

# Louise E. Russel's Will

In the name of God Amen.  
I Louise Elizabeth Russel of the County of Washington  
and State of Tennessee, being weak in body, but of sound  
mind and memory do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament.

First I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it to me,  
and my body to its mother Earth from whence it came.

2<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath to my two children William  
Harvey Russel & Rebecca Jane Russel Three hundred and  
fifty dollars which I am now possessed of lawfully and  
in good notes so money is to be loaned out at Interest  
until they become of age or as each becomes of age and  
then it is to be equally divided between them.

3<sup>d</sup> I do nominate, constitute and appoint Robert H. Russel  
their lawful Guardian during their minority, and hereby  
give him full power to invest said money as he may deem  
best for the interest of my two children as named above.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed my seal in the presence of these witnesses  
this the Eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord  
One thousand eight hundred and sixty  
Witnesses present

Louise E. Russel Seal

D.B. Barkley

<sup>bis</sup> William Fletcher

<sup>mark</sup> This fourtyninth day of November  
Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty  
was presented to Court and was duly proven in open Court  
at the April Term of said Court by the Oaths of D.B. Barkley  
& William Fletcher the Subscribing Witnesses thereto  
& the same ordered to be recorded

April Term of said Court 1861.

J. A. Conley Clerk

# Robert Allison's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Allison being of sound  
mind and disposing memory knowing that it is appointed unto  
all men to die after commanding my soul to God dispose of my  
worldly property in the following manner (To wit) To my beloved  
wife Mary and her four children namely Archibald Chester  
John George and Lydia I give my lands (viz) my old farm  
near Jonesborough called State Hill and the farm where  
Clark Hale now lives containing two hundred acres being an  
exchange for the John Bowman tract share and share alike  
To my daughter Mary Hale I give three hundred and twelve  
dollars with what interest may accrue on a note due from  
J.W. Allison from this time To my Daughter Martha Maxwell  
I give five hundred dollars To my Daughter Deborah Hughes  
I give seven hundred and fifty dollars To my wife Mary I  
give all the household furniture including bed and bedding  
together with all the Stock and farming utensils except one  
four horse wagon and two young horses which I give to my  
two sons Chester & John the large wagon that is here may be  
sold at private sale and the proceeds applied to the pay-  
ment of my debts my wife is to have the controll and pos-  
session of both farms during her natural life or widowhood  
my Rail Road Stock I give to my two youngest children George  
and Lydia Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife  
Mary and my son in law Henry Hughes my Executors to this  
my last Will and Testament Robert Allison Seal

Attest

George H. Range

J.P. Galloway

The foregoing Will was pres-  
ented to court and was duly proven in  
open Court at the April Term of 1861 of said  
Court by the Oaths of George H. Range & J.P. Galloway  
the Subscribing Witnesses thereto & the said Court or-  
dered to be recorded also the said Mary Allison Dow of the  
Executors appeared in open Court and said Dow and Sonny ap-  
proved by the Court and qualified as the Law directs

J. A. Conley Clerk

Jonesborough Tenn

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1861 Wm. W. Hale

I Will present fourth with on this day in the  
County Court of Washington County to make probate of the above

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of Robert Allison Dred Will witness of  
George Hunter and Thomas Galway, you can  
attend said probate if you see fit and take any  
steps you desire in the premises

Mary Allison  
Exectrix of said will

## Robert Allison Russell's Will

In the name of Almighty God Amen:

I Robert Allison  
Russell of the County of Washington in the State of Tennessee  
being now confined to a bed of sickness in the County of Marion  
in the State of Florida and being impressed with the belief that  
I have only a short time to live in this world in a full posses-  
sion of all my mental faculties do make and ordain this as my  
last Will and Testament.

First I direct that my body be decently interred and that  
a plain marble slab be placed at the head and foot of my  
grave, to mark the place where I am buried. And as to such  
worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with,  
I dispose of the same as follows.

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be  
paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first  
money that shall come into the hands of my Executor.

Second I direct that all the real and personal property  
which I hold in copartnership with Samuel B. Mc Adams  
be sold at public or private sale as my Executor may think best,  
and that the proceeds be used to pay my portion of the debts  
owed by the firm of Mc Adams & Russell.

Third I direct that from the remainder of my Estate three  
hundred dollars (\$300) be given to my beloved half sister  
Margaret Amanda Russell I further direct that the said  
three hundred dollars (\$300) be loaned out by my Executor  
at the highest rate of Interest; for her use; that it be  
well secured and that the Interest be devoted to her use  
until she becomes of age and after she becomes of age that  
the principal be given to her.

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Fourth I direct that from the remainder of my Estate, three  
hundred dollars (\$300) be given to my beloved nephew Allison  
Russell Duncan I further direct that the said three hun-  
dred dollars (\$300) be loaned out by my Executor at the highest  
rate of Interest, for his use; that it be well secured; and  
that the Interest be devoted to his use until he becomes  
of age, and after he becomes of age that the principal  
be given to him.

Fifth I direct that all that remains of my Estate after  
the above directions have been carried out be equally divided  
between the five (5) following named persons to wit;  
my half brother John Irvin Russell my half brother  
James Madison Russell my half sister Margaret Amanda  
Russell my half sister Louisa Melvina Russell and my  
nephew Allison Russell Duncan; I further direct that  
the amount thus coming to my half brother James Madison  
Russell and the amount thus coming to my half  
sister Margaret Amanda Russell and the amount thus  
coming to my nephew Allison Russell Duncan be each  
loaned out by my Executor at the highest rates of Interest  
for their respective uses; that the Interest thereon be  
devoted to their use until they become of age and that  
the principal be given to them each as they become of age.

I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed friend Robert  
Allison Thompson of Washington County Tennessee Executor  
of this my last Will and Testament. I in witness where  
of I Robert Allison Russell the Testator have to this my  
Will written on a single sheet of paper set my hand and  
seal this twenty sixth day of January in the year of our  
Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one, (1841).

Signed sealed & de-  
livered in presence of  
Geo. B. Hunter  
C. H. Phining  
R. C. Simpson

State of Florida Personally appeared before me Charles G.  
County of Marion C. Phining of County and State aforesaid  
who being duly sworn in relation to the probate of the last