

George W. Ballards Will.

I George W. Ballard being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament —

First I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the personal assets of my Estate.

I will secondly that my wife Eliza Jane Ballard and my son John A. Ballard have the use and benefit of all my land and realty during the natural life of my said wife and that they rear all my minor children and maintain them until the youngest is twenty one years of age or as long as they stay with them.

I will thirdly that my said wife and son John keep the possession and use of all my land ^{or personalty} after the youngest child comes of age, if she my said wife should live longer than the majority of my said youngest child; if not then when said youngest child comes of age (after the death of my said wife), I will my sd son John and Stephen have all of my personal property, and that my real Estate be sold and the proceeds be divided Equally among all my heirs giving my three grand children, Kelly P. William & Hattie May Severs one sixth of said realty; Or that my real Estate shall be equally divided as above without a sale if they ^{the three of lawful age} can agree and prefer said division of the land.

Fourthly I will that in the event my said wife should live longer than the time when my youngest child Stephen becomes twenty one years of age, that she and my son John keep all my property to maintain her during her life and at her death; I will that my sd son John and Stephen have all my personal property and that all my land be equally divided between my children giving my said grand children one sixth as above, if those of my heirs who are of age can agree in the division of said land, if they who are of lawful age should prefer it I will that they shall sell all my land and divide the proceeds Equally among my children giving my sd grand children (the children of Harriet Severs deceased) one sixth of sd proceeds.

I do hereby appoint my son John Ballard Executor of this my last will.

In testimony whereof I have hereto signed my name This the 4th of August 1876.

Attest

F. D. Crumley
Sam Williams
L. M. Murrell

George W. Ballard

The foregoing will was presented and sworn in before me at the County of Washington State of Tennessee on the 4th day of August 1876 by the said George W. Ballard and the said F. D. Crumley, Sam Williams and L. M. Murrell as witnesses.

Harriet Wall's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Harriet Wall of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being feeble in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make & ordain this my last will & Testament;

Whereas prior to my marriage with my present husband Armistead Wall an Agreement was entered into between us; that each should retain the right to control and dispose of our separate property both real and personal as we might think proper as well what might be subsequently acquired by our separate efforts and means as that held and possessed individually at the time of our marriage —

Now the spirit of said Agreement I lay no claim to my Feather Beds, Bolsters & Pillows, One Shuck Mattress, One Ingrain Carpet of 4 widths, 6 Eliza Table 6 Silver Tea Spoons, One Lounge & furniture & one Cooking Stove utensils now in our joint use, and which are rightfully the property of my said husband A. Wall. The remainder of my property Real & personal I claim the right to dispose of, and do dispose of as follows: First my House & lot on Main Street adjoining lot on Bank Street in the town of Jonesboro State of Tennessee wherein I now live & have lived for many years past being a part of the Legacy derived under the Will of my Grandmother Susan Woodson at the death of my Mother Eliza C. Jackson I give to my daughter Eliza Gamble & Cordelia May (to the latter to her sole separate use) and to my two Grand Children Hattie Benson & Oliver Eugene Ross (by right of their father Jas. B. Ross deceased children of my former husband) as a lawful inheritance. Each of my Daughters to hold and possess one third interest in said property & Hattie Benson & Oliver Eugene Ross jointly the remaining one third interest in said property. At the death of my daughter Cordelia May, dying without issue my wish is & I do will it, that her interest in said Realty shall be equally divided between Eliza Gamble if living or if dead between her son Augustus Gamble & Hattie Benson & Oliver Eugene Ross (latter jointly).

Second To my Granddaughter Hattie Benson I give my Parlor Carpet & Parlor Chairs (except the Rocking Chair I give to my daughter Cordelia) including such articles of ornament as were made by my Granddaughter whilst living with me before marriage — all other articles of Furniture I desire equally divided between my two daughters Eliza & Cordelia & my Granddaughter Hattie Benson.

Third: To my Daughters Eliza & Cordelia I give my wearing apparel & jewelry, to be equally ^{divided} between them.

Fourth To my Grandson Augustus Gamble I give the Portrait of