

Second Wife Not Named In Will Of Preacher Boyd

Estate Of Bruceton Minister Valued At Less Than \$10,000

MEMPHIS, Feb. 10—(P)—The will of Rev. T. M. Boyd, Baptist minister, who was the central figure in a sensational habeas corpus case in Circuit Court in January, has been filed for probate.

A son and daughter, J. R. Boyd and Mrs. Vilda Smith, filed the habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Floyd Henderson, Jan. 22, charging that the second wife of Rev. Boyd had denied the minister proper medical care and that she was trying to bring about his death.

Mrs. Boyd, the defendant, had been married to the minister eight years when the action was filed. During the court proceedings, Rev. Boyd, who was 70 years of age, became ill, was rushed to Baptist Hospital and died there Jan. 26. His illness interrupted the proceedings before a decision was given.

Yesterday as the will was being probated, Judge Henderson marked on the Circuit Court docket, "Abated by death."

In the Circuit Court case the plaintiffs also charged that the wife, Mrs. Boyd, made or attempted to make Rev. Boyd deed over to her all his property. The defendant, Mrs. Boyd, denied all the allegations made by the plaintiffs.

Rev. Boyd in his will, dated Sept. 25, 1936 left to his three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Rains, of Parsons, Tenn.; Mrs. S. P. Smith and Mrs. A. F. Fristoe "my home and all my city lots in the Cooper addition of Bruceton, Tenn."

To his three sons J. R. W. L. and Spurgeon Boyd, he left three lots located in the Juber addition of Bruceton and his interest in a farm in the 18th Civil District of Carroll County, near the Pond Branch School.

Mrs. Rains was named executor without bond.

Rev. Boyd lived at 2241 Evelyn, a residence which Mrs. Boyd said belonged to her.

Rev. Boyd's estate was estimated at less than \$10,000. In no part of the will did he make any mention of his wife. Mrs. Boyd. Despite this omission, according to attorneys, Mrs. Boyd has a dower interest in the estate.