

In the name of God Amen I James James Jenkins of said State and County being of
 Polk County advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life do hereby make
 and give both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property and
 which a kind Providence has blessed me. do therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby
 revoking all others heretofore made by me
 I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner according to
 my Circumstances and Condition in life my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it
 I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors herein after appointed and that
 answering my Creditors should be delayed in their rights
 I desire and direct that all the property both real and personal that I may be possessed of at my death
 be sold and the proceeds thereof together with all other effects that I may have be equally divided between
 the hereinafter Legatees
 I Give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Mary Jenkins a child's part of all that I may be
 possessed of at my death and that she have said child's part for her support during her natural life
 and at her death it to be equally divided between the hereinafter named Legatees of my Estate also
 that the lawful Legatees of my son John Jenkins receive a child's part of my said Estate and that
 the said child's part be equally divided between said Legatees and the children of said Estate be divided
 between my children now in life or their lawfull heirs To wit, Rachel Knight wife of Samuel
 Knight, Catharine Chaney wife of Nathan Chaney, Mary Ann Watson wife of John B. Watson Legatees
 wife of Josiah Watson, Frenchie Jenkins wife of Edy Jenkins, Jennett Jenkins wife of William
 Jenkins, Louisa Smith wife of Columbus G. Smith, William G. Jenkins, Patsy Whitehead wife
 of Joseph C. Whitehead, Joseph Jenkins, Jane E. Kedge wife of Samuel Kedge
 I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend Isaac A. Jones Executor of this my last will and
 Testament This the 18th day of August 1857 James J. Jenkins
 signed sealed declared and published by James Jenkins as his last will and Testament in the
 presence of us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his
 Special Instance and request and of each other This 18th day of August 1857 John B. Knight
 W. C. Knight
 A. H. Powers
 W. W. Simpson

Nov 3rd 1860 Court of Ordinary for Term 1860

Isaac A. Jones presents in open Court the last will and Testament of James Jenkins late of said County
 deceased and the two witnesses to wit, John B. Knight and William C. Knight which witnesses being
 duly sworn depose and say that they saw James Jenkins the Testator sign said document and publish
 the instrument now presented as his last will and Testament freely voluntarily and of his own accord
 and without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution of said will said
 Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory that he duly signed said will as witness
 in the presence of the Testator and at his Special Instance and request and in the presence of each other
 sworn to and Subscribed in open Court John B. Knight
 W. C. Knight

Nov 5th 1860

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