

February Term 1888

- Whereas I Samuel Silliker of Randolph State of N. Carolina Calling to mind the uncertainty of time here do think proper this 12<sup>th</sup> day of the Grand Month 1887 to make the following Distribution of my little property - and test my will is that all my said test be paid.
- 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my son William two hundred acres of Land known to the name of the Old place where I once lived near the Warburton Meeting House
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to the Heirs of my son John then living & after to come one hundred Acres of land lying in the State of Ohio on Whitstone Creek the Heirs of the Heirs also one hundred Dollars in Money to be divided equally among them when the youngest child arrives to the age of Twenty One years
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my son Benjamin Sixty acres of land adjoining to the Land of Joshua Holliday Frank Lytle & others generally known by the firm tract by name my son Benjamin having already received a Fiftieth two hundred acres of land as part of his share
  - 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my son John the title share on Elmore Falls for the tract of Land I purchased of John C. S. S. amounting to four hundred & seventy five Dollars also one hundred Dollars in Money
  - 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Samuel the Tract of Land where I now live for the support of my poor wife during her widowhood and to be his forever

- 6<sup>th</sup> I give to my son William by offer the tract of Land I purchased of William Ferguson known by the name of the Ferguson place provided that if the said William shall die without an heir of his Body that then the said tract of Land shall be sold as other lands as hereafter directed
- 7<sup>th</sup> all my other Land I desire my Executors to sell and also the last mentioned tract in Case said William shall die without an heir of his Body - and that my Executors make title to the purchasers and the Money arising from said Land and all notes or Money on Land I desire may be Equally divided Between my Widow and said Children now living Son and Daughters as the law here really stands
- 8<sup>th</sup> I also give to my son Samuel all the live Stock and Farming Utensils and One half of the house hold furniture and the other half of the household furniture I give to my Widow and at the End of her Widowhood to be equally divided Between my five Daughters
- 9<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Benjamin all the Corn Stock
- 10<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my part of the Negroes sold to me by Thomas Lytle be sold or sold on the Land where said Lytle died but provided the Heirs of said Negroes cannot be obtained I hereby give them to the Humane Society in Raleigh - Reserving out of said Lytle's Estate a sufficient to satisfy and pay for all expenses and to make what have accrued or may hereafter accrue in paying said Negroes & selling said Lytle's Estate

and lastly I hereby appoint my Warden Benjamin  
and my son Samuel & Benjamin my Executors -  
declaring this and no other to be my last will &  
Testaments and witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand that the day & year above written.

Signed sealed and declared

in the presence of us { Samuel Mellehan  
Robert M. Bracken }  
David M. Bracken }

Test. L. M. Mellehan } Court of the Probate of  
Said M. County } February 1850

The execution of this Will of Samuel  
Mellehan was duly proved in Superior Court of the County  
of St. Louis Missouri on the 1st day of March 1850  
before me and I issued -

John H. H. 666  
J. H.

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In the Name of God Amen I John H. H. of Randall County  
being through the abundant Mercy and goodness of God the  
wielder in Body yet of a sound and perfect undisturbed  
mind and Memory do constitute this my last will and testament  
and desire that my body may be received by all a such and such  
kindly - By your will my Father God my maker Redeemer  
his most precious acceptance of it through the atonement  
of Christ and Mediation of my most compassionate  
Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself for me an atonement  
for my sins - and is able to save to the uttermost  
all that come unto God by him - though he ever liveth  
to make intercession for them and who himself will  
not reject me a returning penitent sinner who come  
to him for Mercy is this Lord - and Confidence I trust  
set my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the  
most Blessed and glorious Trinity in God most Holy  
most Merciful and Glorious to preserve me for the  
time of my Dissolution and then to take me to himself  
into that peace and Rest and Eternal Fellowship which  
he has prepared for all that love him who have  
Blessed be God I give my Body to the Earth from  
whence it was taken in full assurance of its Resurrection  
from thence at the last day - as for my kindred and  
it may be decent with proper in State at the  
Discretion of my dear wife and my Executors heretofore  
named who I do not will manage with  
all my estate and my worldly Estate and  
and property under that all my debts paid