

Last Will and Testament

Sarah Ford deceased Probated July Term 1903

State of Tennessee I Sarah Ford of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any and all other Wills by me heretofore made.

Item first I direct that all my debts General and Burial Expenses be paid by my Executor as soon after my death as possible.

Item second It is my Will and I do direct that R. S. Hill shall take and have absolutely all of the Land or Real Estate which or that I may die seized and possessed of.

Item third It is my Will and I do direct that R. S. Hill shall take all of my personal estate of every kind and description.

Item fourth I direct that my Executor shall collect all debts due me, upon such terms as he may deem best after my death.

Item fifth It is my Will and desire, that this my last will and Testament be Read at the grave-yard the day that I am buried, by my Executor.

Item sixth I appoint my friend R. M. DeFoe, to be the Executor of this Will.

Sarah Ford

This October 18-1902.

The foregoing will was signed by the testator in our presence and we attested the same in her presence and at her Request.

This the 14th day of October 1902.

R. M. DeFoe
J. H. Smith

State of Tennessee The foregoing written instrument Sullivan County was proven in open Court by the oaths of R. M. DeFoe & J. H. Smith subscribing witnesses thereon, on this the 16th day of July, 1903, and therefore said written instrument was adjudged declared and decreed by the Court to be the last will and Testament of Sarah Ford, dead and ordered to be recorded in the Book of Wills.

Jos R. Secord Clerk

Last Will and Testament

Mary Azalea Birdwell Probated July Term 1903

The Last will of Mary Azalea Birdwell. In the Name of God amen. I Mary Azalea Birdwell of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament. hereby revoking annulling and making void all other wills by me at any other time made.

I commend my Spirit to the Lord who gave it & hope for a blessed inheritance when this mortal life shall have ended.

I bequeath and devise to my brother J. D. Birdwell all the real and personal estate both legal and equitable I may die seized and possessed of both in the State of Tennessee and elsewhere. My real estate consists of 21 acres of land lying & being in the 14th civil district of Sullivan County Tennessee and is a portion of the Birdwell farm on Anderson Creek. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and given my seal this the 4th day of April 1903.

M. A. Birdwell Seal

Signed and Subscribed in the presence of us the Subscribing witnesses
O. R. Childress
J. H. Childress

The foregoing written instrument was partially proven in open Court by the oath of O. R. Childress, one of the subscribing witnesses, on this the 7th day of July 1903, and was continued for further proof.

Jos R. Secord Clerk

The foregoing written instrument was further proven in open Court by the oath of J. H. Childress, one of the subscribing witnesses thereon, on this the 24th day of July, 1903, and therefore said written instrument was adjudged declared and decreed by the Court to be the last will and Testament of M. A. Birdwell deceased, and ordered to be recorded in the Book of Wills.

Jos R. Secord Clerk