

R. G. Burson Will

In the name of God Amen

I, R. G. Burson of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, being in feble health and believing that I must soon pass into the world beyond this mortal life, and being desirous to make some disposition of my worldly effects do make, publish and declare this as my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

First. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy J. Burson all my lands whereon I now reside, containing about 113 Acres, more or less to have and to hold the same uninterrupted for and during her natural life. I desire also that my three single daughters to wit, Alice, Laura & Cora Burson live with their mother on said farm as long as they remain single.

Second. I will and bequeath to my children my entire farm after the death of my wife to be equally divided between them in the following order to wit. To my said unmarried daughters, Alice, Laura & Cora I wish & desire that they shall have that portion of my farm lying north of the road leading from the Jonesboro road, running south of the dwelling house through said farm including the dwelling house and buildings thereon to have and to hold the same forever. In addition to this last bequest I will that my said three daughters shall have woodland lying and adjoining James & Beards & others. I desire the line to run beginning at the gate on the south side of the road near the creek and running from said gate up the hollow in a southerly direction along a private wagon road, to a stake near a bluff of rocks then running across the bluff of rocks about a west corner in a hollow to Pitchette's line, then running with Pitchette's line & a fence about a south corner following the fence to my outside fence & stake near a slippy elm tree, then with my fence, a straight line to Jacob Adkins line, a little east of my rocky corner to have the same forever.

Third. I will and bequeath to my daughter Sallie Harwood twelve acres of my farm including the house and other buildings where they now live, the same beginning at Adkins line about 100 yards or more above J. H. Richman's corner then running down to the road near a north

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corner, then running to the Pond on the top of the hill so as to include about one fourth of said pond, and so as to include said 12 acres, to have and hold the same forever. In addition to said 12 acres I desire that my said daughter Sallie shall have the privilege of getting fire wood, such as sawn timber and enough saw timber off the other portion of my farm for their own use & to fence on said 12 acres no more.

Fourth. The balance of my farm I will to my two daughters Ellen & Mattie to have and to hold the same forever.

Fifth. I will and bequeath to my three grand children heirs of my deceased daughter Minnie Allison twenty five dollars each, which shall be paid by said two daughters Ellen & Mattie out of their share within one & two years after the death of my said wife.

Sixth. I will and bequeath that my wife and three daughters, Alice, Laura & Cora have three choice milk cows & calves, and the brown horse, including all my house hold & kitchen furniture of every description equally.

Seventh. I will that the balance of my personal property of every kind and description be sold at public sale to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof be paid over to my wife for her comfort. After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses.

I desire and so will that a road shall be left open along the fence on Pitchette's or my line, so as to give an out lot to the other heirs. I appoint Nathaniel Galloway Executor of this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 8th day of July 1883

R. G. Burson
Chas. E. Darrow
J. H. Gresham

The foregoing will was presented to the County Court of Washington County Tenn at its Aug Term 1883, and proven by the oath of Chas. E. Darrow one of the subscribing witnesses thereto on the 6th day of Aug 1883.