Jubilee Wheeler** the entire tract of land on which he now lives as his share of my lands.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son **William W Wheeler** the entire home tract that I now live on, but I require of him that in eighteen months after the death of us I mean the last demise of me and my wife Eadith, that he the said William W Wheeler pay to each of the heirs (To Wit) **J T Wheeler, Adalisy Birdwell, Mary Ann Birdwell and the Heirs of M M Wheeler** (Decesd) the sum of One Hundred and seventy five dollars as their part of the said home tract

Fifthly I direct that whatever personalities may be on hand after our demise that the same be sold and distribution of the proceeds be made equal between each and every heir without exception

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son J T Wheeler my executor

In witness where of I do to this my will set my hand this the ninth day of April Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Five s/s W. C. Wheeler

STATE OF TENNESSEE, JACKSON COUNTY} Personally came before me, J.H. Chaffin Clk. of the Co. Ct. of said co. J.H.L. Brown & J.M. Kirby the two subscribed witnesses to the annexed will of W. C. Wheeler Dcd which was produced in open court being duly sworn Deposed & said W. C. Wheeler executed acknowledged & published the foregoing will as his last will & testament in their presents & that they signed and witnesses the same in the presence of each other of them, & that at the request of the testator & the same was duly probated & it was proven in open court that the testator W. C. Wheeler is Dead. This Jany. 5 - 1904. s/s J. H. Chaffin, Clk.

[NOTE: William C. Wheeler outlived wife Eadith. 1900 U. S. Census, JCT: Wheeler, William C, 77 Tenn; Wheeler, Patia Wife 63 Tenn. William C. shown as second marriage, "Patia" shown as her first. Marriage certificate 2 July 1894, Jackson Co., W. C. Wheeler to Patience Davidson - mlj].

Genealogical notes: Mentioned in the Will of William Carroll Wheeler:

William Carroll Wheeler – b. 16 December 1822 – d. 2 November 1903, s/o **Jubilee Wheeler & Lucinda Brown**. He married **Edith Rogers** – b. 16 November 1821 – d. 7 August 1889. Both buried: Wheeler Memorial Cemetery, 803 Dry Fork Rd. From Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN take Hwy 53 toward Granville. Turn left on Flynn's Creek Rd. which is about ½ mile past a rock quarry and proceed to the first road on the right, Dry Fork Road go 4 miles and the cemetery will be on your right.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son William W. Wheeler: **William Wade Wheeler** – b. 25 May 1856 – d. 15 March 1912 **md Mary Elizabeth Brown** – b. 23 August 1860 – d. 7 November 1922, **d/o George W. Brown & Frances Hightower**. William & Mary Elizabeth Wheeler both buried: Wheeler Memorial Cemetery, 803 Dry Fork Rd.

Pay to each of the heirs: J. T. Wheeler: **Jonathan T. Wheeler** – b. 6 October 1843 – d. 9 January 1918, s/o **William Carroll Wheeler & Edith Rogers**. He **md Sarah Jane Brown** – b. 13 March 1851 – d. 6 July 1928, **d/o George W. Brown & Dianah F. Pippin**. Jonathan T. & Sarah Jane Wheeler both buried: Jonathan Wheeler Cemetery, Davidson Chapel Road. From Gainesboro take Hwy 56 toward Baxter. Turn right on Shephardsville Road (290) and travel till you can turn left on Davidson Chapel Road. The cemetery will be about 1.3 miles past the last mailbox number 463 at the end of the road. You will come to an old barn on the right almost down with the road splitting, going straight, to the right and to the left. Bear left about 1.5 mile. Go to the first ridge on your left. Turn and start back. The cemetery will now be on your left about 250 ft. up and 200 ft. out of the road in the woods heavily grown up. Enclosed in a nice wrought iron fence with the following 6 marked graves. Info. Given by Bobby Fox as to the location of this cemetery.

Pay to each of the heirs: Adalisy Birdwell: **Adlissie (Wheeler) Birdwell** – b. 2 March 1849 – d. 11 May 1898, **d/o William Carroll Wheeler & Edith Rogers. She was the 2nd w/o Benjamin “Ben” “Frank” Franklin Birdwell** – b. 6 November 1841 – d. 19 March 1898, **s/o John Harvey Birdwell & Martha Chaffin.** Adlissie & Ben Birdwell both buried: Billingsley Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. From Gainesboro take Hwy 56 toward Baxter. Turn right on Shepardsville Road (290) a little past Rush Fork Road you will turn to the right side on Shady Grove Road. Go until the road forks bearing to the right. The cemetery will be one mile from the fork and 4/10 of a mile from a house on your right with mail box number 540. Stop before staring down a small drop. The cemetery will be on your left about 1,000 feet from the road at the end of a point enclosed by a page wire fence. It is very heavily grown up with large trees in it. There are a lot of field stone markers and a lot of graves without a marker. Shown location by Mr. Edd Carter and recorded 24 April 1999 with Eldon L. Moss.

Pay to each of the heirs: Mary Ann Birdwell: **Mary Ann (Wheeler) Birdwell** – b. 1851 – d. 19__, **d/o William Wade Wheeler & Mary Elizabeth Brown.** She md **Albert Overton Birdwell** – b. 1856 – d. 26 March 1925, **s/o John Harvey Birdwell Sr. & Martha Chaffin.** Mary Ann & Albert Birdwell are both buried: F. D. Byers Cemetery, Flynn’s Creek Road, Jackson Co., TN. From Gainesboro take Hwy 56 toward Baxter. Turn right on Flynn’s Creek Road. Cemetery is on the right just a short distance from the turn off.

Pay to each of the heirs of: **Madison Wheeler** – b. 24 January 1846 – d. 30 March 1884, **s/o William Carroll Wheeler & Edith Rogers.** Madison Wheeler buried: Wheeler Memorial Cemetery, 803 Dry Fork Rd., Jackson Co., TN.

Subscribed witness: J.H.L. Brown: **John Henderson Litton Brown** – b. 23 March 1837 – d. 23 September 1932, **s/o Dudley Brown & Mariah Roberts.** He md **Isabelle McCoy** – b. 14 January 1835 – d. 17 April 1927, **d/o Hiram McCoy & Margaret McDonald.** John & Isabelle Brown both buried: Richmond – Fuqua Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. From Gainesboro take Hwy 53 toward Granville. Cemetery will be on your left next to the road enclosed in a three sided chain length fence with a sign RICHMOND CEMETERY in front next to the road. Cemetery is at the start of Bell Hill. Henry Richmond & wife Margaret (Nettles) Richmond gave the land for a family burial lot, and few years before 1936 it was opened to the public.

(Also buried: Wheeler Memorial Cemetery, 803 Dry Fork Rd., Jackson Co., TN):

Jubilee B. Wheeler – b. 7 April 1861 – d. 3 December 1948, **s/o William Carroll Wheeler & Edith Rogers.**
Martha Tennessee (Billingsley) Wheeler – b. 27 November 1859 – d. 4 March 1942, **d/o James & Luverna Billingsley – w/o Jubilee B. Wheeler.**

Madison Wheeler – b. 24 January 1846 – d. 30 March 1884, **s/o William Carroll Wheeler & Edith Rogers.**
Elizabeth J. (Hix) Wheeler – b. 18 April 1851 – d. 4 April 1941, **w/o Madison Wheeler.**

Asia Wheeler – b. 26 February 1874 – d. 8 February 1961, **s/o Madison Wheeler & Elizabeth J. Hix.**

Oner Wheeler – b. 29 May 1880 – d. 23 July 1964, **s/o Madison Wheeler & Elizabeth J. Hix.**

Madison Hickman Wheeler – b. 24 February 1878 – d. 24 April 1941, **s/o Madison Wheeler & Elizabeth J. Hix.**

Jubilee Wheeler – b. 22 December 1801 – d. 11 February 1880, **s/o John Wheeler**
Lucinday (Brown) Wheeler – b. 6 March 1803 – d. 1 August 1879, **d/o Thomas Brown & Nancy Ann Liton.**

US Census 1880 ,7th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 5 Line: 24

Wheeler, William C. Head M W 58 Farmer TN VA TN *William Carroll Wheeler*

Wheeler, Edith Wife F W 57 Keeping House TN SC KY *Edith Rogers*

Wheeler, Thomas Son M W 26 Farmer TN TN TN

Wheeler, William Son M W 22 Farmer TN TN TN

Wheeler, Jubalie Father M W 84 Retired Farmer VA VA VA *Jubille Wheeler, f/o William Carroll Wheeler.*

Wheeler, Lucinda Mother F W 81 TN VA VA *Lucinda/Lucinday, m/o William Carroll Wheeler.*

Jackson, Margaret Servant F W 21 House Keeper TN TN TN

US Census 1880 ,12th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN

Wheeler, Madison Head 24 M W Farmer *Madison Wheeler, s/o William Carroll Wheeler & Edith Rogers.*

Wheeler, Elizabeth Wife F W Keeping House *Elizabeth J. Hix*

Wheeler, William Son M W 8 TN TN TN

Wheeler, Asia Son M W 6 TN TN TN

Wheeler, Belle Dau F W 4 TN TN TN

Wheeler, Hickman Son 2 M W TN TN TN *Madison Hickman Wheeler*

Wheeler, Haywood Son 8/52 M W TN TN TN

US Census, 1900 7th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 20 Family: 20 Line: 13

Wheeler, Jubilee Head M W April 1861 39 Farmer TN TN TN

Wheeler, Martha T. Wife F W November 1859 40 md (# of yrs. md, 20) (8 children born, 5 children living) TN TN TN
(*Martha Tennessee Billingsley, d/o James & Luverna Billingsley*).

Wheeler, Amos L. Son M W 19 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN (*Amos Wheeler md Claudie Lee Ragland*).

Wheeler, Edith L. Dau. F W 12 Single TN TN TN

Wheeler, Lura Dau F W 10 Single TN TN TN (*Lura Wheeler md Benton M. Roberts*).

Wheeler, Callie L. Dau. F W 4 Single TN TN TN

Wheeler, Perly A. Dau F W 2 Single TN TN TN

US Census, 1900 7th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 25 Family: 25 Line: 39

Wheeler, William C. Head M W December 1822 77 Married (# of yrs. md, 5) TN VA TN

Wheeler, Patia Wife F W April 1837 63 Married (# of yrs. md, 5) TN VA VA

US Census, 1900 12th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 171 Family: 175 Line: 52

Birdwell, Albert O. Head M W March 1858 42 Married (24 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN

(*Albert Overton Birdwell, s/o John Harvey Birdwell Sr. & Martha Chaffin*).

Birdwell, Mary A. Wife M W October 1856 43 Married (24 yrs. married) (11 children born, 10 children living) TN TN TN
(*Mary Ann Wheeler, d/o William Wade Wheeler & Mary Elizabeth Brown*).

Birdwell, Louis E. Son M W May 1877 23 Single Commercial Traveler TN TN TN

Birdwell, Larner Son M W May 1882 18 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Birdwell, William C. Son M W March 1885 15 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Birdwell, Laura E. Dau. F W December 1886 13 Single At School TN TN TN

Birdwell, Edie Dau. F W February 1888 12 Single At School TN TN TN

Birdwell, Martha E. Dau. F W May 1891 10 Single At School TN TN TN

Birdwell, Arlis C. Son M W April 1893 7 Single TN TN TN

Birdwell, Lillie L. Dau F W June 1895 4 Single TN TN TN

Birdwell, John O. Son M W February 1879 21 Married (1 yr. married) Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Birdwell, Fannie Dau-in-Law F W May 1882 18 Married (1 yr. married) (1 child born, 1 child living) TN TN VA

Birdwell, Linnard Grand-son M W February 1900 3/12 Single TN TN TN