

Isaac Bates Will

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I, Isaac Bates of said State and County being of advanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last will and testament.

- 1st. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner, my soul shall return unto God who gave it
- 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter named and appointed.
- 3rd I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Serena Bates during her lifetime or widowhood, lot of land, number (210) two hundred and ten in the twelfth District of originally Henry now Clayton County, with the exception of fifteen acres in the South West corner of said lot, containing one hundred and eighty seven acres, more or less, with all the rights, members and appurtenances to the same in any manner belonging. To her own proper use benefit and behoof during life time or widowhood. - I also give to my wife in the same manner the household and kitchen furniture, which I may own at my death, also one milch cow, of her own selection, - also a sufficiency of provisions, for a year's support
- 4th I desire that the remainder of the property which I may have at my death be sold, and (after the payment of my debts) the proceeds, together with any ready money I may die possessed of be equally divided between my wife Serena Bates and my children as follows, Wm. M. - Rufus B. Isaac M. - Stephen M. - Thomas J. - and Faneasy M. Bates, and Mary A. Mitchell. - Rachel Elizabeth Burks. - Jane Turner. - Victoria Bates, and Josephine Howell.
- 5th I desire that in case of the marriage, or at the death of my wife that the land hereinbefore devised and bequeathed be divided or partitioned between my children or their heirs who shall be living at the time in as fair and equitable a manner as possible or in case it cannot be so divided, that the land be sold, and proceeds equally divided among them. But trust that the former way will be carried out so that at least some of my children may own the home-stand
- 6th. I direct that any demands I may have at the time of my death be collected by my Executors and divided as above.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of January 1888.
William H. Burks executor of this my last will and testament
This 11th January 1888.

Isaac X Bates S. S.
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Signed sealed declared and published by Isaac Bates as his last will and testament in the presence of the undersigned, who subscribed our names here to in the presence of said testator at his request, and in the presence of each other

This July 4th 1888.

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