

Of Robert Allison Deed said Will witnessed by  
George Nantz and Thomas Galway, you can  
attend said probate if you see fit and take any  
steps you choose in the premises

Mary Allison  
Extrix of said will

## Robert Allison Russell's Will

In the name of Almighty God Amen:

I Robert Allison Russell of the county of Washington in the State of Tennessee being now confined to a bed of sickness in the county of Marion in the State of Florida and being impressed with the belief that I have only a short time to live in this world in a full possession of all my mental faculties do make and ordain this as my last Will and Testament

First I direct that my body be decently interred and that a plain marble slab be placed at the head and foot of my grave, to mark the place where I am buried. And as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows.

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expences be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall come into the hands of my Executor.

Second I direct that all the real and personal property which I hold in copartnership with Samuel B. McAdams be sold at public or private sale as my Executor may think best, and that the proceeds be used to pay my portion of the debts owed by the Firm of McAdams & Russell.

Third I direct that from the remainder of my Estate three hundred dollars (\$300) be given to my beloved half sister Margaret Amanda Russell I further direct that the said three hundred dollars (\$300) be loaned out by my Executor at the highest rate of Interest, for her use; that it be well secured and that the Interest be devoted to her use until she becomes of age and after she becomes of age that the principal be given to her.

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Fourth I direct that from the remainder of my Estate, three hundred dollars (\$300) be given to my beloved nephew Allison Russell Duncan I further direct that the said three hundred dollars (\$300) be loaned out by my Executor at the highest rate of Interest, for his use; that it be well secured, and that the Interest be devoted to his use until he becomes of age, and after he becomes of age that the principal be given to him.

Fifth I direct that all that remains of my Estate after the above directions have been carried out be equally divided between the five (5) following named persons to wit: my half brother John Irvin Russell my half brother James Madison Russell my half sister Margaret Amanda Russell my half sister Louisa Melvina Russell and my nephew Allison Russell Duncan; I further direct that the amount thus coming to my half brother James Madison Russell and the amount thus coming to my half sister Margaret Amanda Russell and the amount thus coming to my nephew Allison Russell Duncan be each loaned out by my Executor at the highest rates of Interest for their respective uses; that the Interest thereon be devoted to their use until they become of age and that the principal be given to them each as they become of age.

I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed friend Robert Allison Thompson of Washington County Tennessee Executor of this my last Will and Testament. I in witness where of I Robert Allison Russell the testator have to this my Will written on a single sheet of paper set my hand and seal, this twenty sixth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty one, (1861)

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of  
Geo. B. Hunter  
G. W. Phinizy  
R. L. Simpson

Robert A. Russell, Seal

State of Florida Personally appeared before me Charles H. County of Marion Phinizy of County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn in relation to the probate of the last

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Will and Testament of Robert A. Russell late of Washington County State of Tennessee; says that on or about the 2<sup>d</sup> day of February A. D. 1861, said Robert A. Russell departed this life at his residence in said County of Marion and State of Florida, and he farther deposes, that said deceased did make and execute this his last Will and Testament, and that said Will and Testament is herewith annexed, and has been in Deponents possession from the demise of said Testator. Said Depoent further swears, that he in the presence of the other two subscribing Witnesses, did witness the execution of said Will and Testament of said Robert A. Russell deceased, and that said Will has not been altered, and that he does not know or believe that said deceased Testator left any other Will

Sworn to and subscribed before }  
me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1861 } C. H. Phinizy  
M. S. Hanison }  
Judge of Probate }  
M. C. F. }

State of Florida } I Wm S. Hanison Judge of Probate in  
County of Marion } and for the County of Marion and State  
of Florida do hereby certify that the above is the Original  
last Will and Testament of Robert A. Russell, deceased,  
late of Washington County State of Tennessee and also  
the Affidavit of one of the subscribing Witnesses of said  
Testator's last Will and Testament as proven and now on  
file and duly recorded in the records of the Court of Probate  
in said County,

I also certify that Robert Allison Thompson  
mentioned in said Will as the Executor of said Deceased  
Testator has been duly appointed and constituted Executor,  
in Marion Co. Fla. of said Will, and that the accompanying  
is a just and true copy of said letters Testamentary

Given under my hand and seal  
of office in Occola this the 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of Apr. A. D. 1861

Wm S. Hanison  
Judge of Probate M. C. F.

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State of Florida } By Wm S. Hanison Esq.  
County of Marion } Judge of Probate  
Whereas Robert A. Russell late of Washington County  
State of Tennessee departed this life on or about the 2<sup>d</sup> day  
of February in the County of Marion and State of Florida,  
and did make and execute in due form of Law his last  
Will and Testament, having while he lived and at the  
time of his death divers goods and chattels rights and  
credits within the County and State aforesaid by means  
whereof the full disposition and power of granting  
letters Testamentary of all and singular the goods and  
chattels rights and credits of the said Deceased and also  
a final Dismission from the same to the Probate Court  
doth manifestly appertain, and of right belong,

And whereas Robert Allison Thompson of Washington  
County Tennessee, named in the last Will and Testament  
of said Deceased Testator as the Executor of said last Will  
and Testament, has made application to me to grant him  
letters Testamentary on said Estate and has performed  
all the requisites which by law are required in order to the  
qualification of an Executor. Therefore I Wm S. Hanison  
Judge of Probate for Cty. of Marion and State of Florida  
do hereby grant unto the said Robert Allison Thompson,  
full power to execute the last Will and Testament, of  
Robert A. Russell deceased Testator aforesaid, in faith-  
fully disposing all and singular the goods and chattels  
rights and credits, to ask and demand to recover and  
recieve the debts, which whilet living and at the time  
of said Testator's death, did belong, and to pay the  
debts which said Testator did owe, so far as such  
goods and chattels, rights and credits will thereunto  
extend, and the law require, and the balance, if any,  
to pay over to the legal heirs and Distributees of the  
Estate of Deceased

And I do by these Presents ordain and consti-  
tute said Robert Allison Thompson Executor of the  
said last Will and Testament in regard to all and  
singular the goods and chattels rights and credits  
which were of the said Robert A. Russell deceased.

