

Jacob Miller Senior's Will

In the name of God. Amen.—I, Jacob Miller Senior of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, but of advanced age, & mindful of the uncertainty of life, and de-sires before death, to make as far as practicable, a disposition of my property, do make and publish this my last will and testament, and dispose of all my worldly property, as follows.

First. I desire my Executors hereinafter named, after my decease to have my body decently buried at Mount Bethel Meeting house in Greene County, and to discharge all necessary funeral expenses out of my money belonging to me on hand at the time of my death, or which may first come to their hands.

Second. I desire and direct that whatever debts if any, I may owe at the time of my death, shall be paid by my Executors as soon as practicable.

Third. To my grand daughter who now lives with me, Mary Dewart I give and bequeath my Side-Board, Desk, One half of my Kitchen furniture or kitchen utensils, one feather bed straw bed, bedstead, and well furnished with suitable bed clothing for the same, also my quilted quilt of the pattern known and called the "Rose of Sharon", also my roan or black Durham Heifer, two years old in April 1807. If the said Heifer should die or otherwise be disposed of by me then the said Mary shall have another Heifer or Cow and Calf of equal value to the present value of sd. Heifer.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my son John Miller, my Slave Daniel, aged about fifty four years or fifty six years old, and request that he shall be treated with kindness & humanity as I feel very confident he will be, if he behaves himself properly.

Fifth. I now own One Hundred Dollars of the Capitol Stock of the East Tennessee and Virginia Rail Road Company, and design to take two hundred Dollars additional Stock and hereby bequeath to the elders for the time being of Mount Bethel Church in Greene County Tennessee, One half of the dividends which may be declared upon the Stock I now own & the Two Hundred additional Stock I design to take, from time to time as sd dividends may be declared, forever, and direct that my executors collect & pay over to such person or persons, as may be elders of said Church the sd. one half of sd dividends, to be held and applied by sd. elders to aid in support of such of such ministers or ministers of the Christian Church as may minister to the congregation in sd. Church. The said sums to be paid out when received, to such minister or ministers, as in the judgement of the elders for the time being are entitled to receive

, my object being to continue to furnish & contribute something towards keeping up preaching & religious services in said Church. The other half of the dividends arising upon said Stock I give in like manner to the American People Society in New York in the City of New York in the year 1816. And if for any reason by abandonment or surrender of the Charter or otherwise the Capital should be surrendered, & cease to give dividends, then I give & bequeath the Capital Stock in the same proportion & for the same objects that the dividends are herein designated.

Sixth. The residue of my Estate, including my villa, Cash Stock, furniture and debts due me I desire to be divided into lots, the property by sale & the debts by part & then divided equally between my ten children & wife; Mary Dewart, Peter H. Miller, Abraham E. Miller, Catherine Zimmerman, Elizabeth Bowman, Eliza Bowman, Jacob Miller, Melinda Campbell, John Miller, Chelmaise Reeser, making the share of each child in this distribution of the residue of my estate equal.

Seventh. My wife Hannah has been living separately from me for about a year, and took away with her, more than she brought at our marriage, of personal property, & had also the following negroes, which I was entitled to, in virtue of my marital right to wd; Amy, Francis, Mary, James, Martha & two younger children of my, whose names are not recollect'd, now I give to the said Hannah the said slaves provided she makes no further claim upon my estate; sd slaves being of far greater value than her legal share of my property would be under a distribution of it by law, of descent. But if sd Hannah dissents from this will or in any manner seeks to distract the distribution of my property as made therein, or the disposition I have made of other property than I desire to will that the sd. slaves shall be divided or sold & the proceeds divided amongst my ten children and in the same manner as my other personal property is directed to be sold & distributed in the sixth clause of this will.

I do hereby nominate & constitute my two sons Jacob Miller and John Miller my Executors of this my last will & testament and having full confidence in their integrity I desire that the County Court shall not require them to give any security for the execution of the same.

In testifying whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal to 19th day of October 1807.
Signed, sealed & published before us — Jas W. Readwick
John B. Stephen

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by Jas. W. Deaderick and John P. Clappier the Subscribing Witnesses that at December Term 1858 and ordered to be recorded. And Jacob Miller and John Miller the Executors named in said will appeared in open Court, gave bond and approved Decency and was qualified as the law directs.

Wm. J. Clegg
H. L. May Jr. Esq. Clerk

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES B. GLOYD, DECEASED.

I James B. Gloyd of Washington County Tennessee request my property to be divided as follows after defraying my funeral expences and pay all my debts.

I have let my daughter Jenny have fifty Dollars in a wagon, son John I let have eighty dollars in a Land Warrant,

It was agreed by son William that the Land I let him have was to be his shear of my Estate.

My son James got a piece of Land of me for which I hold his notes tow notes one hundred dollars apiece which notes are unpaid and they are lost or missing also one eighty dollar Land Warrant and twenty dollars in money. The above amount recd. by Jenny, John, and James is to be counted as that much received of their portion of my Estate. Now the whole of my Estate Real and Personal to be divided amongst my children as the Law directs also the divide is to be with my Widow. As above named William has received his whole shear in full.

I request my sons, John P. and Samuel Gloyd my Executors.

Signed and sealed this 16th Jan. 1861

James Gloyd (Sl)

Attest.

Saml. G. Bayles

Barton B. Gloyd

State of Tennessee,
Washington County.

The fore going will was duly
proven in open court at the

March Term of said Court by the oaths Saml. G. Bayles & Barton B. Gloyd the subscribing witness and the said John P. and Samuel Gloyd the with in named Executors, appeared in open Court at this March Term, 1861. I voluntarily refuse to act as such & by the Court

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES B. CLOYD, DECEASED.

I James B. Cloyd of Washington County Tennessee request my property to be divided as follows after defraying my funeral expenses and pay all my debts.

I have let my daughter Jenny have fifty Dollars in a wagon, son John I let have eighty dollars in a Land Warrant,

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My son James got a piece of Land of me for which I hold his notes tow notes one hundred dollars apiece which notes are unpaid and they are lost or missing also one eighty dollar Land Warrant and twenty dollars in money. The above amount recd. by Jenny, John, and James is to be counted as that much received of their portion of my Estate. Now the whole of my Estate Real and Personal to be divided amongst my children as the Law directs also the divide is to be with my Widow. As above named William has received his whole shear in full.

I request my sons, John P. and Samuel Cloyd my Executors.

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