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Last Will and Testament of Tommie Lee Thomas

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By Deputy

I, Tommie Lee Thomas, a resident of Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, revoke any prior Wills and codicils made by me and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament (*Will*).

Article One
Family Information

My life partner is Jessie Dillard, and I have provided for her in my Will. All distributions to Jessie Dillard are contingent upon her being my life partner at the time of my death. Because there is no official legal recognition of our relationship that is honored in all jurisdictions, my Personal Representative will deem Jessie Dillard to be my surviving life partner under my Will unless I sign and deliver to my Personal Representative a written declaration that Jessie Dillard is no longer my life partner.

I have three children. They are:

Anthony Dwayne Williams;

Christopher Thomas; and

Antonio Lee Thomas.

All references in my Will to "my children" are references to these children, as well as to any children subsequently born to me or adopted by me in a legal proceeding valid in the jurisdiction (domestic or foreign) in which it occurred, but any child who is disinherited in this Article will have no right to receive any benefits under this Will or to make any decisions about this Will.

References to "my descendants" are to my children and their descendants, including descendants of any deceased child.

I am specifically disinheriting Antonio Lee Thomas and his descendants. Therefore, for the purposes of my Will, Antonio Lee Thomas and his descendants will be deemed to have predeceased me.

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Article Two
Distribution of My Property

Section 2.01 Specific Distribution to Jessie Dillard

I give my home to Jessie Dillard. If Jessie Dillard is deceased then this gift will lapse and my Personal Representative shall distribute this property as a part of the residue of my estate.

Section 2.02 Specific Distribution to Jessie Dillard

I give 90 per cent of my remaining estate to Jessie Dillard. If Jessie Dillard is deceased then this gift will lapse and my Personal Representative shall distribute this property as a part of the residue of my estate.

Section 2.03 Specific Distribution to Anthony Dwayne Williams

I give 5 per cent of my remaining estate to Anthony Dwayne Williams. If Anthony Dwayne Williams is deceased then this gift will lapse and my Personal Representative shall distribute this property as a part of the residue of my estate.

Section 2.04 Specific Distribution to Christopher Thomas

I give 5 per cent of my remaining estate to Christopher Thomas. If Christopher Thomas is deceased then this gift will lapse and my Personal Representative shall distribute this property as a part of the residue of my estate.

Section 2.05 Disposition of Remaining Tangible Personal Property

I give my remaining tangible personal property according to a separate *Personal Property Memorandum* or other similar writing signed by me and kept with my personal records. The writing will qualify to distribute my tangible personal property under applicable state law. If the writing is not found at the time of my death, or is ruled an improper disposition, this bequest will lapse and My Personal Representative shall divide and distribute my tangible personal property as part of the residue of my estate.

Section 2.06 Distribution of the Residue of My Estate

I give the residue of my estate outright and free of trust to the following person:

Beneficiary	**Share**
Jessie Dillard	100

If the person named as a beneficiary under this Section predeceases me, the person's share shall pass to my descendants, *by representation.*

Section 2.07 Alternate Disposition

If at any time no person or entity is qualified to receive final distribution of any part of my residuary estate, I give that portion of my residuary estate to those persons who would

inherit it had I then died intestate owning the property, as determined and proportioned under the laws of Tennessee then in effect.

Article Three
Designation and Succession of Fiduciaries

Section 3.01 Personal Representative

I nominate Jessie Dillard as my Personal Representative.

Article Four
Powers of Fiduciaries

Section 4.01 Grant of Powers

My Personal Representative may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer my estate and any trust established under my Will. In addition to this general grant of powers, my Personal Representative is specifically authorized to:

hold, retain, invest, reinvest, sell, and manage any real or personal property, including interests in any form of business entity including limited partnerships and limited liability companies, and life, health, and disability insurance policies, without diversification as to kind, amount, or risk of non-productivity and without limitation by statute or rule of law;

partition, sell, exchange, grant, convey, deliver, assign, transfer, lease, option, mortgage, pledge, abandon, borrow, loan, and contract;

distribute assets of my estate in cash or in kind, or partly in each, at fair market value on the distribution date, without requiring *pro rata* distribution of specific assets and without requiring *pro rata* allocation of the tax bases of those assets;

hold any interest in nominee form, continue businesses, carry out agreements, and deal with itself, other fiduciaries, and business organizations in which my Personal Representative may have an interest;

establish reserves, release powers, and abandon, settle, or contest claims; and

employ attorneys, accountants, custodians for trust assets, and other agents or assistants as my Personal Representative deems advisable to act with or without discretionary powers, and compensate them and pay their expenses from income or principal.

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Section 4.02 Powers Granted by State Law

In addition to the above powers, Personal Representative may, without prior authority from any court, exercise all powers conferred by my Will by common law, or by the Tennessee Fiduciary Powers Act or other Tennessee statute or any other jurisdiction whose law applies to my Will. My fiduciaries have absolute discretion in exercising these powers. Except as specifically limited by my Will these powers extend to all property held by my Personal Representative until the actual distribution of the property.

Section 4.03 Distribution Alternatives

My Personal Representative may make any payments under my Will:

directly to a beneficiary;

in any form allowed by applicable state law for gifts or transfers to minors or persons under disability;

to a beneficiary's guardian, conservator, or caregiver for the beneficiary's benefit; or

by direct payment of the beneficiary's expenses.

A receipt by the recipient for any distribution will fully discharge my Personal Representative if the distribution is consistent with the proper exercise of my Personal Representative's duties under my Will.

Article Five
Administrative Provisions

Section 5.01 No Bond, Inventory, or Accounting

No Fiduciary is required to furnish any bond for the faithful performance of the Fiduciary's duties, unless required by a court of competent jurisdiction and only if the court finds that a bond is necessary. No surety bond, inventory, or accounting shall be required to be filed in the probate record unless the court find that good cause is shown for such a requirement.

Section 5.02 Compensation and Reimbursement

My Personal Representative is entitled to reasonable compensation commensurate with services actually performed. In addition, my Personal Representative is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred.

Section 5.03 Ancillary Personal Representative

If any ancillary administration is required or desired, and my domiciliary Personal Representative is unable or unwilling to act as an Ancillary Personal Representative, my domiciliary Personal Representative may have power to designate, compensate, direct, and remove an Ancillary Personal Representative. The Ancillary Personal Representative may either be a person or a corporation. My domiciliary Personal Representative may delegate

to the Ancillary Personal Representative any powers granted to my domiciliary Personal Representative as my domiciliary Personal Representative considers to be proper, including the right to serve without bond or without surety on bond. The net proceeds of the ancillary estate will be paid over to the domiciliary Personal Representative.

Article Six
Taxes, Claims, and Expenses

I direct that my Personal Representative pay the expenses of my last illness, of my funeral, and of my estate's administration from my residuary estate. My Personal Representative shall pay all estate, inheritance and similar taxes payable with respect to property included in my estate, whether or not passing under my Will, and any interest or penalties, from my residuary estate without apportionment and with no right of reimbursement from any recipient of any estate property.

Article Seven
General Provisions

Section 7.01 Adopted and Afterborn Persons

A legally adopted person in any generation and that person's descendants, including adopted descendants, have the same rights and will be treated in the same manner under this Will as natural children of the adopting parent if the person is legally adopted before turning 18 years old. If an adoption was legal in the jurisdiction it occurred in at that time, then the adoption is considered legal.

A fetus *in utero* that is later born alive will be considered a person in being during the period of gestation.

Section 7.02 Survivorship Presumption

If any beneficiary is living at my death, but dies within 60 days after my death, then the beneficiary will be considered to have predeceased me.

Section 7.03 Applicable Law

The validity and construction of my Will will be determined by the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Section 7.04 No Contract to Make Will

I have not entered into any contract, actual or implied, to make a Will.

Section 7.05 Construction

Unless the context requires otherwise, words denoting the singular may denote the plural, and words indicating the plural may denote the singular. As the context requires, words of one gender may denote another gender.

Section 7.06 Headings and Titles

The headings and paragraph titles are for reference only.

Section 7.07 Internal Revenue Code, IRC, or Code

References to the Internal Revenue Code, the IRC or the Code refer to the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. References to specific sections of the Code apply to any sections of similar import that replace the specific sections due to changes to the Internal Revenue Code made after the date of my Will.

Section 7.08 Other Definitions

Except as otherwise provided in my Will, terms will be interpreted as defined in the Tennessee Probate Code as amended after the date of my Will and after my death.

Section 7.09 Severability

If any part of this instrument is determined to be void or invalid, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.

I signed this will on the 7th day of July, 2021.

Tommie Lee Thomas

Tommie Lee Thomas

On the date last above written, we saw Tommie Lee Thomas, in our presence, sign the foregoing instrument at its end. He then declared it to be his will and requested us to act as witnesses to it. We then, in his presence and in the presence of each other, signed our names as attesting witnesses, believing him at all times herein mentioned to be of sound mind and memory and not acting under constraint of any kind.

Erin Yousief

Erin Yousief, Witness
3820 Charlotte Ave., Suite 146
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

LaToya Polk

LaToya Polk, Witness
3820 Charlotte Avenue, Suite 146
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES TO PROVE WILL

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, Erin Yousief, and LaToya Polk, who each being separately and duly sworn, each for himself/herself on his/her oath or affirmation disposes and says:

1. That I am the witness whose name is signed to the Last Will and Testament of Tommie Lee Thomas;
2. That Tommie Lee Thomas, the testator, in the presence of each us, signed the Will willingly after declaring it be his Last Will;
3. That we, as witnesses, signed and witnessed the Will in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other;
4. That each of us believes that the testator was of sound mind and memory and under no constraint or undue influence whatsoever when he signed his Will; and
5. That we, as witnesses, and the testator are each at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Witness

Witness

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 2021.

APRIL HARRIS JACKSON
STATE OF TENNESSEE NOTARY PUBLIC
DAVIDSON COUNTY

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 7, 2023

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE: ***TOMMIE LEE THOMAS***

Docket No: ***22P1617***

I, JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Davidson County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the document heretofore entered in the above styled case on November 2, 2022 in the Seventh Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, as same remains of record in the Minutes of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in Nashville, on June 23, 2026.

JOSEPH P. DAY
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk,

By: Meachelle Carver
Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE of AUTHENTICITY

I, **Leroy Johnston Ellis, IV** do hereby make oath that I am an Attorney licensed in the State of Tennessee, Bar # 017968, and custodian of the original version of the Electronic document tendered for registration herewith and that this Electronic document is a True and Exact copy of the Original document executed and authenticated according to law on June 23 20 26

Leroy Johnston Ellis, IV, Affiant

June 23, 2026
Date

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON }

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of June, 2026.

Cheryl Denise Whitfield
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 09/05/2028

CHERYL DENISE WHITFIELD
STATE OF TENNESSEE NOTARY PUBLIC
DAVIDSON COUNTY

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