

Will Docket To Open Term 1857

I, James Roberts of the County of Mendocino and State of California Do Make and publish this My last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making void all former Wills by me made and first I direct That My Wife Elizabeth the Trust of Land known by the Name of the mesa place containing the Lands of David Maxwell and others also some Haggard and horses and other Stock sufficient for the use of the Farm Together with all house hold and Kitchen furniture Secondly to my Son-in-law Wm. Spriggs I gave one dollar Thirdly To my Daughter Nancy to have her proportionable part her life time thence to Return to her Children Those of my Children that has not left me to have proportionable part with those that have left me concerning the property I have given off, and I detain my esteemed friend Joseph Merrill and my Wife Elizabeth Executors of this my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I, James Roberts the Testator have to this my Will written on one Sheet of Paper Set my hand and Seal and further my Wife and I do appoint that my said Wife shall have the government ship and tuition of them during their minority and in consequence of her Death or Marriage I do appoint my friend Joseph Merrill to Exercise the said government ship and I earnestly intreat them to most care in and about their Morally and Execution of my Children if any such shall appear to survive me In witness whereof I, James Roberts the Testator to this My Will written on one Sheet of paper Set my hand and Seal this the 13th day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of

attest
Am. S. Caney
Benjamin P. Ward

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