

Last Will of Joseph R. Armstrong

I Joseph R. Armstrong,

being of Sound Memory and discretion, and in view of the uncertainty of life and failing health, do make and Publish this as my last Will and testament.

1st I desire that after death I be buried in a Mausoleum suitable to my circumstances and that the expenses incurred thereby be paid out of my estate.

2nd It is my Will and desire that the Lot whereon I now live, containing about one and three fourths acres, including the dwelling and out houses, be and remain in the Possession of my Wife Christian Armstrong during her life, to be controlled and managed as she may think best, to be occupied by her as a home together with the unmarried children of our family - and free from the control of any other person whatever.

3rd It is my Will and desire that there be no other building erected on said lot other than the ones now standing on same, and that these now on said lot be repaired as the necessity arises for such repairs.

4th After the death of my said wife it is my Will that the title in fee to said lot and improvement be vested in my four children, Katie, Belle, Lula and Annie, and after the lapse of five years from the date of the death of my wife occur within said period, if it be shown to be for the interest of said children above named it is my Will that said lot be sold and appropriated and divided in such manner as is right and proper, and if any one or more of said children die before division of partition as above herein indicated, it is my Will that the interest of said deceased child or children go to the remaining ones of the above named four.

5th As one of my personal estate the sum of five hundred dollars I placed in Bank of remain for the period of five years as an indemnity fund, to make good any loss which might otherwise be sustained by any of my securities in any of the various bonds which I have executed in Hawkins County, and at the end of said period that said money or such part as may be at that time remaining in Bank, be placed at interest as my Executor hereafter named may deem best, and the interest of said fund to be applied to the payment of the tuition of school expenses of the three youngest children, above named, Katie, Lula and Annie, and the interest on said fund while in Bank during said period to be applied in the same manner. I further will that five hundred dollars of my personal estate be placed at interest at once after my death, and the interest to be applied as that of the fund in Bank, and when the youngest of said children shall arrive at

the age of twenty-one years, then it may well that the above sum of one thousand dollars be equally divided among said four children, or such one or more as may be living.

6th It is my Will that this fund be loaned to one of my immediate family or children.

7th I further will that whatever live stock I may be possessed of be sold in such manner as to bring the best possible price, and of the proceeds of said sale that one hundred dollars be paid to my wife, Christian Armstrong, to be applied as she may deem proper or desire.

8th I further will and desire that gold, ^{watch} which I own be sold to any one of my five sons who may want to buy it, and the one so buying to pay the other four ten dollars each, rating said watch at fifty dollars.

9th It is my Will and desire that the land which was conveyed at my instance to my wife Christian Armstrong, be cultivated after the manner that I have managed and cultivated said land for the last ten years.

I nominate as executor of this my will James H. Dandley. Should he die or refuse to act, then it is my Will that the County Court appoint some suitable person to carry out the provisions of this my will, taking the necessary bonds from such person so named.

Given under my hand this 8 day of September 1887.

Signed in the presence of

H. C. Jarvis,

G. O. Hale,

Wm. A. Fitzpatrick

Joseph R. Armstrong