

Ernest Snell's Will.

In the name of God, Amen. I Ernest Snell of the State and County aforesaid being in bad health of body but of sound mind and memory thanks to God for his mercies, calling into mind the mortality of my body knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it proper and right to make a disposition of the property wherewith a kind Providence has blessed me in this life. Therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disavowing all former wills, by me, at any time heretofore made.

And principally and chiefly all I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, by my Executor hereinafter named. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who give it, as I hope for salvation through the atonement of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

First I desire that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executor hereafter named, so there will be no need of delay. Also, I give and bequeath to the family of my late son Barnabas T. W. Snell dead to be divided amongst them as I shall hereafter direct six slaves to wit: Lucy a woman her five children. Mary a girl, Nancy a girl, Olive a girl, Bill a boy and Elly an infant girl, with all the increase of said slaves.

Also I give and bequeath to my son George W. T. W. Snell four slaves to wit: George a boy, Jane a girl, Wining a girl and Rich-ann a girl, with all their future increase.

Also I give and bequeath to my beloved Grand son Henry C. Hodges fifty dollars to be paid by my executor as soon as the business of winding up the affairs of the estate will admit.

Also I give and bequeath to John Snell of Emancip County my tract of land, adjoining the land of said John Snell, whereon I formerly lived with the stock & logs I may possess at the time of my decease. The value in consideration of his kindness to me.

Also I desire that the residue of my estate both real and personal be divided into two equal parts, one half to be divided amongst the children of my late son George W. T. W. Snell, as I shall hereafter direct and the other half to be given and belong to my son George W. T. W. Snell.

Also I desire and direct that the portion of my estate above bequeathed to the family of my son Barnabas T. W. Snell be divided into ten shares some five to be divided amongst the nine children of my deceased son - the two to be and remain in possession of Martha Jane Snell widow of my said deceased son, during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or widowhood to be equally divided amongst her nine children mentioned above.

The legacies herein bequeathed to my son George W. T. W. Snell and the family of my son Barnabas T. W. Snell are given partly in consideration of the services of my two sons before mentioned in taken care of in my old age and the kindness they have uniformly shown to me in my afflictions and partly in consideration the good will and love I have ever seen and have always borne to them and their families. Also I do hereby appoint my son George W. T. W. Snell Executor to the

Will and Testament this the 28th Twenty eighth day of February eight hundred and fifty seven.

Genith ^{her} Snell ^{mark} F

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Genith Snell as her last will and Testament in presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed and who subscribed the same as witnesses at the request of the testatrix in her presence and in the presence of each other.
This the 28th day of February 1857.

Edward ^{his} ^{mark} Biver.
Freeman ^{his} ^{mark} J. J. Biver.
John P. Biver

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J. J. Biver Ordinary of said County, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of the last will of Genith Snell duly proved before me at the Term of said Court Term 1862 at a regular term of the Court of Ordinary; That George W. W. Snell so named therein as executor duly qualified before me at said Term, is well known with full authority to execute said will & has duly issued to him the letters testamentary upon said copy of will.
In testimony whereof I the said Ordinary, have hereunto my hand and seal of Office 10th day of August 1862.

J. J. Biver.
Ordinary of said County
at Ex. Office Clerk