

Argon M Sparks

George  
Washington County.

May the 2<sup>d</sup> 1864.

I Argon M Sparks of said County and State being of feeble constitution, but of sound and disposing mind, and having to leave the comforts of home for the hardships of the camp in the army, and knowing it is appointed for all men to die; and wishing to make some disposition of the effects, that God has kindly placed in my hands do make this my last Will and Testament:

1<sup>st</sup> That all just debts that may be outstanding against me at the time of my death, shall be paid as soon as may be convenient after my death.

2<sup>d</sup> It is my will for all the property of which I may be possessed at my death over and above a sufficiency to pay all my just debts, shall remain in the hands of my beloved wife Emily J. Sparks during her natural life or widowhood, of which she is to have the entire control with the consent and advice of my executor, which she is to use for the support of herself and our children, all of which are to share in the same, so far as their support is concerned, as long as they may remain together. But if any one of the children should see fit to leave after becoming twenty one years old, or lawfully married; it is my will that my wife Emily J. shall be allowed to give off to such child or children as may be disposed to leave her any amount of property, she can conveniently spare, provided however she shall not give to any one child a greater amount than will be left to each remaining child.

3<sup>d</sup> It is my will at the death of my wife Emily J. there shall be an equal distribution, among all my children of the property of which the Estate is then possessed, the land be divided and not sold, other property divided as thought best by my Executor so all the children share alike.

4<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend and brother in law William J. Harrison Executor of this my last Will and Testament.  
Signed and sealed in presence of  
6<sup>th</sup> May 1864.

A. M. Sparks (S.S.)

William Warthen

A. E. Warthen

John H. Walker

January Term 1862

Washington Court of Ordinary.

Came into open Court at this Term John H. Walker and A. E. Warthen being duly sworn, say that they and William Warthen, the other witness to said Will of Argon M. Sparks, sign and publish, the within as his last Will and Testament, while of sound and disposing mind and memory, that deponent as well as William Warthen witnessed and signed the same as witnesses for said Argon Sparks, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other and that the same was voluntarily executed by said Argon Sparks on the day it purports to have been executed.

Presented and submitted before me  
in this Court, January Term 1862

A. Newman  
Clerk C.O.

A. E. Warthen  
J. H. Walker.