

1857 The Last Will & Testament of Willis H. Holman dead.

I Willis H. Holman of the County of Lincoln State of Tennessee, being impressed with the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament revoking all other wills by me at any time made heretofore.

(1) I will and desire that so soon after my decease as practicable that all my just debts be paid out of any monies that may come into the hands of my Executors herein after mentioned, due and owing me from any person, whatever.

(2) My will and desire is that an extra provision be made for my beloved wife Ann H. Holman and for that purpose give and bequeath to her during her natural life or widow hood the following to wit my Negro man Varg & his wife Sarah with their two Children Henry & Caroline also three Choice horses four choice cows & calves one choice bull three thousand pounds of Pork, One hundred & fifty barrels of Corn or money enough to purchase said amount of Corn & at her option and two hundred dollars for the purpose of buying fodder oats Sugar Coffee Salt & other necessary family expenses One Boke of Oxen & Ox waggon and all of my household and kitchen furniture or so much thereof as she may want.

(3) My Will and desire is that all my property of every description my Negroes excepted be sold on a credit of twelve months at public sale and be equally divided among all my Children and that said Slaves be equally divided among my Children with without the sale of the same if practicable but if not then and in that case then my Executors to sell said Slaves at public auction to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds arising therefrom to be equally divided among all of my Children as aforesaid.

(4) My will and desire is that all my debts be paid out of the monies arising from claims now owing to me by any person or persons whatever.

And after all my debts and paid the residue be 200 Dollars in hand for the special use and benefit of my Wife Ann H. and my younger Children during her natural life or widow hood and at her death or marriage to be sold and equally divided among all my Children, said residue above stated is to be left under the control of my much esteemed friend Samuel Rutledge & Isaac Rutledge to be laid out as above said and in the event my wife ~~may~~ again then and in that event case she is to have an equal share of all my property with all my Children share and share alike.

(5) My Will and desire is that my much esteemed friend Mark Whitaker be and I do hereby nominate and appoint him my Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 22 day of September 1857.

W. H. Holman
James B. Kelso

W. H. Holman Esq.

Proven in open court

this 2 Nov. 1857

Eli S. Hodge Clerk