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Joseph
Miller
Will

I, Joseph Miller of the County of Franklin Tennessee do make ordain & publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Item first, it is my will and desire that my burial expenses be paid as soon as may be consistent with the interest of my estate.

Secondly I have heretofore given by way of advancements to wit:- To Samuel Miller deceased, John B Hawkins my son in law, Esquire B. Hawkins my son in law, my son John Miller, Suzannah Perkins widow of Lewis Perkins deceased, each the sum of twenty four hundred dollars for which they are each to account on the final distribution of my estate.

Item Third, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Melly Miller two hundred and twenty seven acres of land out of the west part of the tract I purchased from Cornelius Dallas & Charles Duncan it being the same tract on which I now live and to include the dwelling house and out buildings where I now reside and bounded as follows to wit:- Beginning on a black oak my corner thence South $5\frac{1}{2}$ East 168 poles to a stake thence North $87\frac{1}{2}$ East 130 poles to a Hickory thence N $9\frac{1}{2}$ West 274 poles to a stake thence S 70 W 164 poles to a black oak thence S $13\frac{1}{2}$ E 86 poles to a stake thence to the beginning, to have ~~use~~ ^{and} use and occupy the same for and during her natural life or widowhood.

I also give and bequeath to my ^{said} wife the following negro slaves to wit:- Alfred and his family and old Fanny if she chooses to remain to have use and enjoy the aforesaid slaves for and during her life or widowhood with the power to select ~~any~~ ^{some} two negro girls from the family of said Alfred which I give and bequeath to her to dispose of in any way she may think proper. I also give and bequeath to my said wife two choice mares four choice cows & calves, fifteen choice sheep, thirty head of stock and killing hogs, all or as much of my household & kitchen furniture as she may desire to be selected by herself and as many of farming utensils as may be necessary, to be designated by my executors also one years provisions to be laid off by three disinterested men. Also I give to my said wife two hundred dollars to be paid out of any money or choses in action on hand at my death.

Item fourth I direct my executors at the death or

marriage of my wife to distribute equally among my children the heirs of those who are or may be deceased to receive the portion of their parents, all of the real and personal estate I have bequeathed to my wife during her life or widowhood.

Item Fifth I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha Ann Carr the following property to wit: my negro boy John and negro girl Mariah one horse saddle & bridle one bed and furniture if she shall live to arrive of legal age or marriage. I ^{desire} intend as her full portion of my estate and therefore she will not receive any further portion of my estate upon a distribution thereof.

Item Sixth I give and bequeath to my grand son the son of James H Miller by his wife the following property to wit: my negro boy Henry and my negro girl Eliza if he is now alive and shall live to arrive to legal age. I desire and intend this specific legacy as his full portion of my estate and he therefore will not receive anything on a final distribution of my estate.

Item Seventh as to the rest and residue of my estate both real & personal, money on hand and choses in action after paying and discharging the legacies herein bequeathed I desire and direct that the same be equally divided among my children to wit: Samuel Millers heirs, Susanah Perkins Jane Hawkins wife of John B Hawkins John Miller Oliver Hawkins wife of Squire B Hawkins share and share alike. If any of my said children should depart this life leaving issue such issue to represent his or her or their parent in the division aforesaid.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint John B Hawkins, Squire B Hawkins and John Miller my executors to this my last will and testament. I hereby also appoint my said executors testamentary Guardian for said Grand daughter & Grand son to whom I have given specific legacies.

In testimony whereof I have hereto signed sealed and published this my last will and testament this the 26th day of October A.D. 1852

Witness

H. L. Turrey
H. E. Williams

Joseph Miller (Seal)

County Court February Term 1858.

Then the last will and testament of Joseph Miller dec. was presented to court for probate and was duly proven by the oath of N. E. Williams one of the subscribing witnesses as well as the testator was duly proven by the oaths of Dr Wallace Estill, John Triggler & James Sargeant and ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office April 29th 1858.

Adam Hancock D. C.

James
Robinsons
will.

I James Robinson wishing to make some disposition of my worldly effects in view of death being at this time however in good health make the following disposition of my property The tract of land on which I live containing one hundred and sixty five acres more or less lying in Franklin County Tennessee. I give to my daughter Mary Robinson for her sole and separate use with this reservation on condition that she and her mother my wife Nancy Robinson are jointly to have the use of the place during the life of said Nancy. I have already given George Martin a boy now living with me a negro boy Green these gifts are made however upon the condition that my estate is released from all liability to the estate of Daniel Martin who was their grand father and which estate they are interested in it being claimed that I am liable to said estate in some amount as the security of C Andrews who was the administrator. I also give to my wife the said Nancy two negroes Charles & Bill for and during her life and she and the said Mary are to have the use of the stock and household furniture during the life of the said Nancy at which time what remains is to go to the said Mary. All the rest and residue of my property including slaves after the payment of just debts I hereby give to my said daughter Mary for her sole and separate use. However if my negro man Charles prefers to have his freedom and to go to Liberia he may have the privilege of taking the same upon the condition of going to Liberia and of being hired out until he raises money enough to transport him.