

William Houston will cont.

Rising across the creek to the Beginning and thirty acres of the Knob lands adjoining the lands of John L. Murray and others and a negro girl named Mandy which she is to have for the term of her natural life and then to go to her children at her death. Fifth - I bequeath to my daughter Selia Ford a tract of land that I give to her that they sold to John M. Barnes and M. M. Barnes and a negro boy named Benjamin to Andy Ford and wife as long as they live and then to go to the daughter or daughters of the said Selia Ford. Sixth - I bequeath that after the death of my wife that they shall divide the property between them equally between the three children. I do hereby nominate and appoint, Stephen Houston and Andy Ford my Executors in witness whereof I do to this my will at my hand and seal this 27th day of April 1859.

Witness
Andria D. Daylor
Vincent Boring

William Houston

The foregoing will was proven in open court at August Term 1859. by Andria D. Daylor and Vincent Boring the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And Stephen Houston one of the Executors named therein appeared in open court gave bond and approved Security and was duly qualified as Exr.
Henry Hoff, Clk.

John C. Shields will.

Whereas life is uncertain and death sure and no man knows the day that he may in the providence of God be called from time to eternity now in order to facilitate the winding up of my little estate should I be called hence. I have concluded to give the following directions for the use of my Executors, Court that after the settlement of my

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just debts my wife Nancy have the management and use of all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood under the following restrictions to wit: for the purpose of clothing supporting and educating the children - that she carefully preserve the principal using the interest only of any money that may be on hand except so much as may be necessary to purchase a small tract of woodland should an opportunity offer for the purpose of keeping the farm in repair & fuel &c. I hereby empower my wife aforesaid to make title to my lots situated in the town of Sandridge - Jefferson County Iowa as it is my intention that my children shall all share equally my estate I direct that my wife advance them as she can & pay just the same as if I was living keeping an exact account of the same to each that she see all such property as will be useful to her such as my shop tools &c. and be an the money as aforesaid. In a word it is my desire that all things be done as near as possible just as if I was doing it myself that is taking care of the property & disposing of for the mutual welfare of the family my children shall finally to inherit it equally at the death or marriage of my wife my farm on which I now live not to be sold however until my youngest child comes of age when they all can manage it themselves as they think best if my wife wish to dissent from this will she may can publish it and have it legally nullified at any time within six months after my decease.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of June 1852,
John C. Shields

The body and signature of the foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Lemuel Shields and David Ellis and the same ordered to be recorded. And the Court orders that letters of Administration be issued on the said estate with the will annexed to Mrs. Shields & David Ellis who appeared in open court gave bond and approved Security & was duly qualified.
Henry Hoff, Clk.