

# The Last Will & Testament

of  
W. H. Arrants, dec'd. Probated November term 1901

I, W. H. Arrants, while in sound and disposing mind and memory, realizing the frailty and uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death and being desirous of directing the disposition, after my death, of the property with which I have been blessed in this world, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all others, by me at any time made.

First, I will that my spirit return to God who gave it and that my body be decently buried.

Second, I will that all my just debts be paid by my executors as soon as practicable, out of any money that may come into their hands, but in disposing of property for this purpose, it is my will that they retain two good horses and two good milk cows to be retained on the farm.

Third, I will that after my decease, that my beloved wife, Margaret Arrants, have all my personal property of every kind and character including household and kitchen furniture, live stock of every description, farming implements, books and notes and demands of every character and any and all personal property that I may be seized and possessed of. It is also my will that my wife Margaret Arrants have use and control all the real estate of which I may be seized and possessed or in any way own, during her natural life, or so long as she remains my widow.

Fourth, It is my will that after my death my executors pay to my son Leander J. Arrants and to my daughter Molly Hicks the sum of five Dollars each, out of any money that may come into their hands, which is all that I intend for them to have of my estate, in as much as I have already done for them as much as I should under the existing circumstances of the rest of my family.

Fifth, I will that after the death of my wife Margaret Arrants, or after she may cease to be my widow, that all my real estate including the farm on which I now reside, in Sullivan County Tenn. be equally divided among all my children born to me by my present wife, Margaret, and that

none of my real estate be given to my said children by my first wife, Leander J. Arrants and Molly Hicks for the reasons above stated.

Sixth, It is my will that my wife, Margaret reside on the farm where we now reside so long as she remains my widow and that each of my children, remain with her and have a home there until they become twenty one years of age, and that my wife Margaret, in connection my other executor manage and control said farm as they may think to the best interest of the family.

Seventh, I hereby nominate and appoint as my executors, to execute and carry into effect the provisions of this my will, my beloved wife Margaret Arrants and D. J. Lyon and excuse them from giving bond.

In testimony whereof I have hereto attached my signature, to this my last will and testament on this the 30th day of May 1901.

W. H. <sup>this</sup> Arrants

Witnesses.

We W. M. Woods and G. H. Eads hereby sign our names as witnesses to the signature of the testator W. H. Arrants to his foregoing will which we do at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

This the 30th day of May 1901.

W. M. Woods  
G. H. Eads

State of Tennessee  
Sullivan County

The within and foregoing written instrument was proven in open Court by the oaths of W. M. Woods and G. H. Eads subscribing witnesses thereto on this the 2nd day of November, 1901, and thereupon said instrument was adjudged, declared and decreed by the Court to be the last will and testament of W. H. Arrants, deceased, and ordered to be recorded in the Book of Wills.

State:

Geo. R. Snow, Clerk  
W. J. R. Ingoldsbay, D. C.