

## **Last Will & Testament of J. C. Morris**

**State of Mississippi**  
**Tishomingo County**

Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, I, J. C. Morris, of said County and State being of sound and disposing mind and memory and over the age of twenty-one years, make this my last will and testament.

First: It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any money or property I may die possessed;

Second: I give, devise, and bequeath to my beloved wife, Fannie Morris, my entire estate both real and personal together with all rights, titles and choses in action to be used and owned by her during her lifetime for her support and for the support and education of our adopted daughter, Effie (Childress) Morris. Provided my beloved wife, Fannie Morris, shall not marry again. In the event she should marry then and in that event, my entire estate both real and personal shall be sold and divided as directed in section three of this my last will and testament except that my beloved wife is to get an equal share with my other heirs.

Third: I hereby direct that at the death of my beloved wife if she has not married the entire residue of my estate both real and personal shall be sold and divided equally among my six beloved children: Will Morris, Seibe Morris, Lou Morris, Mrs. Mattie Garrison, Doss Morris, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, and my beloved adopted child Effie (Childress) Morris share and share alike.

Fourth: I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Fannie Morris, executrix of this my last will and testament she to have sole care and management of said property for the support of herself and Effie, as long as she shall live or is capable mentally and physically to attend to the caring for and management of said estate. In the event she should become incapable for any reason to properly look after and manage said estate for their support or in the event of her death or in the event of her marriage, I hereby nominate and appoint Lou Morris, executor of this my last will and testament and I hereby direct that neither my beloved wife nor the said Lou Morris shall be required to give any bond as such executors nor to report executorship to any court of law or equity in so far as I can exempt them.

In witness whereof, I have this day signed published and declared this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in said County and State on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1921.

J. C. [his X mark] Morris

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We the undersigned hereby certify that Mr. J. C. Morris in said County and State on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1921 signed by his mark the foregoing instrument of writing and published and declared the same in our presence as his last will and testament and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other on said date have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses thereof.

J. B. Williams  
J. J. Whitten

**Proof of Will**

**The State of Mississippi  
County of Tishomingo**

**Chancery Court  
Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1923**

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of J. C. Morris, deceased, late of Tishomingo County.

Personally appeared before me Willie Leon Hiatt, Clerk of the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, J. B. Williams, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing and annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of J. C. Morris, deceased late of Tishomingo County, who having been first duly sworn say that the said J. C. Morris signed, published and declared said instrument as his last will and testament on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1921.

Transcribed by RaNae Vaughn, exactly as it was written.