

The foregoing Will was presented to the County Court at its July Term 1888 and proven by the oaths of E. J. Mathis & James M. Argenbright the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and there being no exceptions taken the same was admitted to probate and ordered to be entered of record.

Jacob Leab
County Court Clerk

James Hodges Will.

I James Hodges of Washington County Tennessee do make and publish this my last will & testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all other wills made by me at any other time.

1st I wish to be buried in a decent and plain manner and to have respectable but not costly tombstones put at my grave, and direct my executors to pay my burial expenses out of the first money that may come into their hands; and to purchase, erect, and pay for the tombstones within a reasonable time after my death.

2nd — My executors next after paying my burial expenses, will pay all of my just debts out of any money that may come into their hands.

3rd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all of my household and kitchen furniture including beds and bedding & table ware — every kind of property in house and kitchen, to have the same absolutely.

4th I direct my executors to sell at public sale, in the event of my death before that of my beloved wife, enough of my personal property outside of dwelling-house and kitchen to pay for all expenses necessary for my burial, the purchase of tombstones, and the cost of probating this will and qualifying as executors, and all the residue of my personal property of every kind I give to my beloved wife Mary absolutely. The said property, sold to pay burial expenses, for tombstones and

to pay administration expenses, as above stated, will be sold on six months time, as to all sums of five dollars or above, and for cash in hand as to all sums under five dollars. Should I survive my beloved wife, then my personal property will be disposed of as herein after stated.

5th Should my beloved wife survive me it is my will and desire, and I so direct, that so long as she remains my widow, she is to have the full use and control of the house and farm in and on which we live, to rent or cultivate the same and to have absolutely all rents and profits thus accruing.

6th — If I survive my beloved wife, then it is my will that all my beds and bedding, cup-board or table ware, my books and pictures framed, go to my four daughters, to wit, Elizabeth Smith, Susan Cox, Hannah White and Louisa Kidwell, they to divide this property among them selves, as they may deem proper, or if they can not agree as to a division, then the executors of this will, will sell the said property and divide the proceeds of sale among them equally; and as to all other house hold & kitchen furniture, my executors will sell it and divide the proceeds equally among my said four daughters Elizabeth, Susan, Hannah and Louisa.

7th After the death of my beloved wife, or at the termination of her widowhood, ~~if she survives me~~, or if I survive her, then as soon after my death as practicable, my executors are directed to advertise and sell publicly my farm on which I live, and sell the same on six, twelve, and eighteen months time, and the money arising from said sale will be appropriated in the payments of certain legacies herein after mentioned, and said land will first be offered in two parts, and then as a whole, and the executors will adopt which ever realizes the most money.

8th If I survive my beloved wife, then as soon after my death as practicable my executors will sell all of my personal property, outside of dwelling-house and kitchen, and after paying burial expenses, for tombstones and administration expenses the residue will go into, and constitute a part of, the general fund out of which to pay the legacies herein after mentioned, and such sale will be for cash in hand for all sales under five dollars, and for all sales amounting to five dollars or more on twelve months time.

9th I will to each of my four daughters, to wit Elizabeth Smith, Susan Cox, Hannah White and Lurisa Kidwell, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500⁰⁰) to be paid to them by my executors, and this is to be in addition to what is conditionally given them under the 6th clause of this will.

10th I will to my grandson Joseph K. Hodges the only child of my deceased son Joseph, the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400⁰⁰) to be paid to him by my executors, and a like sum of four hundred dollars to my granddaughter Mary Hodges the only child of my deceased son John, to be paid to her by my executors.

11th The legacies set out in the 9th and 10th clauses of this will, will fall due the said legacies respectively as follows: one third of each legacy on the day the first payment on the land to be sold by the executors, falls due; one third of each legacy when the second payment on said sale notes falls due, and the remainder of each legacy is to fall due on the day the last sale note falls due.

The reason why I am giving to my said four daughters, and two grand children Joseph K. Hodges and Mary Hodges, so much, is that I have never given my said four daughters, nor the fathers of my two said grand children but little, and it requires what is herein given them to make them equal with my other children, to wit Martin, Henry, Kennedy, Rollin and Mary Range, to whom I made advances years ago.

12th If after paying the legacies set fourth in clauses 9 & 10 of this will, there is a residue, said residue will be divided equally among all my children, my said grandson Joseph K. Hodges, representing his dead father and taking one share of said residue, and my said granddaughter Mary Hodges representing her deceased father, and taking one eleventh of said residue.

13th Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint, as Executors of this will my sons-in-law Richard Sigwell and London White, and request them to accept the trust; Signed on this 14th day of January, 1881, in the presence of Witnesses
 A. G. Pickens
 E. C. Reeves
 James Hodges.

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Jacob Leab
 County Court Clerk.

J. K. Hodges
 Son
 Room 7 to James Building