

Ewing McClure's will

I Ewing McClure being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and looking to the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make and constitute this my last will and Testament

First

I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust with the ordinary rites of Christian burial.

Second

I give and devise to my beloved wife R Antonette McClure the farm on which I now live with all the appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging, to have and to hold during her natural life changing it however with the support of my daughter Mary McClure and my niece Mary McClure while they remain single

Third

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife R Antonette McClure in addition all my stock of animals of every kind, all my farming utensils, house hold and kitchen furniture and in short all my personal property of every name kind and description except debts choses in action & hereinafter disposed of. This personal property my said wife shall use and dispose of, or as to provide her comfort and that of my daughter and niece and what else remains of said personal property at the death of my beloved wife she shall dispose of as she may desire.

Fourth

After my death if my beloved wife desires to do so she shall sell and such personal property as she wishes and sell the same and appropriate the proceeds as she may desire

Fifth

After the death of my beloved wife R Antonette McClure and the consequent fall of her life estate in said farm in the second clause mentioned I give and devise said farm to my daughter Mary during her natural life if she remains single, but if she marries then my Executors hereinafter named shall sell said land on such terms as shall seem to them best and shall appropriate the proceeds thereof as hereinafter directed

Sixth

All debts due me shall be collected by Executors my just debts paid and the remainder appropriated as hereinafter mentioned

Seventh

The proceeds of my said debts when collected I give and bequeath

as follows one half to my daughter Mary one fourth to my son Ewing and the remainder one fourth to George W. Selford and James H. Dasser in trust for my son John W. McClure free and exempt from any debts he may now owe, for whereas he is now sued in actions for large damages and I am unwilling that the persons prosecuting said suits should enjoy the proceeds of my labour but wish that it may be enjoyed by my said son John. It is my imperative will that the property or money bequeathed in any future clause shall be vested in said trustees for his sole individual use independent of his creditors and it is my will further that in the event that this bequest to trustees for my son John's use is imperative in law to protect his share of my estate from his creditors then it is my will that his share shall be vested absolutely in his mother my beloved wife R Antonette McClure to be disposed of by her as she pleases.

Eighth

If my daughter Mary should marry said farm is to be sold by my Executors according to the provisions in clause fifth and divided on the precise terms and conditions as in clause seventh except as to proportion and that proportion is as follows. Mary one third, to my son Ewing & one third and to said trustees one third in trust for my said son John as are named in clause seventh including the contingency by which the said last named share is to rest in my beloved wife.

Ninth

If my daughter Mary should not marry at the end of her life estate in said farm then the same is to be sold by my Executors and the proceeds divided one half to my son Ewing & McClure and the other half to the trustees named in clause seventh for the use of my son John on the terms and with all the limitations imposed in said clause seventh

Tenth

It is my will that if I fail in a suit I am now prosecuting to secure the payment of a debt due to the estate of Samuel Sherkey for which I am my son John's security out of my son John's property then enough to pay said debt shall be retained out of his said share herein before given to his said trustees and said debt paid out of his share

Eleventh

I hereby constitute George W. Selford and James H. Dasser my Executors, empowering them in addition to all the powers conferred on them under this will by law to settle compromise and adjust any lawsuit I may now have pending on such terms as to them shall seem just and right. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of November 1865.

Ewing McClure (Seal)

Signed in presence of

Wm. Bagley
Jesse Bacon

Owing McLean's will.

The foregoing will was presented to court for probate at April Term 1866. And from by Nelson Bayles and Jesse Bacon the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

John B. Graham Clk

Samuel Hepler's Will

I Samuel Hepler make and publish, this as my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses, and all my debts be paid out of my monies that I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Samuel B. Hepler all the lands I now own being one hundred and forty one, lying on the South east side of the land I sold Samuel B. Hepler on the 15th day of March 1866, and being a part of the tract of land I bought of my Father Joseph Hepler on the 8th day of Sept. 1810, reference is made to said deeds.

Also I bequeath to my son Samuel Hepler, a piece or parcel of land lying on the side of the Mountain containing forty four acres.

I also bequeath to my son Samuel my corner capboard Rifle gun fixtures, 13 blacksmith tools and one large copper kettle, on condition that he pays to my son Adam Hepler three hundred dollars without interest, in current bank notes.

Third - it is my will that all the balance of my property shall be sold by my Executor, and the proceeds equally divided between all my lawful heirs.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Samuel B. Hepler my Executor.

In Testimony whereof I do to this my will, sell my hand and seal this 14th day of November 1862.

Samuel B. Hepler

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of the Testator this 14th day of November 1862.

Thos J. Wilson
C. H. C. Harris

The foregoing will of Samuel Hepler was presented to the court for probate at March Term 1866. And Thos J. Wilson, & C. H. C. Harris the two subscribing witnesses thereto, who after reading the same

depose and say, that they were present when the Testator Samuel Hepler signed and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purpose therein contained.

Witness our hand at office this 10 day of March 1866

John P. Graham Clk

George Crouch's Will

In the name of God Amen.

I George Crouch of the County of Washington State of Tennessee, being feeble in body, but of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

First,

I commit my soul to God who gave it, my body to a decent burial, my funeral expenses to be paid by Executor hereinafter named, out of the first money that may come into his hands.

Second,

It is my will that all my just debts be paid, and my dues collected so far as practicable.

Third

I will the farm on which I now live, to my beloved wife Susannah during her lifetime. If she should not remain upon the said farm, then my Executor will take it in his hands, and see that she gets the rents, annuities, further that she have as much of bedding and furniture of the house, with stock as she may need, also what grain and Bacon may be on hand at the time of my death.

I further devise that my wife have the privilege of disposing of the personal effects she may retain accord. as she may desire. The balance of my personal property that may be on hand, I will be sold on a credit of twelve months for current funds, to be divided equally with my heirs hereinafter named.

Fourth, the farm at the death of my wife I leave in the hands of my Executor to sell at public or private sale as he may think best for current funds, on a reasonable credit, with the privilege of exercising his judgment whether the sale shall be made in one or two years from the death of my wife.

Fifth I give to my four daughters, viz, Elizabeth Hunter, Julia Allen, Susan P. Clark, Sarah Calloway, the proceeds of the sale of my land and personal property equally divided with the