

Martha Barcroft's Will

Washington County, State of Tennessee.
Know all men by these presents that I Martha Barcroft
of the above named County and State being weak in body, but
of sound mind and memory, doth make this my last will
and testament, in manner and form as follows (viz),

After all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid,
after my decedent, I with Horn Mission Board of the United
Presbyterian Church, the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid
by my Executors.

I will and bequeath to my sister Mary Cowan, and to my
Nephew Ambrose C. Bell Twenty dollars each to be paid
by my Executors.

I will and bequeath to my two sisters Jane Barcroft
and Elizabeth Barcroft, all the remainder of my estate,
both personal and real, of whatever kind I am possessed,
to be equally divided between them.

I constitute and appoint my two sisters Jane and
Elizabeth to be my lawful Executors, or agents to
settle up my estate, and having confidence in the honesty
and integrity of my sisters above named, I request that
they be allowed to settle up my estate, without being
required by court to give security, for the faithful
performance of the same. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal
this 10th of July 1842.

In presence of us.

S. E. Lyon

Amanda Lyon

Martha X Barcroft (seal)

mark.

The foregoing will was proven in open Court at the
July term 1843. by the oaths of S. E. Lyon and
Amanda Lyon, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and
the Court being satisfied with the probate ordered the
same to be recorded.

J. H. Grisham
Clerk.

George E. Grisham's Will

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In the name of God Amen. I George E. Grisham, being weak in body, but of sound mind
and memory - in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and
publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

First - After my funeral expenses and just debts are paid. It is my will and
bequest that my dear wife Margaret Jane Grisham have my homestead, during her natural life,
that is the house in which I live, and all belonging to the original lot out houses, fixtures
tenements and hereditaments. At her death I desire it should go to my adopted
daughter Lula Belle Grisham, and the heirs male of her body, in case she has male
heirs, and if she dies without male issue, then to be divided between her other
children equally, should she have any, should she die without issue, male or female
then the two children Mary H. and Blanch B. Grisham, minors of W. M. Grisham shall
have a fee simple title to same at her death, said children being his only heirs, if
he has in the future male heirs of his body, the oldest male heir is to have the remainder
in fee after the termination of the life estates hereby created. I also give and bequeath
to my beloved wife M. J. Grisham during her natural life all the use, control, and
benefit, of the storehouse of site the Court on main Street Jonesboro, Tennessee, &
after her death the same is to vest in and be the property of the oldest male heir
of W. M. Grisham, provided he shall name him George Edgar, but the same is to be held
by said son not transferable in his life time, but to go to his heirs or the heirs of W. M. Grisham.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved niece Fannie B. Barnett the Widow, and
known as the one in which W. M. Overacre now lives, during her natural life, at her death
to her oldest male heir if any, if none to her other heirs equally, if no heirs of her
of her body then to the oldest male heir of W. M. Grisham, if none to his children equally.

3rd I will and bequeath to my friend Edna C. Floyd during her natural life all
the right title interest and claim I have in and to the property now occupied by
Mrs. Caroline Hodges, after her death the same to go to the oldest male heir of her
body, and this male heirs of her body then equally to her other children, if she dies without
issue, then to the oldest male child of W. M. Grisham if any, if none to his other children
equally.

4th I will and bequeath to George E. Brown my young friend and apprentice
during his lifetime not to be transferred by him that vacant lot or parcel of land lying
between John Grisham's two lots on Cherokee road or street adjoining the lot now
occupied by Silas L. Shipley, at his death the same is to go to his heirs.

5th I will and bequeath to George E. Blumson son of Sister Mary of Arkansas, and
to George E. Clark son of Sister Elizabeth equally during their lifetime, and then to
their heirs to their heirs of their body, all my right title claim and interests in and
to the old homestead land near Buffalo Ridge, Meeting house, adjoining W. M.
Grisham and others, to be divided equally between them by my executor.

6th I desire a lot to be cut off on each side of the head my lot fronting each