

- I B. R. Wilkerson of Tracy City Tenn  
Make and publish this as my last  
will and Testament revoking all  
other wills by me at any time made.
- 1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my funeral expenses <sup>be paid</sup> out  
of the first moneys that come into  
the hands of my executor.
  - 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife  
Lillie Wilkerson and to my two children  
Jesse May Wilkerson and Bertie Pauline  
Wilkerson my Policy in the Royal  
Acornian for three thousand dollars,  
or the proceeds of same, less the  
amounts to be applied to other  
purposes as hereinafter stated.
  - 3<sup>d</sup> I direct that my executor who is  
herein named, will as soon as this  
will is proven and probated, be appointed  
the guardian of my said children  
Jesse May and Bertie Pauline, who  
are minors, and that he as executor  
& guardian aforesaid, collect said  
Policy, pay my funeral expenses,  
the cost of executing and probating  
this will, and also pay W. C. Wilkerson  
the balance I am due him on the  
lot and house hereinafter described,  
which amounts to about eleven hun-  
dred and thirty four dollars.

The same to be paid as per agreement  
between the said W.C. Wilkinson and  
myself, that is to say by installments  
of thirty dollars each month, until  
the whole amount is paid, and after  
said amounts are paid, the remainder  
of said policy is to be divided  
equally between my said wife and  
two children above named, I  
further direct that my executor and  
the Guardian of my said children  
will loan the amount of said Policy  
that goes to my said children at interest,  
and that he will only expend the  
interest on same for said children,  
as he sees fit, and save the principal  
and not pay it to them, until  
they become twenty one years old.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Fannie  
Wilkinson and two children Jesse May  
and Bertie Pauline, as hereinafter stated,  
a certain lot and houses, situated in  
Tracy City Tenn. bounded on the North  
by Mrs. Josie, East by Spencer, South  
by Altamont Street, and by Colyar  
Street on the West and includes the  
house where we now live, the house  
where W.C. Wilkinson now lives, and  
and the store house and side rooms

now occupied by Henry, Pecos and  
Willie Wilkinson, my wife Lillie is  
to have a one third interest in said  
lot and houses during her natural  
life. My two children Jesse May  
Patti Pauline are to have the  
other two thirds interest in same  
and on the death of my wife they  
are to have the one third interest  
bequeathed to her during her  
natural life. I further direct  
that the rents of the house where  
W.C. Wilkinson now lives and  
the store house and side rooms  
be applied to the support of  
my wife and two children, and  
that they occupy the house where  
we now live as their home.  
And give and bequeath to my wife  
Lillie Wilkinson all accounts, due bills,  
notes and debts of every character  
in my favor and suggest that she  
collect same.

5-11c I hereby empower my executor that  
in the event he can make a settlement  
of my indebtedness to W.C. Wilkinson  
before maturity same, to the interest  
and advantage of my legatees to do  
so, and my said executor is to be sole

judge as to the best course to pursue  
in this matter,

I further direct that in the event my  
wife Lillie should refuse to allow  
my executor to pay one third of said  
indebtedness out of her interest in said  
Policy, ~~as that event I direct~~ - that said  
indebtedness be paid out of the interest  
in said Policy of my children Jesse May  
and Bertie Pauline, and that in the  
event said indebtedness is paid out  
of their interest they are to have the  
lot & houses above described absolutely  
and the rents and profits of same  
and my wife Lillie is to have no  
interest in same whatever.

Lastly I nominate and appoint  
John C. Wilkinson as my executor  
In witness whereof I hereto subscribe my  
name on this the 30th day of November 1897

Signed in the presence of  
B. R. Wilkinson

A. J. Bell  
S. A. Henley

Last will and  
testament of B. R.  
Wilkinson

Last Will and  
testament of  
B. R. Wilkinson dec'd

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John Senggs clerk