

George W. Telford's will

I George W. Telford of Washington County Tennessee, being admonished by my age and the infirmities incident thereto, that I am nearing the sunset of life and being anxious to dispose of the little property that a kind Providence has given me, in a manner most equitable and just to those having claims upon my affections and bounty, do make this my last will and Testament, revoking and rendering void all former Wills.

And first - It is my will and desire that my present wife, shall have and own absolutely in her own right at my death - a house and lot on the North side of Towns Branch, adjoining the lot of now owned by Robt. Reed on the East containing one half acre. The house to be built by me this year if I am able to do so - but if not to be built by my Executors after my death and not to cost more than three hundred dollars. My wife is also to have wood and timber off of the land for fuel and repairs to be selected and designated by my Executors as long as she may live. She is also to have all of the furniture in the room now occupied by us, except the large mirror.

She is to have a new bedstead and mattress up stairs also my easy chair & a set of split chairs - the two half round tables - a good stove (cook) with all necessary furniture - also dishes and crockery ware necessary for a small family to be chosen & selected by my wife from what is in hands at my death. Also she is to have a choice bow to be selected by her. And a roll of carpeting purchased for her.

It is also my will & desire that my wife shall be paid one hundred dollars out of the first money going into the hands of my Executors after my death, and my said Executors shall invest one thousand dollars by loaning it upon good security, the interest of which shall be paid to my wife annually so long as she may live, the principal to go at her death as herein after directed. But should my wife prefer to take four hundred dollars in money to the house and lot herein before willed to her - she may so elect and in that event she shall make her election in three months after this my said will is offered for probate, and if she elects to take the money in lieu of the said house & lot, then my said Executors shall pay over to her said money when they can collect it after paying off other prior demands upon them.

Second - It is my will & desire that after all my just debts and claims against my estate are paid and settled, that all of my property real & personal remaining after satisfying the provisions herein made, shall be sold and divided equally among my children and their representatives as provided by the Laws of Tennessee. And my said Executors are hereby authorized & empowered to sell all of my property real and personal at either public or private sale, as may seem to the best interest of the heirs, and they are authorized to execute deeds make contracts for rent &c. as may seem best.

It is also my will that whatever may

be done my Grand daughter Mrs Mary Bayless (wife of M Bayless) daughter of Robt Earnest and Jane Earnest formerly Jane Pezgo. shall be invested in a home for the use and benefit of the said Mary Bayless and her children.

It is also my will and desire that the Thousand dollars set apart for my wife, shall be divided equally among my heirs at the death of my said wife.

I hereby constitute & appoint E. H. West & F. W. Earnest my friends to execute this my will, believing they will do so honestly & justly. And they shall not be required to give a bond for the same.

This my last will was written by my dictation & at my request and after being read over to me I signed the same as my last will and Testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses who witnessed at my request. This the 8th day of April 1885.

Witnessed & subscribed before me as witnesses, this day & date above written.

J. N. Black 4/9/87
J. W. Brown 4/6/87.

The foregoing will was presented to the County Court of Washington County at its May term 1887 and proven by the oath of J. N. Black one of the witnesses to said will and at the June term 1887 of the County Court said will was further proven by the oath of J. W. Brown the other subscribing witness thereto and there being no exceptions taken the same was admitted to probate and ordered to be entered of record.

Jacob Leach
County Court Clerk

Ludie E Hunt Hill

State of Tennessee } I Ludie E Hunt of the County of Washington
Washington County, } State of Tennessee being of sound mind and
desiring to dispose of my property according
to my own wishes do make declare and publish this my last will and
Testament.

I give my soul to God & my body to my friends for a Christian burial.

I give grant and bequeath to my beloved husband
H. E. Hunt One bed and one factory blanket one sheet one cover
lid One white counterpane one Oil picture one glass all my
Cabinet and fixture one green quilt one quilted one wadded quilt
Cubined one white satin watch, pocket my enlarged picture
one picture "The girl I love" One one panel bedstead at
my Mother's.

I give grant and bequeath to my sister A. E. L. Stepp one
dinner table cloth one set of brackets one brown cashmere dress
one black bonnet with red plume.

I give to my sister Mattie Madden
my sewing basket one album & pictures therein one accordion
my bridal bonnet & one white dress.

I give my sister Jennie
Thomas one Saddle & blanket my last set of bed which she is to
give to her son Eddie Thomas & one wool hat with red plume.

I give Vergie Martin my feathered fan.

I give Addie Tucker a flower emblem book a red satin watch
pocket my clock and my flower bonnet one neck lace and one
lawn dress.

I will and bequeath my brother R. B. N. Barnes a
red cashmere dress to be placed in quilt one striped bed
blanket one China Ding.

I give my niece L. E. Stepp a red and white
quilt one quilted and J. M. Hunt my small pocket knife.

I desire and will that my wearing
apparel be divided equally among my sisters and give the same
to them and I give and bequeath all the rest of my personal property
with the exception of one black dress to my husband and sisters
equally.

I give M. E. Hunt 500