

Mary A. Broadway's Will

In the name of God Amen,

I Mary A. Broadway, being of sound mind but weak in body, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make and institute this my last will and testament.

First I will that my body be buried in a plain and decent style, and that my funeral be paid by my Executors out of the means that may come to their hands from my estate.

2nd It is my will that my children all be put out to homes selected by my Executors.

3rd I will that my Executors take an inventory of all my personal estate, which I desire to be divided equal between all my heirs. Also I will and direct my Executors to rent my house and lot yearly, the rents thereof to be appropriated for the use and benefit of my three youngest children as they think proper.

4th It is my will that none of my personal property be exposed to public sale, and direct my executors to choose three good disinterested men to divide it equal between all my children, then take an inventory of each child's share, and keep the property for them until they are of age or get married.

5th I will that my Executors sell the present crop and all property they may think cannot be divided equal or kept safely for the children.

6th I will my Executors to choose and select homes for all my children and to exercise the guardianship over them not wishing the Court of the County to require any security from them for discharging their duties, it being my desire that none of my children should be bound out by the County Court. And having the utmost confidence in the honesty and integrity of my Executors to manage the little means I have, for the benefit of my children. I ask the Court to not require any bond of them.

7th and lastly, I appoint Casamore & May and George H May my Executors. Given under the nineteenth One Thousand eight hundred and sixty eight

Attest
Joseph West
Thos J. Wilson

Mary A. Broadway (Seal)
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The foregoing will was proven in open Court at the Decr Term 1868 by the oath of Joseph West & Thos J. Wilson the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

J F. Mendenhall Clk

William S. Barkley's will

I William S. Barkley being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others - viz - After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Louisa Barkley all of my estate both real personal and mixed during her natural life, and at her death to be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned, which Estate Consists of One hundred and sixty acres of land, whereon I now reside known as the old Barkley homestead, Together with the old mansion house barns, and all out-buildings and improvements of every description - My Estate further consists of household and kitchen furniture - a library - farming utensils - horses, cattle and other personalty - all of which I will to my said wife as herebefore mentioned during her natural life, and at her death - I will that all my estate both real and personal be equally divided in value between my three children James^m Barkley Margaret Caroline Payne and Blanche Jane Barkley - Except I will that my daughter Blanche Jane have the homestead Barnes and out-buildings surrounding, but the value of s^d buildings is to be deducted out of her part of the Estate, at the death of my w^{ife} - I further will that if my daughter Margaret Caroline Payne shall die without any heir or heirs that her part of my estate at her death shall go to my other children equally. I will to Mary Barkley a woman of color formerly my slave, one acre of land where she now lives during her life, at her death to go to my heirs equally. This 20th day of Oct 1868.

Witness J. M. Murrell

James M. Barkley

Wm S. Barkley

The foregoing will was proven in open Court at the Decr Term 1868 by the oath of J. M. Murrell and James M. Barkley, the two subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded. James M. Barkley entered in as bond with the will, annexed, gave bond and qualified.

J. F. Mendenhall Clk