

John Drain's will continued

Elija Drain, Mary Drain and John Drain share ~~and~~ share alike, in all my in all my property, and in order that my heirs may not waiste or misaply their respective portions it is my desire that they each choose a Guardian, who is authorized to draw upon my Executor for means for their support except that that are of lawful age who can act as their own guardian.

Item 4th It is my desire that a Guardian be appointed for my son John Drain who will take charge of his moral Education and Training and see that his means are properly applied to said purposes.

Item 5th It is my request that immediately after my death that my Executor take charge of all my effects, and proceed at once to settle up all my business with as little delay as possible. And in case my children wish to return to Decatur to live he may in the absence of the appointment of Guardians advance the necessary means to pay their expenses and their or any of their Receipts for money so applied, shall be a good voucher for him in his settlement with the Clerk of said estate.

Item 6th It is my desire that in case of resignation of my Executor that a full, fair and complete exhibit of his accounts shall be made to the Clerk of the County Court of Washington County so far as relates to the property in said County.

Item 7. My Executor is requested to take charge of what ever property I may have in the State of Alabama both real and personal and dispose of it to the best advantage for my heirs.

Item 8th And as my daughter Mary has sold ~~and~~ disposed of some of my property without my knowledge or consent at Decatur Alabama, it is my will that whatever said ^{property} was worth shall be deducted out of her share of my estate and divided amongst the other three heirs.

Item 9th It is my desire that McCallins be and act as my Executor, and I therefore appoint him as such. Witness my hand this the 12th day of May 1866.

Signed and acknowledged

in presence of

Edward Armstrong

Daniel Henry

the day, and above written.

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oath of Edward Armstrong & Daniel Henry the two subscribing witnesses there to at the May Term of the Court 1866.

John Drain
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John D. Buchanan Clerk

Joseph Archer's Will

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Archer

I Joseph Archer being in my perfect senses &c. knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do now make and publish this 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 just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that I may die possessed of, or that first come into the hands of my Executor or Executors.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann Archer all the property belonging to the House that she brought to it with her when we married, and all articles of her own manufacture since our marriage and a good cow and her support off the farm, and if she makes choice to stay in the house with my son Elijah Archer then in that case he shall furnish her a comfortable and decent support, and treat her well and take care of her, but if she desires to leave the house and remains a widow then Elijah Archer is to furnish annually or quarterly ^{or quarterly} enough to support her wherever she is living, whatever any two good and disinterested men may say that she has need of for her own support, but she is not to be turned out of the house against her free will as long as she lives a widow.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my son Elijah Archer my home farm and improvements to go into full possession at the time of my death, by his well and truly supporting his step mother and providing for her comfort and pleasure on the terms given in the second Section of this my will.

Fourthly. As I have given my sons Silas, William, Joseph and Jonathan and my daughter Nancy their full shares in land money and property, I therefore allow them nothing more.

Fifthly. I direct that all my property not disposed of already in this will be sold at public sale by my Executors to the highest and best bidder and the proceeds of the sale to be applied to the payment of my debts and expenses of said Executorship and the balance if any there be.

I allow to be equally divided among my three daughters Susannah Meritt, Louisa Smith & Elizabeth Archer and two sons Juriah D. Archer & Thomas Archer. My daughter Elizabeth to get the bed that belongs to her if she have not got

Joseph Strick's Will.

it before my death. And as my oldest son Benjamin has not been heard of by me for many years, and I do not know whether he is living or dead, I direct that if he is a line and comes or sends for it in two years after my death he be paid the sum of ten dollars out of my son Elijah's portion, to be paid by Elijah out of any of his own means. To my son Elijah I give my family Bible, and allow him to keep it & never sell it, or part with it as long as he lives, but to read it and improve in so doing.

Secondly, As there is a flattering prospect of valuable minerals being dug on my farm, and myself and my son Elijah who falls heir to the farm at my death, have entered into a partnership business with one Joseph A. Conley about the mines on the farm, I hereby appoint my son Elijah a perpetual agent to settle and receive my portion of the profits of so mines from the said Joseph A. Conley, and I also allow him to keep to himself one half of the profits coming to me, and to divide the other half equally amongst all his brothers and sisters, Annually. And the possession of the mines is not to go into the possession of Elijah with the land but as an agent, and is to belong to my heirs in proportion to the direction given above.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint R. S. Ferguson and Elijah Strick my executors to carry will into effect in witness whereof I do to this this my will set my hand, and seal this 16th day of June 1854.

Joseph Strick Dead
Mar 30

Signed Sealed and Published
in our presence and we have
subscribed our names here to
in the presence of the Testator
this 16th day of June 1854.

Test
John Nelson
Joseph Beals Jr.

The foregoing will was presented to the Court at the July Term 1856.
(and) proven by the oath of Joseph Beals Jr. one of the subscribing witnesses, and the same writing of John Nelson (who is dead) was proven by the oath of R. S. Ferguson who refused to act as executor.
Noted my hand John F. Grisham Clerk

Alexander Adams' Will.

I Alexander Adams of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being in a full state of health, but of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life do constitute and make this my last

Will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen.

1st of all, I commend my spirit to the Almighty giver of all things, and that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my estate.

2nd, I Will and bequeath to my beloved wife Lydia M. Adams all my property both personal and real, to hold the same unmolested in full possession during her natural lifetime, and my two girls Mary J. Adams, and Sarah F. Adams, are to live with their mother and that my realty shall be a home for them, so long as they remain unmarried, or stay with their mother -

3rd, I Will and bequeath that my two daughters Mary Jane Adams and Sarah F. Adams, each to have a good bed and cover, such as my age may have in hands, at any time, when they may desire them, also they are each to have ^{each} a side saddle, which I now have, and which shall be theirs, at the decease of their mother, I having given all my other children the same amount of property.

4th, I will and bequeath that after the death of my beloved wife Lydia M. Adams, all my estate both personal and real shall be equally divided between my heirs, Betty Ann Ford, deceased or her heirs, Elizabeth Seiberger, Catherine Hawk, Emeline Brown, Susannah Hedges, Alvin Adams, Christenia Hawk, Martin K. Adams, Mary Jane Adams, and Sarah F. Adams, and for that purpose they may either divide the land, or if they cannot agree in the division of said farm of ninety acres, on which I now live, then and in that event, the farm may be sold to the highest bidder, and the money equally divided between them, also the personal property in like manner -

And I constitute and appoint John F. Grisham my legal executor to settle all my affairs, and make an equal division of all my effects among my heirs as above set forth, Given under my hand this 6th day of May 1864.

Witness Present William Minkler Alexander Adams
John F. Grisham } Given in open Court Aug. term 1866, and ordered to be recorded.
John F. Grisham Clerk