

Harris County Will Book 2 (1850-1875)
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 I, Alvin Myhand of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make declare and publish

this written instrument as my last Will and testament hereby revoking all wills and Codicils thereto heretofore made by me.
 Item 1st I give and bequeath my body to the earth and my soul to God, who gave it.

Item 2nd After the payment of all of my just debts it is my will and desire that the whole of my estate both real and personal be disposed of as herein after directed.

Item 3rd It is my Will and desire and I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Berthian Myhand at my death the right title possession and Control of Lot of Land Number One Hundred and thirten (113) in the fifth District of Harris County Containing Two Hundred two and a half acres more or less She to have use and Control the same for the object and purpose of having a home during her lifetime and to have the rents and profits of said Land as long as she may live, and at her death this Lot of Land is to revert and become a part of my estate and is to be disposed of by my Executor in like manner as herein after directed, as to the balance of my Estate -

Item 4th It is my Will and desire and I do hereby direct my Executor that as soon after my death as he may think practicable that he shall proceed by Sale or by Lot to divide my Whole Estate into Seven parts equally representing the seven legacies, and when so divided and reduced into Money or otherwise what he can make division he shall pay out to all my Children or their legal representations equally share and share alike, the Child or Children of any of my Children deceased to represent the share of their Father and Mother.

Item 5th It is my Will and desire and I do hereby direct that the provisions in the Fourth Item of this my Will shall not interfere with the provisions of the third Item of this Will nor a deed of gift heretofore made by me and dated the third day of October A.D. 1890, and recorded November the 24th 1890, but as soon after the death of my wife as executor shall think practicable, he shall proceed by Sale either private or public as he may think best to dispose of Lot of Land No 113 in the 5th District of said County and pay it out as directed in Item fourth -

Item 6th It is my Will and desire and I do hereby direct that my executor shall use his discretion in the disposition of my whole property as well real as personal property to sell the same either private or public without any order of any Court and I hereby direct that he may either probate this Will or not as he may choose that he may sell any of my real estate according to the provisions of this Will and may grant and warranted titles to the same without the probate of this Will.

Item 7th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved Son J. A. Myhand Executor of this my last Will and testament hoping and believing that he will execute the same -

according to the true intent and meaning of the same, 260
In witness whereof the said Alvin Mayhew has hereunto set my
hand and seal this 23rd day of July A.D. 1873

Alvin Mayhew

Signed Sealed and published and declared by the above named
Alvin Mayhew as his last Will and Testament in the presence
of us who at his request and in presence of each other have
subscribed our names hereto and in the presence of the testator.
This the 23rd day of July A.D. 1873.

M. D. Rowe
W. A. Puer
James Thompson
B. L. Harris

I solemnly swear this Writing contains the true last Will of the
Within named Alvin Mayhew Dec^d so far as I know or believe
and that I will well and truly Execute the same in accordance
with the laws of this State so help me God.
J. A. Mayhew Exec^t

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Harris County } Const of Ordinary, "at Chambers.
Oct 13th 1874.

Personally appeared before me J. B. C. Williams Ordinary in
and for said County S. A. Mayhew constituted and appointed
Esq in a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of Alvin Mayhew late of said County dec^d and
produced said paper writing for probate,
And also appeared B. L. Harris one of the subscribing witnesses
to said paper writing who on oath says that he saw the said
Alvin Mayhew sign seal and publish and declare the
said paper writing as his last Will and Testament freely
voluntarily of his own accord without any compulsion or
undue influence whatever, that at the time of signing said
Will said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory that
deponent signed said Will in the presence of the Testator at his
request, and saw M. D. Rowe W. A. Puer and James Thompson
the other subscribing witnesses sign said Will in the presence
of the Testator and at his request.

B. L. Harris

Sworn to & Subscribed
before me Oct 13th 1874
J. B. C. Williams
Ordinary