

Samuel C. Lonsess's Will

I Samuel C. Lonsess being about to leave my home for the purpose of joining the Southern army & to defend my country & knowing the great uncertainty of life I have made this disposition of my property.

I have seventy five acres of land on Claybank Creek fifty acres in one tract adjoining the old Daniel Lonsess land & one half of the home tract where I now live the west end including the house that being twenty five acres which I give to my mother Mary Lonsess during her natural life, and after her death the land is to belong to Thomas Hurley provided he takes good care of the said Sarah & she is content to remain with him, but if my mother is not satisfied to remain with the said Thomas Hurley then the land is to belong to any one that does maintain & support my said mother and she to designate by deed or will who the said land is to belong to. The balance of the home tract the eastern end including twenty five acres I give to Nancy Hurley Daughter of ^{and my wife, as I have} ~~my mother~~ ^{my mother} Thomas Hurley.

All my stock household & kitchen furniture, I give to my said mother in the same way and she is to have the same interest therein subject to the same limitations & conditions that above lands given to her in this writing is conveyed. If I return from the service & live to be discharged then this writing is to be considered void, and the above mentioned property is to be in my own right as before. This done at Jefferson this 9th November 1861

Witness
B. H. Neal
Samuel C. Lonsess

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