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Just thought this might be of interest to you.  
 Janelle

## **Moses Guest Decd. Estate Problems**

### **Coffee County, TN Chancery Court**

James Winton Loose Papers #317 (1872) William Guest et al

The undersigned Clerk and Master respectfully submits the following as his report in response to the order of reference hereon pronounced and revived from Term: viz.

1st In response to the reference as to "Who are the heirs at Law of Moses Guest, Dec'd" and the other matters.

The original heirs of Moses Guest dec'd were nine in number, to wit: 1st. Lydia Perryman, formerly Guest, 2nd John Guest, 3rd Betsy Wood, formerly Guest, 4th William Guest, 5th Moses Guest, 6th Lillie A Hubbard, 7th Mary Looney, formerly Guest, 8th Dorcus Messick formerly Guest and 9th Sarah Lusk formerly Guest.

1. Lydia Perryman died leaving one child, Moses Perryman who represents his mother's share, one ninth
2. John Guest died and left an unknown number of heirs
3. Betsy Wood, by first marriage had three children, 1) Jeff Wood (died leaving one child \_\_\_\_\_ Wood)  
 2) Washington Wood, and 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Wood. Betsy Wood then intermarried with \_\_\_\_\_ Orr and then died, and the proof fails to show what issue came of said second marriage.
4. William Guest died devising his share of the estate to his wife Nancy Guest during her life (will filed) and said Nancy is still living and is entitled to represent his share.
5. Moses Guest who is entitled to one ninth.
6. Lillie A. Hubbard died leaving eight heirs most of these have married and died leaving children whose names, number and residence cannot be ascertained.
7. Mary Looney whose representatives are in the same condition as Lillie A. Hubbard's.
8. Dorcas Messick died leaving eight heirs: 1) Mary A. Winton, 2) Catherine Campbell, 3) Matilda C. Duncan, 4) Sarah L. Messick, 5) Dorcas E. Messick, 6) Martin V. Messick, 7) Moses A. Messick  
 [Only 7 of 8 heirs listed here, in the settlement James receives his share.]

## 9. Sarah Lusk entitled to one ninth.

The Master reports in addition that the representative of Lydia Perryman has either been paid in full of which there is no satisfactory evidence (deposition of Sarah Lusk) or has been unintentionally left out in the former distribution. The sum in this cause in gross is as follows ....Gross Fund \$1148.58

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Deposition of George Messick (in the case of James Winton vs Wm. Guest et al)

Q. Did you know Moses Guest in his life time if so did you know his children if so name them, if any are dead, who, and did they leave children, if so name them?

A. I knew Moses Guest in his life was well acquainted with him and his children. There are now living of his children Sarah Lusk who lived in Grundy County, TN and Moses Guest who was living in the state of Texas when last heard from. William and John Guest, Polly Looney, Fanny Hubbard, Betsey Orr and Dorcas Messick are dead.

William's children are named, respectively: John, Joseph, Anna who married \_\_\_\_ Foulks, Frances who is living in Grundy County unmarried, Oregana who lived in Grundy County and is married but to whom I do not know

John's children are named respectively: Jackson who lives in Louisiana and William whose residence in unknown to me and I am not informed as to whether he is living or not. He had other children but I do not recollect their names.

Of Polly Looney's children I know nothing except John Looney who lives in Alabama.

Of Fanny Orr's children I only know Washington Woods who lives in West TN.

Dorcas Messick left five daughters: Mary Ann Winton who lives in Grundy County, Catherine Campbell who lives in Arkansas, Matilda C. Duncan who lives in Coffee County, Tn, Sarah Louisa Messick who lives in Coffee County, Dorcas E. Messick, also a citizen of Coffee County. She also left four sons, three of whom are living: Martin V. Messick who lives in Missouri, Moses A. Messick who lives in Coffee County and G.W. Messick who also lives in Coffee County.

/S/ G. Messick

And Further this deponent saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of February 1872 /S/ F.J. Nelson C&M

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Deposition of Nancy Guest

Q. State if you know the original heirs of Moses Guest, where they live, if any are dead, state how many children they left and their names.

A. John Guest who is dead, leaving children I don't know how many, some of whom are dead and whose residences I do not know. Mary Guest who married Moses Looney and died leaving I don't know how many children. I do not know if they are living or not. William Guest who is dead and who left five children (John Guest lives at Luke Providence Louisiana, Lilly Ann Guest married to W.H. Fultz who

lives at Fultz Cove, Tn, Orgon Guest married to Wm. F. Shelton and lives at Hubbards Cove, Francian Guest who lives at Hubbards Cove, J.A.J. Guest who is a minor. William Guest willed to his wife Nancy Guest his share in his father's estate during her life,,,,I am that widow. Betsy Guest who married Arch Wood and died leaving as I think four children, one died before marriage, the other one married and died leaving one child names \_\_\_\_\_ Wood. Dorcas Guest who married George Messick and died leaving as heirs Martin, Catherine, Richard, Mary Ann, Louisa, George and these are all of age. Sallie Guest who married Billy Lusk and still lives in Hubards Cove and Lilly Ann Guest who married Anderson Hubbard and died after removing to Arkansas leaving children whose names and numbers I do not know.

Q. State what amount of \_\_\_\_\_ and monies you have paid out in your defence of the suit of Jas Winton in counsel fees and transcripts.

A. I have paid out \$49.10, and never got anything back.

/S/ Nancy Guest (her mark) 5 Feb 1873

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