

Last Will and Testament of Branch Ligon

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Harris County

In the name of God Amen:

I Branch Ligon being of Advanced age, but of Sound disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, while I have strength to do, do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1st

I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Miller Widow of Benjamin Miller dec'd Six hundred Dollars in money, and such surplus money as I may have on hand at the time of my death, Over and above the six hundred dollars first above named, Also my House and Lot of two Acres of Land being part of Lot of Land No 154, in the 21st Dist of Harris County having such shape and form as is described in a deed made by Theophilus Miller to me - Also all such Stock of Horses, Mules, cattle, hogs &c. as I may have on hand at the time of my death, together with all my Household & Kitchen furniture, Rugs, chairs, Wagon, and all my farming tools.

Item 2nd

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Pamina H. Miller Wife of Joseph Miller Eleven hundred dollars, if my bequest hold out.

Item 3rd

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah H. Borden Wife of M^r. Borden Christian Name not recalled Seven hundred dollars if my bequest hold out.

Item 4th

I Give and bequeath to the Widows of my second son A. M. Ligon to W^{ts}. Thomas Ligon, Ella Ligon, Annemina Ligon and Gordon Ligon Eleven hundred dollars, to be equally divided between them if my bequest hold out.

Item 5th

I Give to my son John Ligon Four hundred dollars if my bequest hold out.

Item 6th

I Give and bequeath to my son Patrick H. Ligon One hundred dollars if my bequest hold out.

Item 7th

It is my desire and I do will it that my daughter Martha Miller Wife of Benjamin Miller dec'd, stand in Item 1st be paid by my Executor the full amount of the money bequeathed to her in Item 1st to wit Six hundred dollars, before any amount is paid to my other Legatee as it is my desire that she have that amount now and if my estate should fall below my bequest my other Legatee to sustain the loss pro rata.

Item 8th

My son William Ligon dec'd, James Ligon, Thomas Ligon having received their portion of my estate, I give them nothing.

Item 9th

I hereby constitute and appoint Joseph Miller my son in Law my Executor to this my last Will and Testament Witness my hand and Seal This 11th day of May 1870.

B. Ligon (S)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named Branch Ligon as his last Will and Testament, in presence of us who at his request in presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

May 11th 1870

C. H. Bickard
W. B. Landon
A. H. Borden

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State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary July Term 1875.

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Personally appeared before me J. F. C. Williams, Ordinary in and for said County, St. W. Barden and Wm. J. Hudson two of the subscribing witnesses, to a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Branch Ligon late of said County, Geo. who being duly sworn deposes and says that they signed said Will as witnesses at the instance and request of the Testator and that they saw E. H. Brichard the other subscribing witness sign said Will in the presence of the Testator at his request and that said Testator said paper writing as his last Will and Testament in the presence of all the subscribing witnesses deponents further say that said Testator at the time of signing said Will was of sound disposing Mind and Memory and that he signed the same of his own free Will and accord without any Compulsion or undue influence whatever.

Subscribed and Subscribed

before me in open Court

July 5th 1875.

J. F. C. Williams

Ordg

Wm. J. Hudson

St. W. Barden