John Boatwright's will

In the name of God Amen

I John Boatwright being of advanced age, and knowing that in my present feeble bodily Condition, I may soon depart this life, but being now possessed of a sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain, this my last will and testament.

Item 1st I desire that my body, shall be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, and that my Executor hereinafter to be named shall forthwith proceed with all reasonable and legal dispatch, to pay all my just debts.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all of my estate both real and personal shall remain in the Control and custody of my beloved wife Jane for and during the term of her natural life, and after her death to be equally divided share and share alike, between my children Zilpha Hartly Permelia Hartly, George D Boatwright James T Boatwright, Mary Jane Layton Jacky Ann Amanda Harrison and Susan Ann Perkins, forever in fee simple, except as hereinafter excepted

Item 3rd The share of my estate which will go to my Daughter Zilpha Hartly under the provisions of the 2d Item, I give in trust to her husband John Hartly to be held in trust by him for her sole and seperate use, during the term of her natural life, free from his or any future husbands debts or liabilities in any manner or form whatever, and after her death to be equally divided share and share alike between her Children by her former husband James Layton or her present or any future husband,

Item 4th The share of my estate, which will go to my daughter, Susan Ann Perkins under the provisions of the 2d Item above, I give in trust to Rufford Hartley, to be held by him for her sole and seperate use free from the debts or liabilities of her present or any future husband, And at her death to be equally divided among her children share and share alike

Item 5th If my wife who is already helpless shall prefer after I am gone, to live with some of the Children and not keep up the place and keep the personal property together, she may pursue such Course, And my Executor hereinafter, to be named shall proceed to divide off my said estate as pointed out in the previous section or items of this my will, if in his judgement such Course will be prudent and proper at the time

Item 6th I hereby nominate and appoint my son in law Rufford Hartley Executor of this my last will and testament

John his x mark Boatwright

Signed sealed published and declared by John Boatwright as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other this Decr 1861

Philip Clark
H T Furlington
Wm G Bowlsby