

James Vaughan's Will

In the name of God Amen, I James Vaughan of District No 11 of the County of Washington and State Tennessee, Owing to the disease of my body, and of the certainty of Death, and feeling that the time thereof is near at hand, And being desirous to arrange my business, and make provision for the distribution of my property, being of sound and disposing mind do execute and publish this my will and Testament in manor and form as follows To wit:— First I will my soul and spirit to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be decently buried.

Secondly— I will that my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid out of my personal property, — Thirdly, I will that my wife Matilda Vaughan and Martha Crawford who is my oldest daughter, and now the widow of Tho Crawford because, with two small children, all so Mary L. Vaughan my youngest daughter, who is single and at home, with us at this time, continue to live in the present homestead, and have their support from or off of the farm that I ~~now~~ now seized and possessed of, and to have the entire control of the houses Gardens and Fruit, also the Stable Buildings that also the horses, hogs, cattle and Sheep that are now on hand, that they may need, or desire after the debts are paid, also what grain that is necessary for their full support also waggon and gear, Plows Harrow and other farming implements on hand, during the life of my wife Matilda Vaughan. If my daughters Martha Crawford or Mary L. Vaughan either or both should marry before the death of my wife, then the support provided for in this instrument to cease, but in the event that Mary L. Vaughan should marry, I will that she shall have such out fit from the proceeds of the productions of the lands as her sisters have had that have married heretofore, so as to be equal with them in that particular. I have six children now living, three sons and three daughters, to wit Joseph E. Vaughan L. E. Vaughan Martha A. Crawford heretofore mentioned B. A. Vaughan E. L. Vaughan now Temple and Mary L. Vaughan before mentioned.

I will, that That at the death of my wife Matilda Vaughan that the farm which I am now seized and possessed together with all the personal property thereto belonging be sold in the most advantageous way, and the proceeds divided into nine equal parts, then divided between my six children or their representatives as follows, to wit: One part to the wife & children of Joseph E. Vaughan One part L. E. Vaughan One part to B. A. Vaughan, two parts to Martha A. Crawford, two parts to E. L. Temple and two parts to Mary L. Vaughan, In order

that this my will may be executed in the spirit and letter of it I do hereby ^{appoint} constitute L. E. Vaughan and Geo P. Law my executors of the same. Lastly I do declare this to be to be my last will and testament, and none other, In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed this the 21st day of December One thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

Witness my hand and seal in the presence of us the undersigned, and in the presence of each other on the day and date above written

Perry Schuster

J. J. Hallaway

Codicil to my will

In the foregoing will I have said nothing about who is to control or manage my farm during my wife's lifetime. It is my will that my executors see or attend to the having of the farm ^{and kept in repair} worked — The planting and sowing of crops the Cultivating, harvesting and securing of same, and the proper application of rents, and all surpluses, after a full and comfortable provision for my wife and her two daughters and two grand children Martha Crawford ^{is made} The horses waggon and other farming implements to be used in the cultivation of the farm. The Codicil or Supplement added on the same day the will was but after the other was dated and signed.

Perry Schuster

J. J. Hallaway

James Vaughan (Dead)

The foregoing will with Codicil thereto was presented to the Court for probate at the January term 1875 and proven by the oaths of Perry Schuster and J. J. Hallaway the two subscribing witnesses in open court, and the Court being satisfied with the probate, ordered the same to be recorded. And Geo P. Law ^{one of} the executors therein named came into open Court and entered into bond with approved security and was duly qualified as the law directs.

J. F. Gusham Clerk