

Last Will and Testament

of Jacob Cross 'died'

{ Probated Sept Term
1896 }

know all men by these presents that I Jacob
E. Cross a citizen of the 8th civil district
of Sullivan Co, Tenn, of the age of 56 years
while I yet have mind and strength
to do so and knowing the uncertainty
of life do make and publish this my
last will and testament;
I leave to my beloved wife Sallie E.
Cross all my estate both real and per-
sonal of which I may die seized and
possessed to have, hold and enjoy during
her natural life except such personal ex-
pense as may be necessary to pay funeral ex-
pense and my just indebtedness and if she
see cause to dispose of surplus personal
property more than is necessary to meet
above named indebtedness she shall have
full power under this will to do so.
At the death of my widow Sallie E.
Cross I advise that her personal property
be divided equally among my then surviv-
ing heirs after her just debts and fune-
ral expenses have been paid.
I hereby desire that each of my children
share equally in my property and to do so
all sums advanced to my son Willie J. or
paid out for my son Henry W. or that
was run or made hereafter be paid out
in discharge of my daughter Fionia be charg-
ed to them all settlement with the estate and
as I have given to my son Willie J. and to
my daughter Loretta B. Warrum each a
homestead order that each of my other children
be given a horse when it arrives at the
age of 24 years or if they marry and
shall be a horse copier that it be furnished
such child at the expense of my estate.
I desire that my real estate be divided

equally among my several children or their heirs
at the death of my widow and that the said
division be made according to improvement
fertility and convenience and I expend no
expense as to when any child's portion
shall fall, except as to my son Willie J. whose
portion shall be laid off so as to include
the ground at the house on the hill on which
I authorize him to erect a house and other
necessary buildings, the value of which im-
provements are not to be considered in the
division but all improvements not put there
by my son Willie J. are to be valued in the
division.

and finally all debts due me on
bank deposits and by this will consider-
ed personal debts.

Aug 1, 1896

Jacob Cross
makerWilliam A. Cross
J. H. Cross Jr.

Prove in open court in the county
of Sullivan A. Cross and J. H. Cross Jr. sub-
scribing witnesses to said will, on this
7th day of Sept 1896; and declared by
the court to be the last will and testament
of the said Jacob Cross deceased.
and ordered to be recorded.

This Sept 7th 1896

Jm Fair clerk
By L. H. Denny D.C.