

James Gray's Will

I James Gray of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee considering the uncertainty of life and certainty of death; and being weak in body but of sound mind and judgment, doth make this my last Will and Testament (viz) to wit namely:

After all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid.

First - I will and bequeath to my son Anderson Gray Two hundred Acres of my home plantation, the same to be the upper portion of said farm by his paying to my Executor or other heirs named below Twelve dollars per acre (viz) Twenty four hundred dollars.

Second - I will and bequeath to my son Robert A Gray the fifty three acres of land that I own adjoining R A Gray, C Bashm and others, known as the James Hale Farm by his being charged Fourteen Dollars pr acre (viz) Seven hundred and forty two dollars for the above named fifty three acres of land the same to be as a part of his distribution share of my estate. I also will to my son Robert A Gray the remainder of my home farm (after Andersons Two hundred acres) the same to run a straight line from the Kitzmiller Farm across the Creek the lower end of said farm by his being charged at the rate of sixteen dollars pr acre the same to be charged to him as a part of his distribution share of my estate unless it should exceed his proportionate part as hereafter named. In that case he shall pay my Executor or other heirs named hereafter their proportionable part of said excess.

Third - It is my will that my son George W Gray, my daughter Harriet Hodges and my son Robert A Gray be made equal heirs to my estate. I consider that my son Anderson Gray receives his proportion in the price of the land that I will him.

Fourth - If I should need any money during my life time and my son Anderson Gray should pay me any money, I will Receipt him for the same for which amount he shall have a Credit on the above named Twenty Four Hundred Dollars.

I hereby appoint Samuel B Ellis as Executor to this my last will, Signed and sealed this the 28th day of November 1868.
 Dist Isaac Wine
 James Gray Dead

The foregoing will was proven in open Court at the October term 1874 by the oaths of Isaac Wine and Samuel Wine the two subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. (Sd) Samuel B Ellis the Executor named in said will appeared in open Court and entered into bond and a published as the law directs.

J F. Westham CLK

William Millers will

(of color)

I William Miller do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made at any time. 1st I direct that all my just debts including my funeral expenses to be paid by my executor.

2^d I devise and bequeath unto my beloved sons James and Samuel Roy Mance and let where I now reside and the tract of land given me by the will of the Rev James Miller.

3^d Also I will devise and bequeath all my personal property to my two said sons James and Samuel except the bed & bedstead upon which I now lay including bedstead Bed lock one Sheet and my nice fanay Corset which I will and bequeath to Jennie Smith for her valuable services rendered me during my sickness. 4th I further will and bequeath that if in the event my mother should be left homeless that my two sons James & Samuel take care of and provide for her so long as she lives.

5th I further will and direct that the above property both real and personal given to my two sons James & Samuel be divided between them in equal moieties.

In consequence of the cruel and malicious desertion of my bed and board by my wife Mary without a just cause I will and direct that she receive no benefit or part of my estate.

Being in sound mind the foregoing is my last will and testament, made this the 28th day of August 1874

Witness my hand and seal
 Wm Miller
 J. B. Nelson 3
 J. A. Saw 3
 Proven in open Court at Sept term 1874 by oaths of J. B. Nelson J. A. Saw