

WILL OF JESSE THOMPSON
Rhea County, Tennessee

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KEY:

CC-C (County Court Minutes Vol C 1834-1840)

CiC-D (Circuit Court Minutes 1836-1842)

CC-D (County Court Minutes Vol D 1840- 1844)

WB-A (Will Book A 1825-December 1840)

Fonts in green from original document.

PG: 149: in book: **JESSE THOMPSON**

CC-C:421a & WB-A:356 – **5 March 1838: Jane Thompson, widow and relic of Jesse Thompson, decd,** and Wm T Gillenwaters are appointed Admx and Adm of estate of said Jesse; entered into bond with Jas I Cash and Thos P Gillespie, their securities, for \$10,000. On application of Jane Thompson, Commission (Jas I Cash, Archibald D Paul, Jas Roberson) appointed to lay off years provisions for widow and children of the deceased. Sales of property to Mrs Jane Thompson, Jesse Thompson, Andrew McCaleb, Rbt Mitchell, Jas W Thompson, Geo Preston, Wm T Gillenwaters, Isaac Thompson, Jas I Cash, Isaac Jaquish, Elizabeth Thompson, G W Tollett, Nathan Reed, Jas Walker, Saml Dudley, Robt Rhea, Jas Majors, John Howell, Jos R Swan, Wm Essex, Jos Grimsley, John Braley, Elijah Brewer, David M Roddy, Henry H Miller, Wiley Redwine, John Jennings, Asa Glascock, Jos Kimbrough, A G Knight, Elias Majors, Thos Majors, John McCallen, Zachariah Fugate, Elisa Thompson, Gabriel Jacquish, Sarah Thompson, Major Holloway, **Squire L Thompson**. A note of Wm H Crawford for \$31 payable in moulding or burning brick anywhere in Rhea Co due summer of 1836, said note is now desperate as Crawford is not to be found and has no property I can come to. A note on John Jaquish (doubtful).

PGS: 149 & 150: in book: **JESSE THOMPSON – A List of Property & Provisions for the Widow of Jesse Thompson Deceased.**

CC-C: 443 & WB-A:350, 4 June 1838 - - Adm returned inventory; Years support laid off to widow: 100 bu corn and wheat crop now growing on place, 1 cow, what bacon is on hand supposed to be 600 lbs, \$25 for shugar and coffee, 10 bu Irish potatoes. **This 19th March 1838 Signed: James I. Cash & James Robinson**

CC-C:452, 2 July 1838 - - **On application of Jane W Thompson, widow, she is appointed Gdn of seven minor heirs: Isaac N, Langan, Sarah, Lucinda, John L, Amanda, and Francis M Thompson.**

CiC-D: 271, 5 November 1838 - - **Jane Thompson, widow of Jesse Thompson, decd, VS Absalom L Thompson, Elizabeth A Thompson, Jane Thompson, Jesse Thompson, Isaac N Thompson, Eliza Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Lucinda Thompson, John L Thompson, Amanda Thompson, and Francis M Thompson, heirs of said Jesse, and Wm T Gillenwaters, Adm of said estate (Isaac N, Eliza, Sarah, Lucinda, John L, and Amanda are minors; Jesse Thompson is Gdn).**

PG: 150: in book: **WILL OF JESSE THOMPSON**

WB-A:381 March 1839 - - **Will of Jesse Thompson dated 20 September 1836....being desirous to provide for the support of my father and mother...the land in Meigs Co whereon they now live containing 320 acres. Father John Thompson and mother Sarah Thompson a life estate them residue to my three sisters: Sarah, Elizabeth and Margaret the wife of Levi H Knight in equal shares.**

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WB-A:420 November 1839 - - **Additional inventory of estate returned by Absalom L Thompson, which he says he received from his father, the decd,** by Wm T Gillenwaters. Adm. (also recorded in CC-C: 414, 4 November 1839).

WB-A:421 November 1839 - - An additional Inventory of the Estate of Jesse Thompson Dec'd was returned to Court at Nov session 1839 and was ordered to be recorded and is as follows towit.

Additional Schedule of the estate of Jesse Thompson Dec'd acct of Property returned to me by Absalom L Thompson which he said he received from his Father Jesse Thompson in his life time amounting to \$119.00. Wm T Gillenwaters Adm. November 4th 1839.

WB-A:426, March 1840 & CC-D: 25, 7 April 1840 – Settlement of Admx and Adm; settlement returned by N G Frazier, former Clerk, with Adms. Accounts paid: George Locke, N G Frazier, Thos McCallie, B W Holloway, Major Holloway, Betsy Breeding, R N Gillespie, Ramsey & Craighead, Wm H Crawford, etc.

CC-D: 58 & WB-A: 442, 5 October 1840 - - Adms returned additional inventory; note of Alexander Gear for \$12.50 considered doubtful.

CC-D: 251, 6 March 1843 - - On application of **Jane Thompson**, Admx, she is allowed until next session of this Court to settle the administratnship of estate.

SOURCE:

Rhea County, Tennessee – County Court Minutes August 1834 – January 1840:

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The page number at the beginning of paragraphs correspond to those in the minute book (see Note on page 60 concerning the misnumbered pages). The page numbers in the index beginning on page 84 refer to the page number in this publication. Bettye J. Broyles

PG. 25: in book: 7 May 1835

(pg. 105): Henry Collins, Matthew Hubbert, Saml Logan, & Jackson Howerton, Commissioners & c & Jesse Thompson, Surveyor VS Polly West of Isaac West, Alethea West, Jeffrey West, Polly Ann West, Eliza West, Warren West, John Barnett & wife Matilda, James Barnett & wife Charlotte, Absolam L. Thompson & wife Susan (No. 2307). At August Session 1834 the lands of Isaac West were partitioned by a Commission; Court allowed the Commissioners \$1.50 each per day and the surveyor \$2.00 per day (for four days). Ordered that the said expenses be paid in equal proportions by the claimants, it appearing that the charges were not paid on the return of the proceedings and services of the Commissioners.

PG. 64: in book: 4 December 1837

(pg. 403): Court proceeded to elect a County Surveyor to replace Jesse Thompson, deceased; Alfred Collins was elected and entered into bond with Henry Collins and J. W. Inman, his securities, for \$3000.

PG. 66: in book: March Session 1838

(pg. 421): Jane Thompson, widow and relict of Jesse Thompson, and William T. Gillenwaters are appointed administratrix and administrator on estate of Jesse Thompson, dec'd; bond with James I Cash and Thomas J. Gillespie, their securities, for \$10,000.

PG.70 & 71: in book: 2 July 1838

(pg. 452): Jane Thompson, widow of Jesse Thompson, appointed guardian of seven minor heirs of the said Jesse Thompson. Heirs are Isaac N., Louiza, Sarah, Lucinda, John L., Amanda A., and Francis M. Thompson.

PG.76: in book: 2 July 1838

(pg. 382): The Will in part or Devise of 320 acres of land made by Jesse Thompson on the 20th September 1836 was produced by John Thompson and proven by Elizabeth N. Thompson, subscribing witnesses, who say they saw the said Jesse Thompson.

Note: Assets of No Value or Doubtful Title: If the personal representative should find among the assets of the estate a security which he knows to be valueless, he must still include it in the inventory. It is property of the estate, and must be inventoried and retained. It may later become valuable, in which case he will have to account for it. The appraised value of an asset considered absolutely worthless should be shown as "No Value."

If the court orders the representative to distribute such an asset, he should make the proper entry in his books of account, although the entry will show no money values.

The value of notes or other claims held by the decedent should be included, though they were canceled by his will or appear from their dates to be barred by the statute of limitations.

Assets the title to which is uncertain should be included in the inventory "on their merits," stating all the known pertinent facts, and leaving the question of ownership to the court. Such assets may include securities found in the possession of the decedent but standing in the names of other persons, joint deposit accounts, articles on which it will require the court's decision to settle whether they are personalty belonging to a tenant or fixtures attached to realty, etc.
(Article 15 of Regulations 37, Bureau of Internal Revenue)

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Attest
Elizabeth N Thompson
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