

A Copy of the last Will & Testament of George R. Merriam dec'd. Made and given this 1st day of Jan'y 1878.

Knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, and being in full health of body, Mind & Memory, I do hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament: as follows to wit,

1st I give my soul to God who gave it. 2nd I want my funeral expenses paid as soon as convenient after my burial. 3rd I want all my just debts settled and paid, as soon as convenient. 4th I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Orlean Merriam my whole plantation and all my personal property for her support during her natural life or widowhood and also for a home and support for Laura D. Merriam, my daughter, while she may live single or unmarried with her mother. Now after the death of my wife Orlean then I want my estate divided as follows, to wit:

1st I give to my son E. W. Merriam the east end of my farm, beginning on Netherlands line on the North Side of the farm and running across at the east end of the first fence as the lot first at the road then east along the road to a corner line on the South Side of the road, then with a post & rail fence across the valley to J. J. Smith line then a corner the east boundary of my land to the beginning.

2nd I give to my daughter Martha Ann who married John Powers, Three hundred Dollars or the value of that amount in land lying and being west of the land of E. W. Merriam and bounded on the east by his line, and on the west beginning on Netherlands line on the North near to a gap or lead place in the river, then running so as to include the Spring known as the Bob Spring and to the top of the ridge on the South Side of the Valley, then along the top of same to E. W. Merriam's line.

3rd I give to my son John Merriam my main place including my house and land, which is now included in the 1st farm to which I Marthe on this condition, the said John shall pay to my daughter Laura D. Merriam Three hundred fifty (\$350) Dollars, or give her land on the West end of my farm to that amount.

4th I give to my Grand Son Wm. Dealy 1/2 of Wm. D. Merriam Dec'd. \$1000 Dollars.

5th I give to my Grand Son Hiram of Polly Hambley Dec'd to wit: Charles Hambley, ^{for 1500 Dollars} James M. Hambley, John Hambley (50) + Edward R. Hambley 500 Dollars (50) and I hereby appoint my wife Orlean my wife executrix to this my last will and she shall choose any one of my sons or Samuel to assist her in the Administration of my estate without giving any Bond or Security for the proper manner of the same. I also reserve and keep one of acres including the family bringing ground with timber to support it and also a road to the Spring my Grand Son this 1st day of January 1878.

Witness

John J. Powers,
Ezekiel Smith

G. R. Merriam