

Matilda Freeman Will

I Matilda Freeman of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory and being desirous of disposing of whatever kind of property after my death that I may die seized and possessed of, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit:

First. I will and direct that my Executor herein after named, pay any and all expenses incident to my funeral and all just debts that I may owe at my decease out of the first money that may come in to his hands.

Second- I will and bequeath to my two Grand Children William Wallace Freeman Son of my daughter Jane Freeman (now Jane Smith Peters), and Joseph F. Freeman Son of Madison Freeman, the farm upon which I now reside lying in the 8th Civil Dist of Washington County Tenn. adjoining the lands of D. H. Peoples Widow Walters & others, being the same farm that I purchased of E. H. Walker and containing 44 acres. More lvs. the said William Wallace and Joseph F. Freeman to be equal and joint owners of said land when they arrive at the age of 21 years respectively in their own right. It is however herein provided, that my son Madison is to live in the residence I now occupy on said land and have full control of the same until said Joseph F. Freeman shall become 21 years of age, and it is further provided that my daughter shall live on the lower end of my farm and have the liberty to place a house thereon and live in and control the same until her son William Wallace shall arrive at the age of 21 years. In the meantime after my death and up to the time when my two said Grand Children shall become 21 years of age, I will and do direct that my son Madison and daughter Jane have the use and benefit of the farm willed to my said two Grand Children equally and as to how much and what portion

of said farm shall be used by my said son Madison and daughter Jane, shall be determined in the following manner to wit: My son Madison shall select one man and my daughter Jane one, and I hereby designate my Executor as a third, to make a division of said land between them, for their temporary use as herein before provided and when said land shall be so divided it shall be a final settlement between them as to how much and what portion of the farm they shall have the use of respectively.

Third- I will and bequeath to my son Madison Freeman one bay horse now owned by me called John, also one black Cow called 'Blacky' also my wagon and all my greasing forming utensils of every kind, and all my house hold and kitchen furniture of whatever kind and description these bequest are made to my son Madison in consideration of his having kindly cared for me in the past and to whom I look for my care & comfort in the future.

Fourth- All the rest and residue of my personal property of whatever kind not herein bequeathed shall be sold by my Executor in a way and manner as he may think best and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between all of my legal heirs as well as all money that may be due me after paying debts, funeral expenses &c. to be equally distributed in the same manner.

I hereby nominate and appoint J. C. H. Smith as my Executor to carry into effect this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed by name this 29th Sept 1883

Matilda ^{Her S} Freeman

Signed in our presence and we subscribed our names as witnesses at the request of the testatrix

E. A. Shipley
Jo Lewis

The foregoing will was presented to the County Court of Washington County Tennessee at its March Term 1884 and proven by the oaths of E. A. Shipley and Jo Lewis the subscribing witnesses thereto and was admitted to probate and ordered to be entered of record