

William I Elam will

I William I Elam a citizen of Janesboro Washington County Tennessee, being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First I commend my soul to God and my body to a decent Christian burial.

Second It is my will and I so direct that my Executor pay to Jas H Dower the amount of my indebtedness to Janes H Dower & Co as follows to wit The balance due on note of Jan 1 1879 rec'd for \$287 upon which I am entitled to a credit of \$27 paid in the amt of my account against him March 30th 1882 also note to Jas H Dower & Co dated Feb 8 1882 for the sum of \$187⁰⁰ also the amount due said Jas H Dower for house rent paid by him to E. A. Rivers for me at several times the amount being about ninety dollars (\$90⁰⁰).

Third It is my will that my Executor pay to H E Mathes my and all sums that I may be due him for board supplies loaned money &c and which has not heretofore been incorporated in the debt due to W S Mahoney.

Fourth It is my will that my Executor pay to Dr E S Deaderock a reasonable amount for his professional services rendered me during my sickness in the summer of 1881 and up to the date heretofore and if he shall render any services in the future I desire that he be reasonably compensated for such attendance.

Fifth If Col R A Dungan shall advance any money for me by virtue of an arrangement entered into between us by which he was to become my surety for stock and material to be used in my business from time to time it is my will and I do so direct that my Executor repay the amount or amounts so advanced by him.

Sixth It is my will that my Executor retain out of the funds that may come into his hands the amount of my indebtedness to him for money advanced

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supplies furnished or debts assumed prior to this date and upon settlement the Clerk is directed to receive well authenticated evidences of such indebtedness as vouchers and give him proper credits for same.

Seventh It is my will and I expressly direct that my Executor pay my and all persons who have furnished me money or supplies during and on account of my sickness or advanced money for me during my sickness the amount of money justly due them for money so advanced or supplies furnished. And they is intended to include my account at the drug stores for medicines furnished and all other items of indebtedness that I may owe by reason of my sickness.

Eighth It is my will and I request to my beloved niece Mrs Mary Eliza Elam (now Mrs Dillard) to be paid by my Executor out of the funds in his hands after paying the debts heretofore set out.

Ninth All the balance and residue of my personal real personal and mixed I will and bequeath to Mrs Eliza A Elam wife of my brother Robert I Elam and this bequest is made in consideration of the love I have heretofore and my said brother for their manifold acts of kindness throughout the many years that I was a member of their family and for their care for and attention to me during that time as well as in consideration of the fact that I am again to become a member of their household and be supported and cared for by them.

Tenth I hereby appoint Dr W S Mahoney my Executor to whom I have made payable my policy in the order of the Knights of Honor for the sum of two thousand Dollars (\$2000⁰⁰) and who will take charge of all moneys realized from said policy and all other assets of my Estate and appropriate them as heretofore directed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this the 31st day of March 1882 signed and acknowledged in our presence this 31st March 1882 and subscribed as witnesses at his request.

A. Brown

W. I. Elam

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The foregoing will was presented to the County Court of Washington County Tennessee at its November Term 1882 and proven by the oaths of A. J. Brown & M. W. May, subscribing witnesses thereto and was admitted to probate and ordered to be entered of record.

E. A. Shipley
County Court Clerk

Nancy J. Nelson Will

The last will and testament of Nancy Jane Nelson - Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, though feeble in health do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me heretofore made. And first I commend my immortal being to Him who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried with little expense or ostentation by my Executor hereinafter named. Second I bequeath unto my beloved sister Susan A. R. Bacon all my personal Estate which consist of one cow bed & bed clothing and other household property. Third I bequeath unto my beloved brother Elbert H. Nelson my entire undivided interest of real estate in the Homestead tract of land, which I inherited from my Father John Nelson deceased adjoining the lands of E. A. Shipley Lewis Martin and others, to have and to hold forever, on the following conditions to wit that Brother Elbert H. Nelson is to take care and support my afflicted Brother James H. Nelson and give him a home during his natural life.

4. the personal property herein bequeathed to my sister Susan A. R. Bacon. She is to have and to hold during her natural life and after her death it is to go

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to my single Brothers & Sister equally divided among them

I do hereby nominate and appoint my Brother John H. Nelson as the Executor of my will to say that the requirements is complied with in testimony hereof I Nancy Jane ~~Bacon~~ Nelson have subscribed my name in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred eighty two at New 22 day of December 1882

Nancy J. Nelson

Signed in the presence of
J. P. Martin
Joseph M. Bacon
Uriah H. Hunt

The foregoing will was presented to the County Court of Washington County Tennessee at its March Term 1883. It proven by the oaths of Joseph M. Bacon and Uriah H. Hunt two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and was thereupon admitted to probate and ordered to be entered of record.

E. A. Shipley
County Court Clerk