

Last will of Elizabeth Armstrong Oct 20th 1880

In the name of God, Amen! I Elizabeth Armstrong, widow of the County of Hawkins, and State of Tennessee, being mindful of my mortality, do this day make, and publish this my last will, and testament, in manner and form following. First - I desire to be decently interred. 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Catherine and heirs, all of my property personal, and real that I may have on hands at my death, consisting in money, notes, household and kitchen furniture, and all my stock of all kinds, that I may have on hands at my death. I desire that my daughter Sarah Catherine may have all and entire my estate whatever it may consist of at my death.

Now as to my daughter Milley M. Hicks - formerly Milley M. Armstrong my reason for not bequeathing nothing to her is that she has been well provided for hitherto. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand, and seal, and publish and declare this to be my last will, and testament in the presence of witnesses named below

Witness

R. H. Jones, S. L. Sanders.

Elizabeth ^{her} Armstrong ^{mark}

Proved 1 Nov 1880. widow of Seth Armstrong.

Last will of Cyrus Haynes

I Cyrus Haynes being of sound mind and memory though weak in body, do make and publish this my last will and testament

I wish that all of my just debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable by my executor

1st The farm on which I now live being the tract of land which was laid off as dower to my late wife the remainder in fee being purchased by me at judicial sale many years ago and lies in the 15th Civil District of Hawkins County Tennessee adjoining the lands of W. R. Sanders & others containing 354 acres more or less I will and do give to my son Drury L. Haynes absolutely and in fee simple but subject to this change my two daughters Malena Haynes and California Haynes who are unmarried and living with me the former being yet a minor are to have a comfortable support off the farm with the right to live upon the property and enjoy the same jointly with my son Drury L. so long as they may remain but no longer. and in order that my son Drury L. Haynes may operate and carry on the farm I will unto him a sorrel mare, a two year old filly (bay) and one three year old mule and to my daughter Malena I give my sorrel horse and a ladies saddle and bridle, but the said sorrel horse and the more filly and mule above mentioned are to be retained on the farm and to be used in cultivating and operating the same so long as my daughters remain single as aforesaid, but whenever my daughter Malena marries she may dispose of the horse as she may deem proper.

The tract of land herein devised is in litigation being now in the Supreme Court, by appeal, and as it is uncertain what the result may be to provide against the contingency of loss I devise to my said son Drury L. Haynes subject to the same change in favor of my two daughters another tract of land owned by me in the same civil District of said County, called the Webster place adjoining the other tract of land above described the title to which is to be fully vested in my said son Drury subject to said encumbrance in the event I shall lose the same farm or any part of it in said litigation, it being my intention herein to provide for my son & two daughters as long as the title is in dispute and unmarred, and that they have ample support from my real estate; but in the event my title to said 354 acre farm tract shall be declared valid and gain the suit, then in said case I desire that said Webster place be sold by my Executor at private sale on a credit of 1 year & two years, for the best price he can get, & the money to be equally divided between all my children share & share alike.

2nd I will unto my son Drury L. Haynes & my daughter Malena Haynes & California Haynes each one mile & one day to have cleared out of my lot of milk cows. I also will to Drury a bridle & saddle.

3rd I will & bequeath to my son Drury L. Haynes all my farming

implements, harness, blacksmith tools, wagons, &c. in fact, all the personal property on the farm, except the household furniture.

6th The household and kitchen furniture, I bequeath to my said three children, Oury L. Malina, & California, equally, they to divide the same among them, but my daughter Malina is to have the sewing machine absolutely, in addition to a third of the furniture.

7th All notes & indebtedness of every kind, due to me, at my death, I desire collected by my Executor & the same to be equally divided among all my children, after paying the cost & expenses of administration.

8th The balance of my personal property not herein disposed of, or that I may die possessed of, I desire it shall be sold by my Executor in the manner prescribed by law. & the monies realized therefrom, I will unto my two younger children Oury L. & Malina, to be used in their education, & should the same not be consumed in their education, the remainder is to be equally divided between them.

9th I nominate & appoint Thomas McCumell Executor of this my last will & testament. Given under my hand & in this 26th day of July, 1886.

Lazarus Haynes.

Signed by the Testator in our presence,
who specially requested us to witness
this his will.

J. H. Gray,
J. S. Walker.

Proved Jan 3, 1887.

Will of Louisa McBride.

In the name of God, Amen!

I, Louisa McBride, of the First Civil District of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind & memory, do make, publish, & declare, that my last will & testament, in the manner following, that is to say -

First. On consideration of the kindness & care taken of me in my long sickness, I have already made a gift of the sum of three hundred dollars in money, to my son-in-law, Thomas Brooke & my daughter, Emma Brooke, his wife, equally, which is to be accepted by them in full settlement of all demands which they might have jointly had against my estate for said care and nursing.

Second. After the payment of all my just debts & funeral expenses I give & bequeath to my daughter, Emma Brooke, one good straw & feather bed, with ticks, (the to have the choice) two pillows & pillow-cases, two sheets, two Blankets, three Coverlets - one called the X and diamonds, one the Wandering Vine & the other a white one, the choice of either one of the two quilts which I worked in my latter days, also, one Walnut Bedstead, the looking glass or mirror up stained, all of my best garden contents, if filled at the time of my decease, also my fine Iron.

Third. I give & bequeath to my grandsons, Cornelius H. & James H. McBride, the sum of Ten Dollars each, to be paid to them by my executors, as soon as possible after my decease.

Fourth. It is my desire the rest & residue of my estate be equally divided among my children, Sarah C. Morley (Chaimy C. McBride), Leroy McBride, & Emma Brooke, share alike. But should disputes arise among them & they fail to arrive at an amicable division thereof between themselves, then & in that case, I hereby direct & empower my Executors to apportion said estate (except the bequests herein before made) to sale either public or private (my said Executors own) & divide the proceeds of said sale among the said Sarah C. Morley Chaimy C. McBride, Leroy McBride & Emma Brooke, share alike.

Fifth. I hereby nominate & appoint my son, Leroy McBride, & my son-in-law Thomas Brooke, to be the Executors of this my last will & testament with full power to do all that may be just & lawful for the proper execution thereof, hereby revoking any & all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this Twenty-seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & eighty six.