

~~surviving children,~~

24th Nov. 1894

Any thing I may leave in the way of Household effects to be divided between my own children.

Any Bowls or Stock I may leave to be divided between my children
My Grand Daughters.

Sarah Gerrill Bushnell and Sarah Brent Spence each to have Four hundred dollars.

To be used for their education, or what seems best for them
My Jewelry and clothing to be divided between my Daughters

Written in St Louis Mo.

. Sarah B. Gerrill.

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Sallie Dold Duncan has forfeited her legacy from using disrespectful language towards myself and my sons.

November 24th 1894

I desire to be neatly prepared for burial, and laid beside My Dear Husband in Cemetery in Salem Roanoke Co. Va. My name above, engraved on the Monument I had placed at my Husband's grave. Funeral expenses paid from my proceeds of my property in Salem. My Property bequeathed to me by my Father Mr. Samuel M. Dold, I will to my Youngest child "D" Samuel Miller Dold Gerrill; as he has always been a good Son to me, and bears the full name of his Grand Father Dold.

This written by Sarah B. Dold Gerrill in St Louis Mo all other excepting that is in envelope revoked

At Roanoke County Court December 17th 1894.

The last Will and Testament of Mrs. Sarah B. Gerrill, deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of H. W. Ballard and Frank H. Chalmers, who deposed that they are well acquainted with the Testator's hand writing, and verily believe the said writing, and the name etc. subscribed, to be wholly written by the Testator's own hand.

Whereupon, the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said Sarah B. Gerrill, deceased.

A copy from the records of Court.

Date:-

. W. Griffin, clerk.

• West Virginia:

Office of the Clerk of McDowell County, West Virginia.

August 10th, 1894.

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• In the matter of the Estate of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased.
On the tenth day of August, 1894, came Isaac T.

Mann, of Bramwell, West Virginia, and presented to the Clerk a paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, of Elkhorn, West Virginia, Deceased, and made his motion, by counsel, that the said will of the said Bramwell be admitted to record.

And IT APPEARING TO THE CLERK that the said Isaac T. Mann is one of the executors mentioned in the said last will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased; and that the subscribing witnesses to the said will, namely, C. G. Dismore and H. M. Sill, reside out of the State of West Virginia;

IT IS ORDERED that the deposition of the said subscribing witnesses, C. G. Dismore and H. M. Sill, be taken for purpose of proving the said Last Will and Testament, and the said deposition shall be returned to Wm P. Payne, ^{Clerk of the} County Court of Mt. Dewell County, West Virginia, United States of America, by the officer or officers taking the same, by Registered Mail Service, under seal, with the name and post-office address of the officer or officers taking said deposition written on the outside of the cover under which the said deposition shall be returned.

. In the name of GOD: Amen.

I, Joseph H. Bramwell, a resident and citizen of the Town of Elkhorn, County of Mt. Dewell and State of West Virginia, do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby intending to dispose of all my worldly estate of which I may die seized or possessed, hereby revoking all Wills and Codicils by me heretofore made.

FIRST: I give and bequeath unto those of my beloved brothers and sisters who shall be living at the time of my death, all my house-hold furniture, objects of art, jewelry and personal effects, to be divided among them as equally as possible, and taking into account each ones wish and fancy. Such distribution shall be made by my Executors, hereinafter named, who shall make up each ones share.

SECOND: I direct my Executors, hereinafter named, to pay my just debts and funeral expenses.

THIRD: I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real or personal, of whatever kind and nature and where-ever situate, to my Trustees, hereinafter named, with power to sell, transfer, convey and convert the same into money, (save as hereinafter specifically excepted,) and with power to invest and re-invest the proceeds, to-

gather with all powers necessary or proper to have and to hold said estate for the term of the natural lives of my beloved father and mother and the survivor of them; In trust nevertheless for the following uses and purposes:-

1. To collect and receive the rents, issues and profits and income of said property and estate, and after paying all legitimate and proper expenses of administration, to pay out of the net income to my beloved father and mother and to the survivor of them during the term of their, his or her natural lives, the sum of Six Thousand and (\$6000) Dollars, annually, in equal monthly payments, the payment of which shall be a first charge and lien upon said trust estate and the whole thereof.
2. To divide the residue and balance of said net income equally between my beloved sisters Marie Bramwell, Gertrude Bramwell Shaw and Constance Bramwell and my beloved brother E. Percy Bramwell, or the survivors or survivor of them.
3. When both my father and mother shall have died, to divide and distribute within six months thereafter, the said trust estate in their hands in the following manner:
 - A. All stock or bonds in town building associations or improvement companies in Virginia and West Virginia, together with all town lots in the same, to be equally divided between my brothers E. Percy, Calder and George, or the survivors or survivor of them.
 - B. All stocks, bonds or interest of any kind in the Guyandot Coal Land Association, in the Gauley Coal Land Association, and in the Association now known and designated as the North Guyandot Association, and all stock, bonds or interest of any kind in the Shawnee Coal & Coke Company, to be equally divided between my said brothers E. Percy, Arthur, Calder and George and my said sisters Marie, Gertrude and Constance, or the survivors or survivor of them.
 - C. One hundred shares of the Elbridge Coal & Coke Company to go to my god-son Herbert Bramwell Shaw, and all other shares of said Company which I may own to my said brother E. Percy Bramwell.
 - D. All moneys due or to grow due upon sales of lands, (either in mineral or fee) in M^c.Dowell County West Virginia, and represented by notes given for deferred payments therefor to be divided equally between my said brothers E. Percy, Calder and Arthur and my three sisters or the survivors

or survivor of them.

E. Seven hundred and fifty shares of the so called Crozer Land Association to go to my said sister Marie. Five hundred shares of the said association to my said sister Gertrude. Five hundred shares of said association to my said sister Constance, and two hundred and fifty shares of said association to my said brother E. Percy.

F. All the stock of the Bank of Bramwell, West Virginia, which I own to be divided equally between my said sisters Marie, and Constance, or the survivors or survivor of them.

G. All the rest, residue and remainder of said trust funds and estate, and any part of it which shall remain undisposed of owing to the death before mine of the person who would have been entitled thereto, to be divided equally between my said sisters Marie, Gertrude and Constance, and my brother E. Percy, or the survivors or survivor of them.

Fourth: It is my will and I hereby direct that said Trustees shall not sell or dispose of the stock, bonds or interest which I may have at the time of my death in the Crozer Land Association, save with the unanimous consent of the beneficiaries for whom the same is hereby bequeathed in trust. And I hereby direct that the said trust shall be administered in the Supreme Court of the State of West Virginia, wherein an annual accounting shall be had.

Fifth: I hereby nominate and appoint John J. Tierney of Elkhorn, West Virginia, T. T. Mann of Bramwell, West Virginia, and my said brother Edward Percy Bramwell, to be the Executors of this, my Last Will and Testament, and the Trustees hereunder, and hereby exempt them from giving any security for the faithful performance of their duties, either as Executors or Trustees.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, this twenty-eight day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four

(Signed)

. Joseph H. Bramwell. (Seal)

On this twenty-eight day of June A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four,

Joseph H. Bramwell of the Town of Elkhorn, County of W. Monroe and State of West Virginia, signed the foregoing instrument, (consisting of five pages) in our presence, declaring it to be his Last Will, and as witnesses thereto we two do now at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses.

The word "Gertrude" stricken out before executing.

C. S. Winsmore, 70 Ave Marceau, Paris

Staatsburg-on-Hudson, N.Y.

H. M. Sill, Grand Hotel, Paris.

School House Lane, Germanton, Penna.

In the matter of the Estate of Joseph H. Bramwell, deceased.

Depositions of sundry witnesses taken before C. P. Waterbury, a Notary Public within and for the City and County of New York, in the State of New York, pursuant to the annexed order, on the 10th day of October, 1894, at No. 45 Broadway, in the City of New York, to be read in evidence on behalf of the Executars mentioned in the Last Will and Testament of said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased;

Mr Frank E. Randall, of said City, being present as Attorney on behalf of said Executars.

C. S. Winsmore, of lawful age, being by me first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says, as follows;

1st Question: What is your residence and occupation?

Answer: I reside at Staatsburg-on-The-Hudson, New York; I am not engaged in business.

2nd Question: How long have you known Mr Joseph H. Bramwell? Answer: Twenty years, or more.

3rd Question: You knew him then while he was living in New York? Ans: Yes.

4th Question: When and where did you last see him? Ans: In Paris; Hotel Metropolitain, June 28th, 1894.

5th Question: Please describe his appearance and condition at that time. Ans: He was very feeble, but in perfect possession of all his senses.

6th Question: How long were you with him on this occasion? Ans: From twenty minutes to half an hour.

7th Question: Who was present beside yourself and Mr Bramwell? Ans: Mr Cochard of Coudert Brothers and Mr. Sill.

8th Question: Please look at the paper shown you, being the writing beginning "In the name of God, Amen", being the paper writing annexed

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to the order under which this deposition is now being taken, and which is annexed hereto, and state what it is, and what, if anything, Mr. Branwell said to you in relation to it? Ans: This is the paper which Mr. Joseph H. Branwell stated to me on the 28th of June, 1894, was his last will and testament. I saw him sign it, and he asked me to witness it, which I did in his presence and in the presence of Mr. Sill, who is the other witness. I recognize not only my own signature, but also that of Mr. Sill and Mr. Branwell, in the paper shown me.

9th Question: Did you have enough conversation with the testator to satisfy you that he fully and clearly understood the nature of the instrument he was executing, and were you convinced that it was executed freely of his own will, and represented in every fact his own last will? Ans: Yes.

10th Question: When did you arrive in this country? Ans: October 13th, 1894.

11th Question: Was Mr. Sill present when Mr. Branwell signed the will. Ans: Yes.

C. G. Dinsmore.

H. M. Sill, of lawful age, being by me first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1st Question: What is your residence and occupation? Ans: School House Lane, Germantown, Pennsylvania, I am not engaged in business.

2nd Question: How long have you known the testator, Mr. Joseph H. Branwell? Ans: More than ten years. Have had business dealings with him in Philadelphia, outside of a social acquaintance.

3rd Question: When, where, and under what circumstances did you last see him? Ans: Mr. Branwell saw me arrive in the New York Herald, Paris Edition, and at his request, his sister sent me a note, asking me to call at the Metropolitan Hotel, as Mr. Branwell wished me to witness his will. I called at the hotel on June 28th, 1894, and there found Mr. Dinsmore and his lawyer, Mr. Cachard; I saw Mr. Branwell sign his will, and at his request witnessed it, Mr. Dinsmore being the other witness. Mr. Branwell stated to me that it was his last will and testament and I witnessed it in his presence, and in that of Mr. Dinsmore.

4th Question: Please look at the paper shown

you, being the paper propounded in this proceeding as the last will and testament of Joseph H. Braumwell, deceased, which is annexed to the order for taking this deposition, and is also hereto annexed, and state whether it is the paper you saw Mr. Braumwell sign; whether the signature Joseph H. Braumwell, is the signature you then saw him make --- whether the signature H. M. Sill, was then made by you, and whether you saw Mr. Duismare make the signature C.G. Duismare, as appears on said paper? Ans: Yes.

5th Question: The testator stated to you in Mr. Duismare's presence, that it was his last will, did he not? And asked you both to witness it? Ans: Yes.

6th Question: Did you have sufficient conversation with the testator, to satisfy you that he fully and clearly understood the nature of the instrument he was executing, and did you then and do you now, firmly believe that he executed it freely, of his own motion, and without suggestion or compulsion; and do you further believe, that it in fact represents his last will? Ans: Yes. 7th Question: When did you return to this country? Ans: I arrived in New York September 8th, 1894.

H. M. Sill.

State of New York ;
New York County ; s.s.

I, C.R. Waterbury, a Notary Public in and for the State and County above named, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the above named C.G. Duismare and H.M. Sill, were by me first severally sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and that the depositions by them severally subscribed as above set forth, were reduced to writing by me in the presence of said witnesses respectively, and were subscribed by the said witnesses respectively, in my presence, and were commenced and concluded this the 16th day of October, 1894, in the place above mentioned. That said depositions were duly taken by me pursuant to the order hereto annexed, and that I am not counsel, attorney or relative of either or any party hereto, or otherwise interested in the event of this suit or proceeding; and was at the time of so taking the said depositions, a Notary Public in and for the County and State of New York.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed seal this 16th day of October, A.D. 1894.

"C.R. Waterbury"
"Notary Public
"New York Co.
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C.R. Waterbury,
Notary Public
N.Y. Co.

State of New York
City and County of New York }^{ss:}

S. Henry D. Purroy, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for the said City and County, the same being a Court of records do hereby certify, that C. R. Waterbury, before whom the annexed deposition was taken, was, at the time of taking the same, a Notary Public of New York, dwelling in said City and County, duly appointed and sworn, and authorized to administer oaths to be used in any Court in said State, and for general purposes; that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said Notary, and that his signature thereon is genuine, as I verily believe.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court and County, the 16th day of Oct. 1894.

Supreme Court of Henry D. Purroy, Clerk.

The City and County
of New York. Seal.

In Vacation of The County Court of M^c. Dowell County W. Va.
Oct. 23rd, 1894.

In the matter of the Estate of Joseph H. Bramwell,
Deceased.

On this, the 23rd day of October, 1894, Isaac J. Mann appeared before the Clerk of the County Court of M^c. Dowell County, West Virginia, in vacation, and moved that the Last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, late of Elkhorn, M^c. Dowell County, West Virginia, Deceased, be probated and admitted to record according to law.

And Whereas, on the tenth day of August, 1894, a paper purporting to be the said Last Will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased, was presented to the Clerk of this Court in vacation, and it then appearing to the Clerk of this Court by sufficient proof, that the subscribing witnesses to the said Last Will and Testament were non-residents of the state of West Virginia, an order was made and entered in accordance with the provisions of section 27 of chapter 77 of the Code of West Virginia, edition of 1891, for the taking of the dep-

actions of the said subscribing witnesses, to which said order the said paper purporting to be the will as aforesaid, was annexed:—
AND WHEREAS, the said depositions of the said subscribing witnesses were taken in due form according to law and returned under seal to the Clerk of this Court, and in the manner directed in said order, together with the said paper purporting to be the said last will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased;

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of this Court, from the said depositions of the said subscribing witnesses, that the said paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased, It is ordered that the same be admitted to probate in this Court, and recorded in the proper book wherein wills are recorded.

And John J. Tierney, Isaac T. Mann and E. Percy Bramwell, the Executors mentioned in the said last will and Testament, appeared before the Clerk of this Court and with T. E. Tierney as security, entered into a bond of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of their trust, and the said bond was adjudged sufficient by the Clerk, and the said John J. Tierney, Isaac T. Mann and E. Percy Bramwell took the several oaths of office as required by law, and being duly qualified to act as Executrix of the said last will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased; It is ordered that letters testamentary be granted to them in due form of law.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased. This 9th Day of November, 1894.

Whereas it appears to the Court from the report made by the Clerk of this Court, that in vacation, to-wit: on the 23rd day of October, 1894, the last will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased, late of Elkhorn, in Drowsell County, West Virginia, was presented for probate and record by Isaac T. Mann, and upon the evidence of the subscribing witnesses to the said last will and Testament, taken according to law by depositions, was duly admitted to probate by the Clerk and properly recorded, all of which record, deposition, &c., have been presented to this Court and examined:

And it further appearing to the Court that on the said 23rd day October, 1894, John J. Tierney, Isaac T. Mann and E. Percy Bramwell, the Executrix

ositions of the said subscribing witnesses, to which said order the said paper purporting to be the will as aforesaid, was annexed:—
AND WHEREAS, the said depositions of the said subscribing witnesses were taken in due form according to law and returned under seal to the Clerk of this Court, and in the manner directed in said order, together with the said paper purporting to be the said Last Will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased;

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of this Court, from the said depositions of the said subscribing witnesses, that the said paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased, It is ordered that the same be admitted to probate in this Court, and recorded in the proper book wherein wills are recorded.

And John J. Tierney, Isaac T. Mann and E. Percy Bramwell, the Executors mentioned in the said Last Will and Testament, appeared before the Clerk of this Court and with S. C. Tierney as security, entered into a bond of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of their trust, and the said bond was adjudged sufficient by the Clerk, and the said John J. Tierney, Isaac T. Mann and E. Percy Bramwell took the several oaths of office as required by law, and being duly qualified to act as Executors of the said Last Will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased; It is ordered that letters testamentary be granted to them in due form of law.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased. This 9th Day of November, 1894.

Whereas it appears to the Court from the report made by the Clerk of this Court, that in vacation, to-wit, on the 23rd day of October, 1894, the Last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased, late of Elkhorn, Monroe County, West Virginia, was presented for probate and record by Isaac T. Mann, and upon the evidence of the subscribing witnesses to the said Last Will and Testament, taken according to law by depositions, was duly admitted to probate by the Clerk and properly recorded, all of which record, depositions to have been presented to this Court and examined:

And it further appearing to the Court that on the said 23rd day October, 1894, John J. Tierney, Isaac T. Mann and E. Percy Bramwell, the Executors

mentioned in the said Last Will and Testament, appeared before the Clerk of this Court, and having entered into bond with satisfactory security, were duly qualified to act as such Executors by the said Clerk:

And It Appearing Further To The Court That no objection has been made by any one to the probate of the said will and to the qualification of the said Executors, and no objection to the said probate and the qualification of the said Executors appearing to the Court;

IT IS THEREFORE, ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that the probate and record of the said will with the qualification of the said Executors, made as aforesaid by the Clerk of this Court in vacation, on the said 23rd day of October, 1894, and hereby confirmed and ratified, and shall be of the same force and effect as if made in open Court.

State of West Virginia); to-wit:
County of McDowell ;

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the records of my office relative to the probate and record of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, deceased, and the qualification of the Executors thereof, as the same now exists therein in Minute Book No. 2, at pages 292, 315 and 322.

And I do further certify that the writing hereto annexed, purporting to be a copy of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, deceased, and the depositions of the subscribing witnesses thereto, are true and correct copies of the said Last Will and Testament and the said depositions, as the same are recorded in my said Office in Will Book No. 1 at pages 324c.



Given under my hand
and the seal of the County Court of
McDowell County, West Virginia, this
22nd day of January, 1895.

--- J. F. Johnson ---

Deputy for W. P. Payne,
Clerk of the County Court of
McDowell County, West
Virginia.

J. T. E. Houston, President of the County Court of McDowell County, West Virginia, do certify that J. F. Johnson, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, was at the time of making said

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certificate, a properly authorized and duly qualified deputy for W. P. Payne, Clerk of said Court, and as such Deputy, is the authorized custodian of the records of the said Court and the corporate seal thereof, and to his acts, as such, full faith and credit should be given; And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the hand-writing of the said Deputy Clerk, and verily believe is signature thereto is genuine; And I further certify that the seal thereto annexed is the genuine corporate seal of said Court.

Given under my hand this thirty first day of January, 1895.

J. E. Houston

President of the County Court
of McDowell County, West
Virginia.

At Roanoke County Court, February, Term, 1895.

This day Isaac T. Mann, one of the Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased, late of Elkhorn, McDowell County, West Virginia, presented a copy of a paper purporting to be the true Last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased; and also a copy of the record of the County Court of McDowell County, West Virginia, admitting to probate the said paper as the Last Will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased, together with the deposition taken by order of said Court in reference to the execution of said will, duly attested by J. F. Johnson, Deputy for W. P. Payne, Clerk of the County Court of McDowell County, West Virginia, under the seal of said Court, and certified by J. E. Houston, President of the County Court of McDowell County, West Virginia, upon the evidence as certified by said Court, the said will was admitted to probate in said Court, and it appearing to this Court from the inspection of said copy of said Will and said record, that the said will was proved in the said County Court, in the said County of McDowell, in the State of West Virginia, to have been so executed as to be a valid will in this State by the laws thereof, on the motion of the said Isaac T. Mann, it is ordered that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, Deceased. And thereupon the said Isaac T. Mann qualified as Executor under the will of the said Joseph H. Bramwell, deceased, and entered into a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties as such Executor, in the penalty of \$2000.00, with S. D. Ferguson as his security.

A copy from the records of Court

note: W. Griffin, Clerk.

Elizabeth V. Kester. No all men by this Instrument of writing that I will whatever may be coming to me from my Father's Estate to my sister Mary M. Kester to have and all other property that I have shall be her property the above writing is my wish and desire as witness my signature this 19th day of our Lord 1884
 test Elizabeth Virginia ^{the} Kester ^{mark} Decd
 Jeremiah Stair
 Wm. E. Barker. witness.

At Roanoke County Court May 8th 1895-

The last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Virginia Kester deceased, was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of Wm. B. Baker one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it appearing that Jeremiah Stair the other subscribing witness to the said will has departed this life, since the execution of said will and before the same was produced in Court, Mary Stair and Wm. B. Baker, here in Court testified on oath that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Jeremiah Stair, and verily believe that the signature thereto subscribed as a witness to said will, is wholly in the handwriting of the said Jeremiah Stair. Whereupon the said will is ordered to be recorded.

A copy from the records of Court
 Test:

W. Griffin, Clerk.

Sam'l W. Henry. In the name of God Amen I Samuel W. Henry, of Roanoke, County, and State of Virginia, being old and infirm but of sound and perfect mind and memory and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make and about this my last will and testament in the manner and form following:-- to wit: First and principally I commit my soul to God, in humble hopes of its future happiness and my body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial:-- I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Matilda Jane Henry the use of all of my household and kitchen furniture whatever there may be so long as she lives:-- And after her death the said property I will to my son James L. Henry, for him to have and hold clear of all claims: I request all of my personal property such as farming utentials shall be sold after my death:-- and the proceeds of sale equally divided amongst my heirs:-- I will to each one of my heirs the sum of Two hundred and Fifty dollars:-- to wit Mary Ann Willith, Harriett E. Poage, B. O. Henry, Samuel J. Henry, John P. Henry and