

George W. Ballards Will.

I George W. Ballard being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament —

First I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the personal assets of my Estate.

I will secondly that my wife Eliza Jane Ballard and my son John A. Ballard have the use and benefit of all my land and realty during the natural life of my said wife and that they rear all my minor children and maintain them until the youngest is twenty one years of age or as long as they stay with them.

I will thirdly that my said wife and son John keep the possession and use of all my land ^{or personalty} after the youngest child comes of age, if she my said wife should live longer than the majority of my said youngest child; if not then when said youngest child comes of age (after the death of my said wife), I will my sd son John and Stephen have all of my personal property, and that my real Estate be sold and the proceeds be divided Equally among all my heirs giving my three grand children, Kelly T. William & Hattie May Severs one sixth of said realty; Or that my real Estate shall be equally divided as above without a sale if they ^{the three of lawful age} can agree and prefer said division of the land.

Fourthly I will that in the event my said wife should live longer than the time when my youngest child Stephen becomes twenty one years of age, that she and my son John keep all my property to maintain her during her life and at her death; I will that my sd son John and Stephen have all my personal property and that all my land be equally divided between my children giving my said grand children one sixth as above, if those of my heirs who are of age can agree in the division of said land, if they who are of lawful age should prefer it I will that they shall sell all my land and divide the proceeds Equally among my children giving my sd grand children (the children of Harriet Severs deceased) one sixth of sd proceeds.

I do hereby appoint my son John Ballard Executor of this my last will.

In testimony whereof I have hereto signed my name This the 14th of August 1876.

Attest

F. D. Crumley
Sam Williams
L. M. Murrell

George W. Ballard
his mark

The foregoing will was presented and sworn in before me at the County of Washington State of Tennessee on the 14th day of August 1876 by the said George W. Ballard and the said F. D. Crumley, Sam Williams and L. M. Murrell as witnesses.

Harriet Wall's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Harriet Wall of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being feeble in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make & ordain this my last will & Testament;

Whereas prior to my marriage with my present husband Armistead Wall an Agreement was entered into between us; that each should retain the right to control and dispose of our separate property both real and personal as we might think proper as well what might be subsequently acquired by our separate efforts and means as that held and possessed individually at the time of our marriage —

Now the spirit of said Agreement I lay no claim to my Feather Beds, Bolsters & Pillows, One Shuck Mattress, One Ingrain Carpet of 4 widths, 6 Eliza Tatlet 6 Silver Tea Spoons, One Lounge & furniture & one Cooking Stove utensils now in our joint use, and which are rightfully the property of my said husband A. Wall. The remainder of my property Real & personal I claim the right to dispose of, and do dispose of as follows: First my House & lot on Main Street adjoining lot on Bank Street in the town of Jonesboro State of Tennessee wherein I now live & have lived for many years past being a part of the Legacy derived under the Will of my Grandmother Susan Woodson at the death of my Mother Eliza C. Jackson I give to my daughter Eliza Gamble & Cordelia May (to the latter to her sole & separate use) and to my two Grand Children Hattie Benson & Oliver Eugene Ross (by right of their father Jas. B. Ross deceased children of my former husband) as a lawful inheritance. Each of my Daughters to hold and possess one third interest in said property & Hattie Benson & Oliver Eugene Ross jointly the remaining one third interest in said property. At the death of my daughter Cordelia May, dying without issue my wish is & I do will it, that her interest in said Realty shall be equally divided between Eliza Gamble if living or if dead between her son Augustus Gamble & Hattie Benson & Oliver Eugene Ross (latter jointly).

Second To my Granddaughter Hattie Benson I give my Parlor Carpet & Parlor Chairs (except the Rocking Chair I give to my daughter Cordelia) including such articles of ornament as were made by my Granddaughter whilst living with me before marriage — all other articles of Furniture I desire equally divided between my two daughters Eliza & Cordelia & my Granddaughter Hattie Benson.

Third: To my Daughters Eliza & Cordelia I give my wearing apparel & jewelry, to be equally ^{divided} between them.

Fourth To my Grandson Augustus Gamble I give the Portrait of

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my first husband, Oliver B. Ross & to my Grand Son Oliver Eugene Ross the Portait of his Great Grandfather James Ross

Fifth, After collecting on the notes due me from John W. Lampson the, ^{enough} to pay all just debts & claims against my Estate, the remainder of said notes I desire, ^{divided} equally between my three Grand Children Augustus Hamblet Wallis Benson & Oliver Eugene Ross.

The foregoing disposition of my real Estate is in accordance with the spirit of my Grand Mother's Will (and understands it) from whom the property was derived.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this 28 day of March 1873,

Witnesses present

A. E. Jackson

A. F. Deadrick,

Harriet Wall

I hereby change & revoke so much of the bequest in the foregoing Will as relates to the Lot on Back Street, ^{herely} authorising my Trustee to sell said Lot & instead of dividing the proceeds between my principal Heirs, my wish is & I so direct the entire proceeds to be given to my Daughter Eliza Hamble in consideration of her faithful services & expenses in visiting & waiting me whilst sick during the past year this 28th day of April 1877

Harriet Wall

A. E. Jackson

L. C. Jackson.

The foregoing will was presented and proven in Open Court at the September Term 1877 by the Oaths of A. E. Jackson & L. C. Jackson and ordered to be recorded.

J. F. Grisham

clerk

Mary Ann Aiken's Will

I Mary Ann Aiken make this my last will and testament, revoking all others at any time made

1 first - I will that my daughter Mary C. and my daughter Elizabeth A. and my son Peter I. all to have an equal part of all my real and personal property after my funeral expenses are paid.

2 I will that my husband James Aiken have a home while he lives single and lives with the Children.

3 I will that if any one of my children want there part of the personal property at any time, they will each select a man, and the three make an equal division of the same.

4 As to my real estate if the debt that I owe to Martha Humphres is not paid when due so much of the land is to be sold as will satisfy that debt and then each of the Children have an equal part of the balance, that land to be sold prevedly to the best advantage and the money paid to liquidate the above debt.

5 I will that if one of the Children shall wish to want there part in land or the value of there part they will each select as in the personal property and the men that they select to make a division of the land or a fair valuation to each of the Children.

Lastly - I will appoint Solomon Hoiler and Richard Armentrout to sell the land to pay the above debt and to make a deed to the same.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us this 15 day of February 1878.

Mary A. Aiken

J. K. Armentrout

Wm E Miller

The foregoing will was presented to the Court for probate at the April Term 1878. and proven by the oaths of J. K. Armentrout and Wm E Miller the two subscribing witnesses and the Court being satisfied with the probate ordered the same be recorded.

J. F. Grisham clerk