

Last will and Testament

Solomon T. Bachman Decd. 3 Probated Nov. Term 1888

I, Solomon Bachman being of sound mind, but trying feeble in body and having arrived at that age I think it best to make some disposition of my worldly effects, do publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts, be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any moneys that I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I will, devise and bequeath all of my real and personal estate of every kind and character to my Cousin William M. Bachman.

Thirdly, It is my will and wish that my Executor shall prosecute a suit that I have this day instituted against George M. Merrill in the Chancery Court at Marlborough to its final termination, if the same should not be decided during my life, said suit having been instituted for the purpose of setting aside a conveyance to said Merrill on the 24th day of January 1884, which conveyance was for the purpose of relieving the land this day devised from an execution which had been levied on said land in favor of William M. Colman, which conveyance was without consideration, the said Merrill having wholly failed to comply with any part of the stipulations in said deed.

Fourthly, I nominate and appoint Nathan Dexter Executor of this my last will. In witness whereof, I hereunto sign my name to this my last will on this the 4th day of July 1887. Signed and published in our presence and we hereunto subscribe our names in presence of the Testator.

Executed in our presence

Solomon Bachman

C. J. St. John

John Paine. 3 From in open Court by the oaths of C. J. St. John & John Paine subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument and the same was adjudged & declared to be the last will & Testament of Solomon Bachman Decd. and ordered to be recorded in the book of wills. This Nov. 5, 1888. N. D. Bachman, C. C. T.

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Thomas C. Spurgin Decd.

The last will and testament of Thomas C. Spurgin made this October right hundred and eighty six.

First, it is my will and desire that my wife Catharine have possession of my homestead farm, during her widowhood if she should survive me, if she remarries she then vacates all of said farm and turn it over to J. A. Craft Akard and George Clinton Akard to be divided equally between them.

Second, it is my will and desire that my son George J. Spurgin and Francis R. Spurgin have my lands in Washington County during their natural lives and then to be divided between them heirs at law.

Thirdly, I bind my heirs to viz. George J. and Francis R. Spurgin to take care of my brother John R. Spurgin and my sister Elizabeth during their natural lives, and not suffer them to come to want in old age. After my children are made equal in household or personal property, Ballance to remain in my wife's possession, all of the old homestead property, to remain in the house as long as it is owned by my heirs, my wife doing as she pleases with her own personalities.

T. C. Spurgin
From in open Court by the oaths of R. D. Pickle & M. H. Crow, witnesses, well acquainted with the hand writing of the said T. C. Spurgin on the 4th day of July, 1889. N. D. Bachman C. C. T.

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Jacob S. Rodifer Decd. 3 Probated July term 1889

I Jacob S. Rodifer of the County of Sullivan, Penn being in my right mind and feeling that I am near the end of this life, I make this statement as my will, 1. I want all debts if any paid. 2. I want my wife Sarah and my two daughters cared for so that they may be kept comfortable, and the girls educated as well as can be done under the circumstances in the common schools, & that they be raised up in strict

morality & in respectability. 3^d I wish to put my wife and daughters under the care of my son George Rodifer who will see to the working or making my land & keeping up the same & if my wife and daughters do right they are to live in the dwelling house as long as she remains my widow. 4th That when my daughters come to 20 or 16 years of age at that time if there is any thing left of my estate I want it divided equally between my wife my two sons and daughters. This 10th Jan'y. 1889

Attest
John M. Bailey
J. A. Bran.
M. J. Lawr.

Jacob S. Rodifer
Mark

Drawn in open Court by the oaths of John M. Bailey, J. A. Bran. M. J. Lawr. subscribing witnesses to said will, on the 4th day of May, 1889 and ordered to be recorded in the book of wills.

N. D. Bachman ckt.

Last will of Testament

J. B. Bays. Died. Probated March term 1889

In the name of God Amen:

I J. B. Bays of the town of Goodson Washington County, and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, Blessed be Almighty God, for the same do make and publish this my last will and Testament. First I give and bequeath to my loving wife Minerva Bays all my house hold furniture and personal property, first brass & steels, Bed clothing, g. Cas. p. s. Trunk, Cooking stoves, wood or coal stoves, pots or iron, Pans, cups & saucers, Knives & Fork, Spoons, plates and dishes, farming Tools, stoves, forks, shovels, shovels, Pails, brooms, chairs, Chests. One Buggy at W. M. Bays. One town lot in the town of Bristol fronting Broad Street on the south and bounded on the north by Mr. John Bondurant. Lot containing one acre and one fifth be the same man or less to have & to hold as her property forever. Also one town lot known as widow Dalton lot containing $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre on land bounded by William Robinson lot formerly known as another Dalton lot. But now lately known J. E. Starnes. Also bequeath to Minerva Bays my loving wife one Red Milk Cow to be her property forever. I also bequeath to my wife Minerva Bays one lot of land formerly known as Col. English lot, situated in Bristol Neck, also one known as widow Stone lot, also a lot or parcel of ground known

as Charles Stone lot containing $\frac{1}{4}$ acre to the same man or less adjoining widow Stone & Col. English lots forever.

I do nominate and appoint my wife Minerva Bays to be the sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in presence of the witnesses, named below. This the 13th of July in the year of our Lord 1886 - J. B. Bays.

Signed, sealed, declared and published, the said J. B. Bays, as and for his last will and Testament, in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto.

J. K. Dyer.

David Kinthead

I also bequeath to my wife Minerva Bays the Bal. on a note & hold on Henry & Cordeau Dickerson of Bal. of \$37.00 which is to be hers with with its proceeds.

I also bequeath another lot of land containing one acre and one fifth be the same man or less situated west of E. and adjoining Mrs. Elizabeth Rushings land which is a part or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a lot of 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres

Drawn in open Court by the oaths of J. K. Dyer and David Kinthead subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument & the same was adjudged to be the last will & Testament of J. B. Bays. Died and ordered to be recorded in the book of wills. This 4th day of March 1889

N. D. Bachman ckt.