

Sam'l Mears

to will -

I Samuel Mears of Tipton County, State of Tennessee being of sound disposing mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking & making void all other & former wills by me made

Item 1st I direct that my funeral expenses & all my just debt be paid as soon after my death as convenient out of any monies that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Item 2nd - I give and bequeath to my daughter Clarinda Green one hundred dollars, to be paid to her by my Executor as soon as he can make it convenient - - -

Item 3rd - I give and bequeath to my daughter Lurinda Montgomery all the remainder of my estate both real and personal of every description, as I have heretofore given to my other children as much of my estate as I wish them to have.

I hereby appoint my son John G. Mears Executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal. My seal 17th 1865

Witnessed, published in our presence & we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator

Sam'l Mears (seal)

R. W. Sanford
Thomas M. Morrison
John N. Wall.

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Samuel Adams

to will - - -

State of Tennessee
Tipton County

In the name of God - Amen -

I Samuel Adams being weak in body, but sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding - praise be to God for the same - do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made.

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debt be paid immediately after my death out of my money that I may die quiet and possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor hereafter mentioned -

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rose Ann Lynn twenty five dollars to her & her heirs forever.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son John Adams five dollars to him and his heirs forever.

4th I give and bequeath to my son James Douglas Adams one hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever -

5th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary L. Harris the house where she now lives, a sufficient quantity of wood off my land for fuel to burn also two hundred dollars to her & her heirs forever

6th I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Jane Sterling one half of my present tract of land to her & her heirs forever & also one half of my stock of cows, hogs & sheep, one horse & saddle, two beds & bedsteads, one bureau, one box and one half of my interest in the present crop on my land -

7th I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Nancy Adams one half of my land where I now live, one half of my cows, hogs and sheep also all my horses and make that I may

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Saml. Adams

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seized and possessor of that is not otherwise disposed of, also one side saddle and one half of my interest in the present crop, one wagon & gear thereto belonging and all the farming tools that I have on the place, two beds and bedsteads, one bureau & one clock; also one folding table and all my household and kitchen furniture that is not otherwise disposed of, all my books and any monies I may have on hand that is not otherwise disposed of.

I Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving daughter Nancy Adams executrix to this my last will and testament -

In witness whereof I do to this my will, set my hand and seal.

This the 10th day of October 1867

signed & sealed in our presence and we the undersigned subscribe our names as witnesses

to - All interlineations made before signing etc

Test -

W. C. W. Cain

R. W. Banks

Samuel Adams
made

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Robert Simonton

to will - - -

I Robert Simonton do make and publish this my last will and testament, making and making void all other wills by me at any time made -

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all other lawful debts be paid out of any money that may be on hand by my Executors -

2^d I give and bequeath to Grant daughter Margaret A. Simonton [] daughter of Archibald Simonton an equal part of my estate after the specified legacies is gone off to each legatee named in this will as her father had got a Negro boy Harry from his Grandfather Archibald M^o Simonton, with other property I gave him to the amount of seven hundred dollars being equal to the specified legacies to the other heirs, provided she lives to be twenty one years of age, but if she dies before she arrives at that age her equal part is to be divided equally among my other heirs - - -

3^d I will and bequeath to my son Christopher A. Simonton a tract of land one hundred acres for which he holds my debt valued at five hundred dollars with stock and household furniture valued at two hundred dollars - - -

4th I will and bequeath to my son John Simonton a tract of land one hundred acres for which he holds my debt valued at five hundred dollars with stock and household furniture valued at two hundred dollars -

5th As I have advanced to my daughter Jane Thompson during her life time land and other property to the amount of seven hundred dollars, I will and bequeath to Robert & William Thompson my two grand sons what would have been their Mother's share equally divided between them -

6th I will and bequeath to my son Robert B. Simonton and W. B. Simonton a tract of land containing two hundred

Robert Simonton's will Continued

and thirty two acres lying in Shelby County on Hall's creek adjoining the lands of George Shryver's estate at five hundred dollars each - Robert has got the amount of two C^d dollars in other property. Who has got one horse and saddle and the balance of the two hundred dollars he is to get in household furniture to make him equal to the other heirs -

7th I will and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Simons two one hundred acres of land off of the east end of the tract that I now live upon to be valued at five hundred dollars and she is to get the amount of two hundred dollars in stock and household furniture to make her equal with the other heirs

8th I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Lucado one hundred and twelve acres of land for which she holds my deed of gift valued at five hundred dollars and other property to the amount C^d two hundred dollars she has already got.

9th I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Simonton fifteen hundred dollars in money and the sole use and control of the farm and every thing pertaining to it and the house and premises where on Eliza should marry and call for their part it is to be out of the amount of my household property now will be to my wife making them equal to the other heirs. The balance of the household furniture and stock is to remain here until her death and at her own disposal after making my son Charles J. Simonton equal to the other heirs in stock and household furniture -

10th I will and bequeath to my son Charles J. Simonton the balance of my plantation that I now live upon after laying off the one hundred acres on the east part to my daughter Eliza as above specified

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valued at \$500 at five hundred dollars. All my negro property are to remain on the plantation and be under my wife's control until her death - at that time they are to be appraised at a moderate price and equally divide amongst my heirs and if the heirs cannot agree who will have them they will draw for them by lot except the woman Jane has the privilege to choose her master. It is my wish that all my heirs be made equal that that does not get negroes is to get money to their value

11th I hereby nominate my two sons Christopher A. Simonton & John Simonton Executors of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I do set my hand and this fourteenth day of September 1857

Robert Simonton

Witnesses

John Simonton sen
Christopher Simonton
Presley Simonton

For probate see Minute Book 3 page 12.

This record is made from a copy certified under the signature of Isaac M. Steele Deputy Clerk dated January 5th 1853

The original will not being found in this office was sent to the probate

R. B. Burr

Elizabeth Gilmore's will

January 7th 1868

In the name of God Amen

I Elizabeth Gilmore of Duple County and State of Tennessee do make this my last will and testament

1st I will that all my property both real and personal after my death to be sold in a credit of twelve months

2nd I also will that all of my just debts be paid from the proceeds of my effects

3rd I also will the remainder to Charles Reed & Charles to the exclusion of all others, &c. &c.

I will my trunks to Rebecca Lockett. I also will my clothes to Rebecca Lockett and her Virginia Taylor Elms to be equally divided

I Elizabeth Gilmore do acknowledge this my last will and testament

Elizabeth Gilmore

W. W. Coleman

J. L. Ralph

Probed at February term 1868

A. O. Hunt's will - - -

I A. O. Hunt of the County of Duple State of Tennessee do make & constitute this my last will & testament

I wish my father Nathaniel Hunt to have the use of my interest in the estate, real, personal & mixed, which he now has in possession (it being the joint and several property of myself brothers and sisters) during his life; & at his death I leave it to my sister Martha H. Turbeville during her life, & at her death it shall revert to my estate.

I confide my children & such little estate (nearly all the property I have in possession belongs to my wife in her own name & right by marriage contract of Feb. Dec. 19th 1845, duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Fayette County Tennessee) as I shall die seized and possessed of (in my own right) to the care and management of my wife Sally M. Hunt; & I hereby invest her with full power & authority to do with my children & property as fully and largely in every respect as I could do myself if living. In other words: I put and deposit her in my peace and stead; & request that she take my children & property under her own control & educate my children well and thoroughly, and manage the property as she may think best for the interest of herself and our children. She shall keep the property together and work it, or lease, rent, hire or sell at discretion the whole or any part thereof & reinvest the proceeds here or elsewhere, or put them out at interest.

as she may think it advisable & so all
 she pertaining thereto in as full and
 large a manner, in any respect,
 as I could do myself, if living.

And as my Sable are next kin to mother
 my I will be paid on present value.

I desire that my wife shall not be
 required to administer on my estate
 unless she elects so to do - that no
 security be required of her & that no
 inventory be taken on return made
 to Court of my estate & that she shall
 not be fettered in any manner by
 the law in her management of it.

In witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand & seal on
 this the 27th Day of July 1863.

A. D. Hunt

Acknowledged before me

H. H. Elcar

J. Fairfax

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Daniel Hill & wife - - -

I Daniel Hill

In the name of God Amen being of sound mind
 and memory I do publish this my last will and
 testament Revoking all former wills made
 by me.

Article 1 I do hereby will and bequeath that all
 of my Sable shall be paid as soon as prac=
 ticable after my death.

Article 2 I do hereby will and bequeath
 to my beloved wife Susan all of my per=
 ishable property only what is hereby after=
 wards provided for.

Article 3 I do hereby will and bequeath to
 my Daughter Lucy A two hundred Dollars
 in money of my perishable property.

Article 4 I do hereby will and bequeath to
 Lucy A one girt goat and bridle one
 bed and furniture for which she has in
 her possession and also Lucy A is to have
 a bed stead and three head of cattle one
 cow and calf and one yearling and also
 ten head stock hogs.

Article 5 I do hereby will and bequeath to
 my Daughter Sarah B. and her children
 about fifty acres of land in
 the North East corner of my tract commen=
 cing at a mulberry marked 5th in the
 field North of my house about fifty five
 poles thence East with the cross fence
 to my East boundary line thence North
 with said line to Dutchy Creek thence down
 said creek with its meanders to a white oak
 marked 5th thence South to the beginning
 corner.

Article 6 I also will and bequeath to my
 beloved wife Susan the balance of my land

about one hundred acres during her
life time and at her death to my
daughter Lucy & and her ^{share} ~~part~~ ^{share} ~~part~~
is to have said land and Lucy & is to
have the houses known as the Stevens
for her a home and twelve or fifteen
acres of cleared land adjoining said
houses.

Article 7 I also will and bequeath
at the death of my beloved wife Lucy
& is to have like possession of the
homestead where I now reside.

Article 8 I also appoint A. W. Smith
my executor to this my last will
and testament.

This the 12 day of July
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and sixty six.

A. Hill

signed in the presence
of us

John B. Lockert
Asely Marshall

For probate see Minute Book at page
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Andrew McQuiston will

In the name of
God - Amen!

I Andrew W. McQuiston being
of sound & disposing mind and judgment do
make this my last will and testament.
In the first place I wish my funeral expenses
to be paid out of money which I now have
on hand. my remains to be enclosed in
a zinc coffin & to be taken to Tennessee &
there to be laid between my beloved wives.
In the second place I wish all my lawful
debts to be paid including my Dr bills &
pay for the trouble I have been to my daughter
to I wish them compensated for their
kind care and attention to me in my af-
flictions.

In the third place I wish my daughter Sarah
Bickman to have one hundred dollars added
my son David W. McQuiston twenty acres of
land that was reserved for him when my
homestead was sold in Tenn. my son W. H.
McQuiston to be released from the interest
of a note of six hundred dollars which he
owes me & which he holds in his own
hands. Mr George Jennings to be released
from the pay ment of a note of fifty dollars
which I hold on him.

In the 4th place I wish to save trouble
and expense in winding up my estate I
wish my trust sons James W. & Robert F.
Harper (they being the only sons here) to
have as their portion of my estate five hun-
dred & fifty dollars each to be held in trust
by their father & in case of his death by a
Custodian.

In the fifth place I wish the remainder
of my estate to be divided equally among
my surviving children viz W. H. McQ.

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Ann M^cQuinton Clister, Jane Wilson
Mary Wright, David M^cQuinton, Margie-
ret Simonson, Sarah Dickson & A. J.
M^cQuinton.

In the last place it is my wish that A. J.
M^cQuinton, A. J. M^cQuinton & John Wil-
son be my Executors to carry out the
my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in presence of
Saml. Allen
D. B. Shanks
Andrew M^cQuinton

Cod. cil

It is my wish further that my son A. J.
M^cQuinton be released from the payment of
the interest on a note of six hundred dollars
which I hold on him now that my daughter
Mary Wright be released from the payment
of fifty dollars of the note which I hold
against her. - - -

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the
presence of
D. M. Miller
Wm M^cQuinton
this 24th day of September 1867
Andrew M^cQuinton

State of Arkansas
County of Drew

Now on this 10th day of December
1867 personally came and appeared
before me Joseph B. Burrey Clerk of the Circuit
Court and ex officio Clerk of the Court of
Probate in and for the County of Drew and
State of Arkansas Saml. Allen and D. B.
Shanks and being each sworn by me se-
parately and together thus they each and
Andrew M^cQuinton sign the within and
foregoing instrument of writing purpor-
ing to be the last will & testament of said
Andrew M^cQuinton and they are each of

ages the same as attesting witnesses thereof in
the presence of each other and in the presence
of the said Andrew M^cQuinton and at his
request and that he the said Andrew M^cQuinton
was at the time of publishing the same as
and for his last will & testament of sound
and disposing mind and memory to help
them so.

Saml. Allen

D. B. Shanks

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of said Court at
office this date above written.

Das F. Burrey Clerk

Also on the 10th day of December 1867
personally came and appeared before me
Das F. Burrey Clerk as aforesaid D. M. Miller
& William M^cQuinton subscribing wit-
nesses to the Cod. cil to the last will and
testament of Andrew M^cQuinton and
after being duly sworn separately and to-
gether that they signed the same as witnesses
& in the presence of each other & in the
presence of said Andrew M^cQuinton at
his request and that he acknowledged
it to be a Cod. cil to his last will & tes-
tament & was of sound & disposing mind
& memory.

To help them so.

D. M. Miller

W. M. Quinton

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal of
said Court at office this date above
written.

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Das F. Burrey Clerk

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January 21 1868
 State of Arkansas
 County of Drew
 1868 Honorable John W. Colquhoun Judge
 and presiding

Now on this 21st day of January 1868 came into open court Andrew McQuiston son and John Wilson the Executors of the last will and testament of Andrew McQuiston deceased and on motion filed a paper writing properly proven up according to the Statutes of the State of Arkansas purporting to be the last will and testament of Andrew McQuiston Recorded in Book of Wills on pages 161 & 162 and filed in vacation by the Clerk of the probate Court on the 10th day of December A.D. 1867 which will in this day examined and approved by the Court and on further motion said A.J. McQuiston and John Wilson file their bond as such executors of the last will and testament of said Andrew McQuiston deceased in the sum of three thousand Dollars conditioned according to law with Hugh Wilson & William M. Winston as their Sureties which bond is by the Court examined and approved as a sufficient bond and the appointment heretofore made in vacation by the Clerk is in all things confirmed and approved. It is therefore ordered that said Executors proceed according to law to settle said estate. They also file here the inventory of the personal property which is by the Court examined and approved

State of Arkansas
 County of Drew

I John W. Colquhoun Judge

the County and Probate Courts of said County of Drew. So hereby certify that Joseph H. Bunsen whose genuine signature appears hereto annexed is now & was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the Court of Probate & County Court of said County of Drew and that his certificates are in due form of law and I further certify that the foregoing transcript is correct. Given under my hand this 30th day of January A.D. 1868

State of Arkansas

County of Drew

I Joseph H. Bunsen, Clerk of the County and Probate Courts for said County of Drew do hereby certify that the foregoing two sheets contain a true and perfect copy from the record of the last will and testament of Andrew McQuiston deceased and of the order of the Court of Probate approving said will and appointing A.J. McQuiston & John Wilson Executors and approving their bond as such Executors. And I further certify that John W. Colquhoun whose genuine signature appears hereto annexed is now and was at the time of signing the same Judge of the Court of Probate for Drew County duly commissioned & sworn as the law directs. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office this 30th day of January A.D. 1868.

Joseph H. Bunsen

JP

Not a Seal

For probate in minute book at page 702

L. Davis & wife

In view of the uncertainty of life in the infirmities of age I feel it my duty to settle my affairs by will.

After all my just debt is paid if any first it is my will that my son Thomas D. Davis have five hundred dollars in cash second it is my will that my wife Margaret Mary and Johnstone have one thousand dollars including a note in my hand on John C. Johnston with Robert Harper security what said note fails to make the thousand it is my wish come out of my estate.

Third it is my will that my daughter Caroline have fifteen hundred dollars in cash or property as it may suit her convenience fourth it is my will that James & Margaret & Margaret Hice my two grand children have fifteen hundred dollars equally divided between them if there be an over plus it is my will that it be equally divided between my three living children & two grand children - namely Johnathan Calvin Thomas Dickson Caroline & my grand children James & Margaret & Margaret Hice. Fifth it is my will that all property real & personal remain in the possession & use of the contrary of my wife Margaret D. Davis her life time at her death to be disposed of as above with except the household & kitchen furniture my wife Margaret D. Davis has the right to dispose of as she pleases it is my will that my wife Margaret D. Davis execute this will. Signed & sealed & acknowledged this 17 day of April 1866

In presence of
A. J. Hanna
W. C. Hart

L. Davis

For probate see Minutes Board of June 20/66

Henry Morrison & wife

Henry Morrison of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee, being of advanced age, but of sound disposing mind and memory, in view of the uncertainty of life and wishing to make disposition of my world by estate do make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament; as follows; First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary the sum of one thousand dollars; and I furthermore will and bequeath that my wife Mary be maintained by my two daughters Nancy C. Wallace & Mary C. Morrison & my son in law Jacob Wallace during her life time and have that maintenance on the place upon which I now reside I give and bequeath to my two daughters Nancy C. wife of Jacob Wallace and Mary C. Morrison to be owned and held jointly and equally by them, my tract of land known as the house tract, on which I now reside containing about two hundred and sixty two acres, together with twenty acres to be taken off the east side of the Crum tract, by running a line north and south; but this bequest is made subject however to the condition that my said two daughters may if they see proper or wish separate homes divide said land equally in value between them as they may agree upon the balance of the Crum tract about sixty three acres on the west side after taking off the twenty acres above mentioned named tract to be sold by my Executor here

Henry Morrison will after of friends, who is hereby fully authorized to sell and convey the same and the proceeds to be distributed with the balance of my estate as herein provided. I give and bequeath to my son in law Thos. M. Morrison the sum of five hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my Grand Child Ann Julia C. Belushnick, Mary Ann & Maria E. Morrison children of my deceased daughter Sarah C. & Thos. M. Morrison the sum of five hundred dollars each. I give and bequeath my grand son John Gray Morrison son of said Sarah C. & Thos. M. Morrison the sum of one thousand dollars. To my Grand daughter Mary L. Wallace, daughter of Jacob & M. C. Wallace, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars. To my daughter in law Margaret C. Morrison, the wife of my deceased son, I give and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars. To my son in law Jacob Wallace & his wife Nancy C. Wallace I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars each. To my daughter Mary E. Morrison I give and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars. I furthermore give and bequeath to my Grand Child Henry C. & Margaret E. Morrison the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and I wish and direct that my Executor herein after named hold said money without interest and pay it over to said Henry C. Morrison when he shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years or so much of said money as may be left in his hands after using it as I shall direct. I wish said Grand Child H. C. Morrison to have the benefit of a good education and I will and direct that none of the money bequeathed him shall be paid out for his benefit until he is twelve years of age and then my Executor shall

pay out such sums as may be necessary for educational purposes alone and no other, that is for books, tuition, board or clothes - the Bureau with the book case I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Morrison, the Bureau standing in the middle room I give to my daughter M. C. Wallace. the Bureau in the South room I give to my daughter in law - M. E. Morrison.

It is my wish and I direct that all the stock provisions, household & kitchen furniture farming tools & implements and every thing belonging to my estate not herein before mentioned or disposed of shall remain on the place for the use and benefit of my wife and daughters; and in case of a division of the land between them then the said stock, provisions &c shall be equally divided between the above named daughters & I do hereby appoint my son in law Jacob Wallace my executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I have hereto set my hand and seal this Sept. 17th 1866

Henry Morrison

Signed & acknowledged by the testator in our presence and we at his request in the presence of each other attest the same the day and date above written

J. A. Hall

W. J. Fry

For probate see

minutes Book H. page

If after the legacies herein named are paid there is any money over then each of the legacies shall have their pro rata share of what is over according to the amount of money specified for each one and not in proportion to the sum total each one received.

James L. Hill Last Will

A verbal will made by James L. Hill in the presence of A. I. McQuiston, J. B. Adkins and H. C. McCain is as follows. He said J. L. Hill had a note on J. B. Hill, for four or five thousand dollars and his request is that said note and the proceeds be equally divided between M. L. Dickson and S. A. Henderson his sister and Robert Hill and G. P. Hill his brothers and five hundred and fifty dollars of his interest in the land he lived on to his sister Jane Adkins.

This May 1 1868.

Witnesses

H. C. McCain
A. I. McQuiston

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See Robinson's last will!

I See Robinson to make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills 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 monies that I may die possessed of, or may just come into the hands of my executor. Secondly - I give and bequeath to my son James Robinson one half the proceeds of two claims due me from the United States government for bounty - one for the sum of three hundred and two dollars, the other for the sum of one hundred dollars both of which are now in the hands of McCann & Co. Claim Agents, Memphis Tenn.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to my wife Adeline the remaining half of the proceeds of the above mentioned claims.

Lastly - I do hereby nominate and appoint Robert F. Hare my executor, and it is my wish and desire that he shall so soon as practicable take charge and keep and control my son James Robinson, until he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal. This the 29th day of April 1868

See Robinson's last will
mark

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator. This the 29th day of April 1868

Martha F. Hare
John F. Robinson

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Samuel J. Rose³ last will.

I Samuel Jordan Rose of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory. Do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others.

Item first - It is my wish that all my just debts be paid as speedily as possible.

Item second - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Dorothy Ann. Rose all my estate, either real, personal, or mixed, with full confidence that she will use and dispose of it as will best promote her own and the welfare of my children -

Item third - I do hereby appoint her the sole Executor of this my last will and testament, and I further desire that no security be required of her -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the twenty fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord eight hundred and fifty nine.

J. J. Rose

Test.

L. W. Jones

Clerk of the Court.

For probate book see minutes Book 11, page 281

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Henry Townsend & Co. & wife!

Be the

name of God Amen.

I Henry Townsend of the County of Tipton & State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but sick of body, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

Item 1st It is my will that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executors.

Item 2nd It is my will that all my just debts be paid as fast as it is possible for my executors to do so.

Item 3rd It is my will that my son Joseph M. Townsend & son in law O. B. Harris shall execute this my last will without giving bond as such executors.

Item 4th It is my will that my executor Joseph M. Townsend if he shall deem it in paying all my debts without the sale of any of my real estate I shall receive as compensation for his services my place known as the George Townsend place, and that O. B. Harris shall have a reasonable compensation for whatever services he may perform in the settlement of my estate.

Item 5th It is my will that the above named executors shall take charge of and have the entire control of my estate until all the debts are paid.

Item 6th It is my will that whatever real estate my son J. M. Townsend may live under this will shall be to him during his life time, at his death to his heirs according to law.

Item 7th It is my will that my daughter Caroline L. Townsend shall have a horse with her Mother as long as she may remain single without paying board for the same, and also that as soon as it may be convenient, my executor shall provide her with a horse worth one hundred & fifty Dollars and bridle & saddle, and that H. E. Harris have a horse & saddle worth one hundred & fifty Dollars as soon as convenient.

Item 8th It is my will that my beloved wife H. E. Townsend shall have my entire estate (after complying with the above) during her natural life, and that at her death (if it occurs after the payment of all my debts) it shall be divided equally between all my children and their legal representatives if they should be dead.

Item 9th I now resign my spirit to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came.

Oct. 14th 1868

Henry Townsend
we affixed our names to this at the request of Henry Townsend having heard the same read over to him, and sent him affix his signature to the same.

Thos. W. Winsor
Thomas W. Allen

For probate see Minute Book H. November term
1868-1869

James Barrett will -

I James Barrett of the County of Tipton in the State of Tennessee being of advanced years & for certain purposes herein after made & to make this my last will & testament.

1st I wish that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2nd I wish that my wife Nancy Barrett receive and have all moneys that I may die seized and possessed of after the payments are made as provided in Item 1, the same to be disposed of at her death as she may think best.

3rd Whereas in the purchase of the 121 acres of land of the Estate of C. W. Dickerson I was only able to pay one half of the purchase money of the same, being the sum of \$1126.50. And whereas my three sons Anthony R., Richard S., and Jas. M. Barrett advanced for me such the sum of \$375.00 to complete the amount of the purchase money for said land; therefore I wish my said sons to be repaid the said sum of money; but in this way; I do not wish the said land to be sold to raise the said sum of money thereby dispossessing my two daughters (to whom I herein after bequeath said land) of a home; and in case the value of said land should decrease in value from the amount which I paid for the same, then and in that case I wish my said sons to lose proportionately with such decrease - I make this wish because I believe it accords entirely with the will of my sons.

4th It is my will that my two daughters Henrietta S. Dickerson and Elizabeth Barrett equally inherit to

half of my real estate (of the 121 acres of C.W. Dickson) that I have bought

5th Esplanade

I make the above disposition of my estate because I think that my heirs are all abundantly able to release to their said Sisters Henrietta and Elizabeth all their shares in my estate, as is also my third daughter Mrs Martha Pack - whom also I request to do as I have wished my sons to do - for my said daughters Henrietta S. and Elizabeth are entirely dependent on what they may receive from me for their support, while all my other children are well circumstanced for the world

6th It is my wish that my son James M. Barrett act as the Executor of this my last will and testament This July 21st 1867

James Barrett

Witness

J. M. Barrett
J. H. Dwyer

For probate see Probate Court 1869

John Willington - 2nd wife

City of Philadelphia

632 Spruce Street

July 21, 1866

I John Willington of said City, being in my usual health and sound mind, make this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills previously made -

All of my real estate in the town of Haverhill Spring Mass. and in the town of La. France Tenn. I desire to have sold whenever it may be for the interest of my estate, and the proceeds invested for the benefit of children and the heir of their bodies and their mother as herein after set forth

1st To my wife Ann Willington I give and bequeath one fourth of my estate real and personal embraced in this will, and to my three children Mrs Helen Beardsley, Anne Elizabeth Willington, and George B. Willington I give each one fourth to be held in trust for their sole and separate use free from the liabilities of their husbands and all other persons, during their natural lives and afterwards to descend to the heirs of their bodies - in the absence of such heirs, to the brother or sisters and to their issue as aforesaid - In other words I desire that my three children shall have and enjoy the interest and revenue of the three fourths of all my estate for life, and their children to inherit after them.

If my wife Ann Willington should die intestate I wish the distribution of her estate to be made between our three children aforesaid, in the same manner as before mentioned, the remainder being interest to go to our said children

The foregoing schedule shows the property embraced in this will viz.

Two lots of ground in Holly Springs Miss. known as the Holte and Decker property.

Also a house and forty three acres of land in La Grange Tenn. known as the Woodlee place, also a house and two hundred and acres of land (more or less) in La Grange Tenn. known as the Anderson property and on which there is a mortgage of \$1500.

Three promissory notes, secured by Charles Jones of Memphis for \$1000 each, and interest, amounting at this time to about \$3700. Also two notes on Mrs Carr for \$1000 each, and interest, with trust on two acres of land near Memphis.

Five thousand dollars of Shelby County (Tenn.) Bonds and coupons from 1861

Thirty seven shares of stock in the Memphis Gas Light Company. Fifty shares in the Mississippi Central Rail road - One share in the Old Dominion Rail works Richmond Va. and also five thousand dollars which I owned said Company. Three thousand six hundred dollars in the 7th Bonds of the United States - one bond of \$500. on Burlington Canal, New Jersey - also the money I have in Bank at the time or after my decease, and all dues and other credits of which I may die possessed. Also the amount which may accrue from \$2500 loaned to H. H. Krofft of Holly Springs in Mississippi to be invested in Cotton in 1862.

All the residue of my estate of what ever name or nature I give to my wife Ann Wellington and I further

appoint her my own executor and trustee under this will without being required to give any bonds or security. The revenues of my estate in England that shall accrue to the time of my decease are embraced in this will, but the principal is to go to my two children in London.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written.

John Wellington *John Wellington*

Witnesses all in the presence of each other
W. A. Beckford, Gilbert Smiley
H. A. Beckford, L. A. Beckford

Witnesses

Virginia.

In the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond
July 31st 1868

This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Wellington deceased was this day produced in Court for proof and it appearing to the Court that all of the subscribing witnesses dwelt outside out of this State, it was ordered that Commissioner be assigned to be annexed to said writing directed to any Commissioner appointed by the Governor of this Commonwealth for, or any Justice or Notary Public of the State of Tennessee, where W. A. Beckford and L. A. Beckford two of the said witnesses reside, and to any Commissioner appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth for, or any Justice or Notary Public of the State of Pennsylvania where Gilbert Smiley another of the said witnesses resides; authorizing them to take the depositions of said witnesses as to the execution of the said writing, and at another day to wit. Saturday November 7th 1868.

This writing purporting to be the

will and testament of John Willington deceased, which was offered for probate in the Court on the 31st Day of May, 1868, was the Day returned into Court together with the commissions issued for taking the depositions of Gilbert Emery, W. A. Burkfort and L. A. Burkfort three of the subscribers witnesses thereto, and the depositions of said Gilbert Emery, W. A. Burkfort and L. A. Burkfort taken by virtue of said commissions to said will annexed, being seen and inspected by the Court. It was ordered that the said writing be received as the true last will and testament of the said John Willington deceased. And on the motion of Anne Willington, who made oath according to law and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of eighty thousand Dollars conditioned as the last directs (but without security it being directed in the said will that none should be required of her) Certificate was granted her for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form of law.

Benj. Pollard Clerk

State of Virginia
City of Richmond, to wit

I Benjamin Pollard Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of John Willington deceased and the orders of Court admitting the same to record and probate as aforesaid from the records of my office.

L. S. } In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and office the said Court at Richmond
L. S. } The 10th Day of November A.D. 1868

Benj. Pollard Clerk

State of Virginia
City of Richmond to wit

I John A. Mandist Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Benjamin Pollard whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, is now and was at the time it was assigned Clerk of said Court, and that said attestation is in due form of law.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th Day of November, 1868

John A. Mandist, J. C.

In probate minute Book 14 - February term, 1869

James H. Petty & wife -

I James H. Petty do make and publish this as my last and last testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Second, It is my will and I do direct that all my property both real and personal be equally divided between my beloved wife Mary A. Petty and my infant child yet unborn. During the natural life of the said Mary A. Petty if she remain my widow.

Thirdly - If my wife should marry after my death I direct that she be paid eight hundred dollars out of my estate and the remainder of my property both real and personal I will and bequeath to my unborn child should it live.

Fourthly - If my infant child get unborn should die without issue then I direct that all my property both real and personal be equally divided between my sisters and Brothers to wit Elizabeth M. Bryan Rebecca D. Wright, R. H. Bradley and J. L. Bradley.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Brother in Law and Brother Nathan Bryan and R. H. Bradley my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal

This 5th Day of January 1869

James H. Petty

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Test J. W. Owen
D. B. Smith

signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator

I James H. Petty in addition to what is above written as my last will and testament add this as a codicil to my will - that is to say - I am through my Executors above named if in their discretion they believe it to be to the interest of my legacies to sell the tract of land on which I now live known as the R. Goodman place and purchase other lands with the proceeds of said sale at their discretion -

Witness my hand and seal this 5th Day of January, 1869

James H. Petty

Test
J. W. Owen
D. B. Smith

Whit. Crane & wife

The last will and testament of Whitnell Crane of the State of Tennessee Tipton County

I Whitnell Crane considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First after paying all of his just debts he desires that the same contracted for with W. C. Carter should be run off and payed for, and the debt taken in the name of Catherine Crane and his children.

Secondly I further desire that my beloved wife C. Crane whom I hereby appoint my sole executrix to settle all of my business, raise and educate my children
This February the 22nd 1867

Wm. D. Griffith Test
Residing with Mrs. Crane
Leat. L. Crane

For probate see Minute Book 11 page
378 - April term AD 1869

John A. Green & wife

I John A. Green, being of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

1st I give and bequeath to my nephew, John W. Green, all of my estate, real, personal and mixed, and of all kinds and descriptions I have and do have, the same to him and his heirs forever.

2nd I hereby nominate and appoint the said John W. Green Executor of this my last will.

September 3rd 1867

I John A. Green the said John A. Green signed the foregoing instrument in our presence and we at his request hereby subscribe ourselves as witnesses thereto
Sept 3rd 1867

Wm. Sanford
C. M. Hall

Mrs. Lucy L. Maclean (widow)

I Lucy L. Maclean

a citizen of the County of Tipton and State of Indiana, being in good health of body and strength of mind, do by these presents make, declare and publish this my last will and testament; hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

Item One. I give and bequeath to my son John J. Maclean the tract of land of 500 acres on which he now resides in Tipton County, Indiana, I give and bequeath to my son James H. Maclean the tract of land of 500 acres of which he now has control and use, lying in Hazenwood County.

Item three, I furthermore give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza D. Maclean the wife of Wm. H. Maclean - the tract of land of 500 acres, lying adjoining to the one above bequeathed to John J. Maclean, in Tipton County.

Item four, Out of the remaining portions of my real estate I give and bequeath to my young or children, William H., Robert L., E. Paul, Helen, Charles H. & Lucy J. Maclean so much as will make them and each one of them equal, namely, equally, and value considered, with the shares above allotted to John, James and Eliza.

Item five, After my five children named in Item four have their portions so allotted to them as specified in said bequest, I give and bequeath the remainder (if any there be) of my real estate to my eight children, to be divided among them equally.

Item six, In order that my children named in Item four may be made equal to the other three in advances made to them of

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personal goods and effects, it is my will and request that my Executors, hereinafter named, shall pay to each one of said children named in Item four, or to their regular Guardians, if any be minors, the sum of twelve hundred dollars in money. And further that my said Executors deliver to each one of said children named in Item four one bed and the furniture thereto belonging out of that I have.

Item seven, I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Maclean all of my jewelry and silver ware.

Item eight, I give and bequeath all of my table ware, excepting that above bequeathed to Lucy, and all of my books and bedding to my eight children, to be divided among them equally in kind.

Item nine, I give and bequeath to my sons Charles and Robert the two wells now claimed and owned by them.

Item ten, It is my will that all of my personal goods and chattels, not herein before disposed of, be sold by my Executors.

Item eleven, It is my will that my estate not above disposed of, i.e. - all my money do be equally divided and distributed among my eight children.

Item twelve, I do nominate and appoint my sons John J. and James H. Maclean and Wm. H. Maclean, my law is law, Executors of this my will.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand

Miss Lucy L. Martin - sister of the testator

and seal this 19th day of November
AD 1868

Lucy L. Martin

We have hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses hereunto, at the request of Miss
L. L. Martin, and in her presence
this 19th day of November AD 1868

J. H. Cummings

A. H. Cummings

Art. 1. as to my last will & testament - as follows. Since making and ~~signing~~ signing
the above will, I have given to my son
William Henry twelve hundred Dollars which I
advanced to him in store six, being one of the
five mentioned in Article four - and in all that
him his share of the land it is to include
the improvements he is now making and upon
which he is now farming - to one of my
children shall be made to account for
any advances heretofore made them -
but my entire estate to be divided as men-
tioned in my last will, without any refer-
ence, to what I may have heretofore
given them except as stated in my
will - I give Charles H. and Lucy Taylor
five hundred Dollars each which may
be expended in their education in
addition to what is before given them
June 8th 1869

Lucy L. Martin

Witness

R. J. Brodman

Ad. J. W. Smith

A. G. M. Price

For probate fees Minister Sep
tember term AD 1869 1.53

James Fullbreath - wife

State of Tennessee
County of Tipton

In the name of God Amen!
I James Fullbreath being weak in body
but sound & disposing mind, memory
and understanding, praise be to God
for the same, do make and publish
this my last will & testament, hereby re-
voking and making void all other wills
by me at any time made.

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all
my debts be paid immediately after my
death, out of any money that I may
be seized and possessed of, or may
first come into the hands of my Execu-
tor hereafter mentioned.

2nd I give and bequeath to the heirs of my
brother in law James Strain five Dol-
lars to be equally divided amongst
them and to be paid over by my Execu-
tor to them or their legal representatives.

3rd I give and bequeath to the heirs of Joseph
Strain five Dollars, to be equally divided
amongst them and paid over to them
by my executor as the above case.

4th I give and bequeath to the heirs of William
Strain five Dollars to be equally divided
amongst them and paid over as the
two above cases.

5th I give and bequeath to my brother in law
Alexander Strain five Dollars. In case he
should be dead at the making of this will it goes di-
rectly to his children.

6th I give and bequeath to the heirs of my beloved brother
George Fullbreath five Dollars to be equally divided amongst them
and paid over as the above case.

7th I give and bequeath to the heirs of my beloved brother

James Galtbreath's will

Any Galtbreath five dollars to be equally divided and paid over as the above cases.

8th I give and bequeath to the heirs of my brother Mark Galtbreath five dollars to be equally divided amongst them and paid over in the same manner as the above cases.

9th I give and bequeath to my brother John Jennings five dollars but in case he should die or be before the making of this will, then in that case the money goes directly to his heirs.

10th I give and bequeath to the heirs of Sarah Thompson five dollars to be equally divided amongst them and paid over by my Executor as the above cases.

11th I give and bequeath to the heirs of Charles Chequig five dollars to be equally divided amongst them and paid over & disposed of as the above cases.

12th And lastly as to all the rest of my estate, real and personal whatever it may be, the land I now live on my negro girls, hives, my mules, horses, cows, pigs, sheep, farming utensils, notes, my accounts, house hold furniture, all and every thing all and every thing belonging to the place of my kind and disposition whatever it may be I will and bequeath to my living wife Margaret Galtbreath and to her during life, and to make what disposal she may see proper at her death.

13th In conclusion I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Bangum Payne Executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I do to this my will by my hand and seal this 24th day of November 1864.

James Galtbreath
Signed, sealed, & published in our presence and have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the testator the day and date above written.

Wm. J. M. Linton
Wm. Baird

For probate see minutes Book of January Term A.D. 1865

Margaret Galtbreath's Will

On Wednesday evening the 22nd day of September 1869 Margaret Galtbreath then in her last sickness at her own house in Jefferson County, State of Tennessee, especially required the undersigned Bangum Payne and William P. Biggs to bear witness to her will, which she declared to be as follows: I want these little orphan boys in Arkansas, named Richardson my nieces sons, whom I have been trying to get to live with me to have all my property - They are orphans and very poor, and I receive about as much as any body else.

September 29th 1869

Bangum Payne
W. P. Biggs

For probate see minutes November term 1869 - Book 14 -

J. Tyer's Will!

State of Tennessee
Superior Court

In the name of God
Amen!

I, J. Tyer of the State and
County above specified being sound in body and
in perfect mind and memory, do hereby
declare this my last will and testament, hereby
revoking and making void all other wills by
me made at any time - 1st I will that my body
at my decease be decently buried. 2nd I
will that all my just debts be paid.

3rd I will that my executor sell a certain piece
of land in Shelby County that I own consisting
of fifty acres for cash when he thinks proper.

4th I will that my executor lay out the money
that I now have on hand about nine hundred and
fifty dollars in gold for land also ~~that~~ the proceeds
of the above land in Shelby as above specified
paid with it if it can be realized in time in said
purchase and the title of said land as purchased
be made to my daughter Maria Louisa Tyer
during her natural life and then go to her heirs.
5th I will two feather beds be set apart to my wife
to dispose of at her option.

6th I will my other feather bed and furniture
to be set apart to my daughter Maria Louisa Tyer.

7th I will and desire that all my other balance of my
effects of every and any nature or kind be left
and remain in the family for its benefit.

8th I consider of the above devise to my daughter
Maria Louisa Tyer I desire that my wife Mary E. Tyer remain with
my daughter as above and have a joint interest during her
life time or widowhood. 9th I hereby constitute and appoint
my son in law J. W. Tyer executor of this my last will and
testament. I witness whereof I hereby affix hand and seal.

31st day of July A.D. 1878. At B. Indiana before signing
Witness W. A. Brown }
J. Tyer Seal
A. B. Williams }

Joseph Bearing's will!

this is to certify that it is my wish and
will that after all my just debts in full
I wish Anne Bearing my wife shall
have all of my estate real and personal
except my negro boy Joe. I make
this will in order to provide for my
wife if I should be killed in the
service of my country
I witness whereof I subscribe my
hand and seal the 24th of July, 1868

Joseph Bearing Seal

Witness
Peter Wynn
Mary Wynn
Wm. H. Wynn

For probate see Minutes

Shelby. Term 1876 -

Henry Warriner will!

"If after the legacies herein named are paid there is any money over then each of the legatees shall have their pro rata share of what is over according to the amounts of money specified for each one and not in proportion to the sums which each one receives."

For the probate of the above see Minutes Book 16 page 188 - Minutes February term 1870

R. J. Barnett clerk

State of Tennessee }
Lipton County } An non captative of
of John Tyre. After my burial of person
and my debts are paid, I want Hester
Smith to have all the balance of my
effects of every kind, money, clothes
and every thing else. John Tyre died
at Samuel Roberts on Monday night
28th day of Decr. 1870
Dec. 30th 1870

Lucy Smith
Laura Smith
marks

For probate see minute Book
I April term 1870

Mrs. Lucy Byass will

James Byass Sen.

My dear Child:

Dec. 14th 1868

I consign to you the duty of fulfilling my bequest with respect to the disposal of my small effects. I wish your sister to remain in my house in Columbus as long as she needs a home or wishes to remain and to have the furniture in the house and kitchen of every kind. If you survive me I have full confidence in you rightly acting. I do not wish you to say any thing about to any one about my affairs. None of us know where we shall be when called home, but may be sure the time is short. Let my books be divided as you see best. I need say little about my good money and her mother as you know I never intend they shall leave my lot unless they wish it. You will always be kind to your sister and her children. I know our Saviour's last commandment was a new commandment, I give unto you that you love one another ever as I have loved you. Lend my trunk and all my clothes to your sister - the small wet trunk I wish Mary to have as I promised her, because I thought she would prize it for the sake of ^{the} figure to me. The note I hold of William's I do not wish used against him. You can retain the Books History of the Church in 5th if you like, if ~~you~~ are not exchanged for others by me & Johnson and Couper's works. I wish Mary Miner to remain on my lot as long as she needs a home.

My money and notes due at the time of my decease you will receive in accordance with your father's will, recorded in Columbus. My best clothes that are at your house you

Henry Morrison will!

"If after the legacies herein named are paid there is any money over then each of the legatees shall draw their fair rata share of what is over according to the amounts of money specified for each one and not in proportion to the sum total each one receives."

For the probate of the above see Minute Book 16 page 588 - Minutes Hebrew Cong. Term 1870

Wm. Burdett

State of Tennessee }
 Tipton County } An non custative will
 of John Lyre. After my burial expenses and my debts are paid, I want Tipton Smith to have all the balance of my effects of every kind, money, cloth and every thing else. John Lyre died at Samuel Roberts on Monday night 28th day of Decr. 1870
 Dec. 30th 1870

Lusany Smith
Laurax Smith
 marks

For probate see minute Book I April, term 1870

Mrs. Lucy By as will

James By as son

My dear Child:

Dec. 14th 1868

I consign to you the duty of fulfilling my bequest with respect to the disposal of my small effects. I wish your sister to remain in my House in Columbus as long as she needs a home or wishes to remain and to have the furniture in the house and kitchen of every kind. If I survive me I have full confidence in you rightly acting. I do not wish you to say any thing about to any one about my affairs. None of us know where we shall be when called home, but may be sure the time is short. Let my books be divided as you see best. I need say little about my good Mary and her mother as you know I never intend they shall leave my lot unless they wish it. you will always be kind to your sister and her children. I know our Saviour our last commandments was a new commandment, I give unto you that you love one another even as I have loved you. Lend my trunk and all my clothes to your sister - the small red trunk I wish Mary to have as I promised her, because I thought she would prize it for the sake of ^{the} gift to me. The note I hold of William's I do not wish used against him. you can retain the Books History of the Church in Va. if you like, if ~~you~~ are not exchanged for others by me & Johnson and Coopers works. I wish Mary Miner to remain on my lot as long as she needs a home.

My money and notes due at the time of my decease you will receive in accordance with your father's will, recorded in Columbus. My best chattels that are at your house you

must keep for yourself. If I die at your house I wish to be buried in a plain decent way and have no needless expense, as I think what can benefit the living should not be stowed on the dead. My soul I commit to the hands of my creator from whom it came. I hope he will receive it and purify it in precious blood of Christ, and that my children and grand children who remain here may meet me in Heaven, as I hope join those gone before.

Alt. 14th 1869-

Lucy D. Byas

For Probate see minute Book J. June 1869
221370 Page 68.

The last will and testament of George Walk of Dipton County in the State of Kansas

1. I give and bequeath to my son Alexander Walk one hundred dollars.
2. I give, bequeath and devise to my daughter Margaret Myers, wife of Wiley S. Myers my Tract of Land in said County, on which I now reside, containing two hundred acres (200). Charging her with (\$300) three hundred dollars to be paid to the children of my deceased daughter Lucy Kinney - And also (\$300) three hundred dollars to be paid to the children of my deceased daughter Nancy Laramore.
3. I direct all the rest residue and residue of my property to be sold and converted into money, and the proceeds, thereof, together with all the rest and residue of my estate, real and personal and mixed, I give, bequeath and devise to the children of my deceased daughters said Lucy Kinney, and Nancy Laramore and my daughter Margaret Myers taking per Stirpes -

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I here by nominate, constitute and appoint Wiley S. Myers Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the 7th day of February A.D. 1866

George Walk (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence who have subscribed the same in the presence of and at the request of said George Walk, the date above written.

Deaac. W. Steele
Thomas Steele

For Probate see minute Book J. pp. 94-5-

John R. Palmer will

I John R. Palmer of the County of Dipton and State of Tennessee being of sound mind disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all wills by me anytime heretofore made.

1st It is my will that as soon after death as practicable; that all of my just debts be paid by my executors herein after named.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann M. Palmer after the payment of my debts, the one third of all my personal property absolutely. And the one third of my real property during her natural life.

3rd The remaining two thirds of my real and personal estate together with the remainder of the one third interest herein before willed to my beloved wife Ann M. Palmer for life. I will and bequeath to my two children Coroline and John M. Palmer for sole and separate use and benefit, not to be liable for the debts contracts or liabilities of their husbands should they marry. And in case of either of my said children should die without leaving any kind of her body, then the survivor and her children, and in case of the death of both of my said children without leaving kind of the body, then to the children of my two deceased brothers share and alike.

4th I do hereby nominate and appoint

my beloved wife Ann M. Palmer my executor to execute this my last will and testament with full power to sell any or all of the lands of which I may die seized and possessed of, and purchase such other lands as may conduce to the greater comfort and better support of herself and my said two children.

5th And in case my executor shall think it advisable to sell any of my said lands, she is authorized and empowered to execute to the purchaser or purchasers all proper conveyances therefor. And to take from the vendors of such lands purchased by her in exchange for lands sold by her under the provisions of this will all proper conveyances, conveying the lands purchased by her to be held subject to the same restrictions and limitations as herein before imposed.

6th Reposing the uttermost confidence in my beloved Ann M. Palmer, I hereby request that the Court will require of her no bond as my executor for the execution of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 8th day of June 1868.

John R. Palmer

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence this date above written

Attest  Lafayette Hill
 W. Smith

For Probate see Minute Book No. pp. 184.