

Polk County

Recorder of Deeds

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and Mary Syrena Cornelius, for the reason that I have by Deeds of even date herewith conveyed to my children each a tract of Land as a gift or advancement to them;

Sixth:- I appoint my wife Francis E. Rowton as Executor of this my will provided, that if my son King D. is of Legal age when this will is probated or before my Estate is settled, then my said son shall be appointed Executor instead of my said wife,

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand this 12th day of December 1896, Andrew J. Rowton,

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed and declared by the said Andrew J. Rowton to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto this 12th day of December 1896,

W. M. Brock of Polk County Mo,
S. W. Gordon of Polk County Mo,
L. H. Skinner of Polk County Mo,
Ben. F. Leonard of Polk County Mo,
Certificate of True Copy,

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk

I L. L. Allen, Judge of the Probate Court, in and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Original Last Will and Testament of Andrew J. Rowton Dec'd as the same appear of Record in my office.

Witness my hand, and the Seal of said Court, Done at office in Bolivar Mo this 21 day of February 1898

L. L. Allen

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By A. J. Allen D. C.,

Judge of Probate,

Certificate of Probate,

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk

I L. L. Allen Judge of the Probate Court Polk County Missouri, having Examined the foregoing instrument of Date Dec 12th 1896 purporting to be, the Last Will and Testament of Andrew J. Rowton. Deceased, and signed by said Andrew J. Rowton Deceased, Late of Polk County and having heard the Testimony of S. W. Gordon and L. H. Skinner subscribing witnesses thereto, in Relation to the Execution of the

same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of date Dec 12th 1896, the Last Will and Testament of said Andrew, J. Rowston, Deceased and the same is therefore Admitted to Probate,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office this 21st day of February 1898,

[Signature]

L. J. Allen.

Judge of Probate,

Filed For Record this 16th day of July 1898, at 10²⁵ o'clock
Am.

Arthur Griffin

By H. J. Griffin Deputy Recorder,

Recorder,

Will,

Certified Copy of Last Will.

I, Thomas Higginbotham of Bolivar Polk County, Missouri, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing that life is uncertain and desiring that at my death that my property shall be disposed of as hereinafter stated, hereby make, declare, declare and publish this as and for my Last Will and Testament

Item 1st I give, devise and Bequeath unto my Beloved daughter Sarah C. Batts (nee Higginbotham) the following described Real Estate situated in Polk Co Mo, Viz: The South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ and the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ and the West half of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ and the West half of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ and Five (5) acres described as beginning at the South East corner of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ Thence Running North 40 Rods, thence in a South Westerly direction toward the SW cor of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of range to a certain Branch, thence down the Branch to the place of Beginning, containing 5 acres more or less, all of said lands being in Section No Ten (10) in Township No Thirty Three (33) Range No Twenty Two (22) and containing 125 acres more or less, and being valued by me at sixteen Hundred Dollars,

Item 2nd I give, devise and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Martin T. Higginbotham the following described Real Estate situated in Polk Co Mo, Viz: The East Half of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ and the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$

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Thomas Higginbotham *[Seal]*

And the East half of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ Except a strip off of the East side of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ as follows;

Beginning at the N.E. corner of said S.E. qr and Running thence South to the S.E. cor of said S.E. qr thence West 25 Rods thence in a North Easterly direction to the place of Beginning, Also giving him all that I may own out of the north side of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South East qr and out of the north side of the West half of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South East qr. All of the above described Real Estate being in Section no Ten (10) in Township no Thirty Three (33) Range no Twenty Two (22) and containing about 70 acres and being valued by me at \$1600 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

Item 3rd I give, devise and Bequeath unto my beloved son Joseph, F. Higginbotham the following described Real Estate situated in Park les mo viz: All of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South West qr of Section no Eleven (11) Lying on the West and South side of Pomme De Terre River 15 acres more or Less, Also 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres out of the East side of the East half of the South East qr of Section no Ten (10) described as Beginning at the North East corner of said E $\frac{1}{2}$ S E $\frac{1}{4}$ and Running thence South to the S.E. corner thereof, thence West 25 Rods, thence in a North Easterly direction to the place of Beginning, Also the South half of the South West qr of Section no Eleven (11) Except Twenty (20) acres off of the South side thereof and Except that part of the S E $\frac{1}{4}$ of S W qr Lying North and East of Pomme De Terre River. All of said Lands being in Township no Thirty Three (33) Range no Twenty Two (22),

Thomas Higginbotham Seal

And containing 85 acres more or Less and being valued by me at \$1600 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

Item 4th I give, devise and Bequeath unto my Beloved son Reuben, F. Higginbotham the following described Real Estate situated in Park les mo viz: The West half of the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North West qr and all of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North West qr (Except 5 acres off of the South side of said N W $\frac{1}{4}$ of N W $\frac{1}{4}$) all in Section no Fourteen (14) and Five (5) acres off the South side of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South West qr and Five (5) acres off of the South side of the West half of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South West qr All in Section no Eleven (11) and about Five (5) acres in the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North East qr of Section no Fifteen (15) described as follows: Beginning at the North East corner of said N E $\frac{1}{4}$ of N E qr and Running thence South 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ Chains, thence West 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ Chains thence in a North Westerly direction to a point in the North Line of said N E $\frac{1}{4}$ of N E qr 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ Chains West of the Beginning point.

Thence East $5\frac{9}{100}$ chains to the place of Beginning. All Being in Township no Thirty Three (33) Range no Twenty Two (22) and containing 75 acres More or Less, and Being Valued by me at \$1600 $\frac{00}{75}$.

Item 5. I give devise and Bequeath unto my Beloved daughter Mary A. Vickery (nee Higginbotham) the following described Real Estate situated in Polk Co Mo, Viz: The south west $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north west $\frac{1}{4}$ and Fifteen (15) acres off of the west side of the south East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north west gr and Five (5) acres off of the south side of the north west $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north west gr all in section no.

Thomas Higginbotham Seal

Page 4 Fourteen (14) in Township no Thirty Three (33) Range no Twenty Two (22) containing 60 acres more or Less, being Valued by me at \$1600 $\frac{00}{75}$

Item 6th I give, devise and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son John J. Higginbotham the following described Real Estate situated in Polk County Mo, Viz: The north west $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north East gr and Twenty Five (25) acres off of the East side of the south East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north west gr and the East half of the north East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north west gr. all in section no Fourteen (14) and Five (5) acres off of the south side of the East half of the south East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the south west gr of section no Eleven (11) and all of the south west $\frac{1}{4}$ of the south East gr of section no Eleven (11) Lying on the south and west side of Comme De Terre River all Being in Township no Thirty Three (33) Range no Twenty Two (22) containing 92 acres More or Less and Being Valued by me at \$1600 $\frac{00}{75}$

Item 7th I give, devise and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son William W. Higginbotham the sum of Twelve Hundred \$200 $\frac{00}{75}$ Dollars, to be paid to him by my hereinafter named Executors and also the following described Real Estate situated in Polk Co Mo, Viz: The East Half of the south west $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north west gr of section no Ten (10) in Township no Thirty Three (33) Range no Twenty Two (22) containing 20 acres and Being Valued at \$400 $\frac{00}{75}$. The Land and money together being Valued by me at \$1600 $\frac{00}{75}$

Item 8th I give, devise and Bequeath unto

Thomas Higginbotham Seal

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my Beloved Son Gideon H. Higginbotham the following described Real Estate situated in the city of Bolivar Polk Co Mo, Viz: All of Lot no Ten (10) in Block Lettered "B" in Clark's addition to the City of Bolivar Missouri, Being Valued By me at \$1600 $\frac{00}{75}$.

Item 9th I direct my Executors to collect all the Notes, accounts and debts due me as speedily as possible, and to sell all the Real Estate and Personal Property, that I may own at the time of my death, which is not disposed of herein, and to make deeds conveying to the purchaser or purchasers ^{my} Real Estate, not disposed of herein, which I may own at that time, out of the proceeds derived from my Estate from all sources whatsoever, I direct my Executors to pay first my just debts if any and my funeral expenses, then I direct them to pay my son William W. Higginbotham the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars which I have heretofore in Item 7th of this will given and devised to him, after that is done I desire that my Executors should cause a suitable monument to be erected at my grave to mark my last resting place, the cost of which I leave to the discretion of my said Executors.

Item 10. In case of the death of any one of my children before my death, I desire and direct that the share of said child herein given shall go to and vest in the Bodily heirs of said child,

Item 11. I hereby appoint, John J. Higginbotham
Thomas Higginbotham (Seal)

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and Gideon H. Higginbotham as the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and direct that they be allowed to administer upon my Estate without giving Bond and in case of the death of either of them before my death, then I direct that the survivor administer upon my Estate without Bond as aforesaid.

Item 12th after complying with all of the above named requirements and after paying the expenses of administration then I direct my Executors to divide equally share and share alike all of the monies or property remaining in their hands belonging to my Estate among and between my said children Sarah E. Beth, Martin F. Higginbotham, Joseph F. Higginbotham, Reuben F. Higginbotham, Mary A. Vickery, John J. Higginbotham, William W. Higginbotham and Gideon H. Higginbotham and in the case of the death of either of my said children before said division is made then his or her share shall go to his or her Bodily heirs, In Witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and seal to this

my Last Will and Testament (the same being ^{written} upon six pages and I have signed my name at the Bottom of each Page as well as at the End of my said Will) this 30th day of September 1896

Thomas Higginbotham Seal

We the undersigned at the Request of Thomas Higginbotham the Testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses to said Will this 30th day of September A.D. 1896 and we further certify that Thomas Higginbotham the Testator signed and executed the same in our presence and declared to us and in our presence that he executed the same as and for his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time he executed the same he was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Witness our hands and seals this 30th day of September 1896,

Jo E. W. Gravelly,
L. S. McKinley,
O. M. Townsend,

The Post office address of all of us is Bolivar Mo

Certificate of Probate,

State of Missouri } ss In the Probate court Polk Co Mo July
County of Polk } 9th 1898 in Vacation.

I C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate court Polk County Missouri, having Examined the foregoing instrument of date September 30th 1896, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Higginbotham Deceased, and signed by said Thomas Higginbotham Deceased, Late of Polk County Missouri and having heard the Testimony of Jo E. W. Gravelly, L. S. McKinley and O. M. Townsend subscribing witnesses thereto, in Relation to the Execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of date September 30th 1896 is the Last Will and Testament of said Thomas Higginbotham Deceased, and the same is therefore admitted to Probate,

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office this Ninth day of July 1898, C. L. Allen

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Judge of Probate,

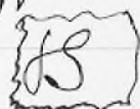
Certificate of True copy,

State of Missouri } ss
County of Polk }

I C. L. Allen, Judge of the Probate court,

in and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original of the Last Will of Thomas Higginbotham Dick as the same appears Record in my office;

Witness my hand, and the Seal of said Court,
Dated at office in Bolivar Mo this 10th day of July 1898,



L. L. Allen

Judge of Probate

Filed For Record this 16th day of July 1898. at 5⁰⁰ o'clock P.M.

Arthur Griffin

By H. J. Griffin Deputy Recorder

Recorder.

Will.

Polk County Mo March 22-1888.

I John Paul at my Residence make this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills. I give Bequest and Devise my property and Estate as follows: at my death I have given my son George Paul a deed to the E² Lots Numbered Five and Six NW⁴ Sec No 2 Twp 34, of Range 24 this to be his part of my Land. I want my son Daniel Paul to have all W² Lot no 4 & Five except 36 Rods off North side, and I want Charley Varnoy to have 36 Rods off North side Lots 4 & 5 as above described and a piece out NW cor. commencing at North West cor. Running East 22 Rods thence from the SW cor 35 Rods, thence North East to the point made by the 22 Rods and West half of Lot no Six, Twp 34 of Range 24, North East frac gr - I want my son David Paul to have five acres described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the SE cor of W² of Lot no 8 thence West 22 1/2 Rods North 35 Rods thence East 22 1/2 Rods thence South 35 Rods to the place of Beginning and W² Lot 8 NW⁴ all in Sec 4-T-34-Range 24, I want my wife Martha & Paul. to have a Life time Right to all the Rest of my Land and at her death I want my son William to have the Land. E² Lots 4-5 & 6 North West gr Sec No 4 T. 34 of Range No 24, All other Real Estate at her death to be sold and Equally divided among all my children including Charley Varnoy and Maggie Varnoy and I want my wife to hold all my personal property her Lifetime unless any of the Girls was to marry including Maggie Varnoy then she is to give them Two Hundred Dollars a piece as they Marry.

in case she dies before Corda Gracy and William become of age then Charley Vannoy and Daniel Paul to be their Guardians and take care of them untill they become of age. Then at my wifes death I want all my personal property Equally divided Between all my children including Charley Vannoy and Maggie Vannoy.

I Constitute and appoint, Martha J. Paul and Daniel Paul my Executors of this my Last Will

In Witness Whereof, I have signed sealed and published and declared this instrument as my Will at my home in Palk Co Mo this March 22, 1888,

John Paul,

The said John Paul at his Residence signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his Last Will and we at his Request and in his presence and in the presence of Each other have herunto written our names as subscribing witnesses,

R. W. Jacks,

J. M. Jones,

A. H. Devin.

Certificate of True copy.

State of Missouri)
County of Palk } ss,

I C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate Court in and for said county, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Original Last Will and Testament of John Paul as the same appear of Record in my office,

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, Done at office in Bolivar this 1st day of March 1898,

[JS]

C. L. Allen

Judge of Probate,

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri)
County of Palk } ss,

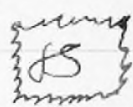
In the Probate

Court Palk Co Mo,

I, C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate Court Palk county, Missouri, having Examined the foregoing instrument of date Mch 22nd 1888, purporting to be the Last Will and testament of John Paul Deceased. and signed by said John Paul Deceased, Late of Palk county and having heard the testimony

of J. M. Jones and A. H. Devin subscribing Witnesses thereto, in Relation to the Execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of date Mch 22nd 1888, is the Last Will and Testament of said John Paul Deceased, and the same is therefore admitted to Probate.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office this 1st day of March 1898,



L. L. Allen.

Judge of Probate,

Filed For Record this 28th Day of August 1898 at 11⁴⁵ o'clock am.

Arthur Griffin

Recorder,

By H. J. Griffin Deputy Recorder,

Will.

I Bannick Wilkinson of Polk county Missouri, do make and publish this as my Last Will hereby Revoking all former Wills if any heretofore made,

First: I desire that my just debts and funeral Expenses be paid by my Executor hereinafter named,

Second: I give Bequeath and devise to my Beloved wife Mary Wilkinson the sole use and control of my house and Lot situated in Bolivar Polk county Missouri, known as the North part of Lot & Block 10, Hendricks addition to said City of Bolivar Mo, as well as my personal property to be used and enjoyed by her for her use support and comfort for and during her Natural Life so far as she may believe the same to be necessary for that purpose having such full confidence in her that she will not be Extravagant in its use; but that she will be economical and saving thereof and will only apply and use so much as will be necessary for use and comfort that I am willing to Entrust it to her for such purposes;

Third: In the Event that my personal Estate is insufficient for the purposes mentioned in the second Clause hereof, and she may prefer to sell said Real Estate rather than Live in and occupy

it and to use the proceeds of a sale of the same for the purpose of her support and comfort then the full and absolute title to the Real Estate aforesaid shall be considered and held to be Vested in her, and she may sell and convey the same at Pleasure for such price and sum as she may deem suitable to her without the order or approval of any Court whatever,

Fourth; My Will and desire is that after the death of my Beloved Wife Mary Wilkinson that whatever of my Estate may be left and not consumed and used by her for the purposes hereinbefore set forth, Whether Real or personal, that it be divided between my children as follows; To William Wilkinson Thos. J. Wilkinson Hugh H. Wilkinson Jas. H. Wilkinson and Sarah L. Ellis each one share, and to the heirs of Jane M. Key one share heirs of Elizabeth Painter, one share heirs of Peter Wilkinson one share and to the heirs of Nancy Whorton one share,

Fifth; I hereby appoint W. L. Snodgrass of the County and State aforesaid sole Executor of this my Last Will,

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and sealed Published and declared this instrument as my Last Will, Done in the city of Bolivar Mo, on this 18 day of December 1894

a. B. Hughes
Geo. C. Erwin

Brannick ^{his} Wilkinson ^{mark} Seal

The said Brannick Wilkinson at his Residence in the city of Bolivar Mo, on the 18th day of December 1894 signed and sealed the foregoing instrument in our Presence and published and declared to us the same to be his Last Will and we at his Request and in his Presence and in the Presence of Each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing Witnesses,

Geo. C. Erwin

M. G. Jones

W. W. Parrish

A. B. Hughes

State of Missouri } ss In the office of the Probate Court,
County of Palk } I C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate
Court within and for Palk the County aforesaid do certify

that the instrument of writing hereto attached, with the Endorsements thereon, was filed for Record in said office on the 29 day of April 1898 and that the same is duly Recorded in said office in Book B. for Recording Wills at Page 201. In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, done at office in Bohannon Mo. this 29 day of April 1898

[Signature]

C. L. Allen Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate,

State of Missouri, }
County of Polk } ss In the Probate Court Polk Co. Mo.
I C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate Court Polk County, Missouri, having Examined the foregoing instrument of date December 18 1894 purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Brammick Wilkinson Deceased and signed by said Brammick Wilkinson Deceased, Late of Polk County Missouri and having heard the Testimony of Geo. C. Erwin M. S. Jones and W. W. Parrish subscribing Witnesses thereto, in Relation to the Executing of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of date December 18 1894 is the Last Will and Testament of said Brammick Wilkinson, Deceased and the same is therefore admitted to Probate,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 29 day of April 1898, *[Signature]* C. L. Allen

Judge of Probate

Filed For Record this 17th day of September 1898 at 1st o'clock P.M.

Arthur Griffin

By H. Griffin Deputy Recorder

Recorder

Certified copy of will
of Elizabeth Spreight Reed

Know all men by these presents That I Elizabeth Spreight of the county of Polk and State of Missouri being of legal age and sound mind and being the legal owner of the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in money and being desirous of making Provisions for my present and future support during my life time do hereby make the following disposition of said sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars by my last will and testament.

1st I give to my daughter E Fannie Spreight on the condition, and for the consideration that she is to support me during my life and furnish me with clothing and other necessaries if needed more than can be obtained with the interest of said Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars. The sum of one hundred Dollars to be spent in building an addition to her house sixteen feet square

2^d I also give to her the said E Fannie Spreight the remaining sum of one hundred and Fifty for which she executed to me her note with 8 per cent interest due one day after date which is to be paid to me if I should out live the said E Fannie Spreight but in case of my death during her life then said note is to be destroyed and the said sum of \$150⁰⁰ is to belong absolutely to her as part consideration for my support and care during my life while I lived with her I make this provision about the note of one hundred and fifty dollars because I think it is right and just that whatever amount or sum is left after my death provided I die before her should belong to her and no one else as a legal consideration for my support and care during my life while living with her. I also appoint her as my Executor to carry out the conditions and provisions of this will In witness whereof I the Testator have hereto set my hand by making my mark to my name in the presence of the subscribing witnesses hereto on this 9th day of February 1897.

Elizabeth ^{her} Spreight ^{mark} (seal)

A. B. Tarrant

R. B. Spreight

We R. B. Spreight and A. B. Tarrant, hereto subscribe our names as witnesses to the signature of the testator hereto

in her presence and as witnesses to the foregoing will on this 9th day
of February 1897.

R. C. Spright

A. B. Tarrant.

certificate of Probate

State of Missouri } SS In the Probate court Polk Co Mo. December
County of Polk } 14 1898. I, C. S. Allen Judge of the probate
court Polk county, Missouri, having examined the foregoing
Instrument of date February 9 1897, purporting to be the
last will and testament of Elizabeth Spright deceased and
signed by her mark by said Elizabeth Spright deceased, late of
Polk county Missouri and having heard the testimony of
R. C. Spright and A. B. Tarrant, subscribing witnesses
thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare
and adjudge said instrument of date February 9th 1897,
is the last will and testament of said Elizabeth Spright deceased,
and the same is therefore, admitted to Probate.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said court at office this 14 day of
December 1898

C. S. Allen

C. S. Allen

Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } SS I C. S. Allen Judge of the probate
County of Polk } court in and for said county, hereby
certify that the above is a true copy of the original will
of Elizabeth Spright deceased as the same appears of
record in my office in Book B Page 223

Witness my hand and the seal of said court done at office
in Bolivar Mo this 14 day of December 1898

C. S. Allen

L. S.

Judge of Probate

Filed for record this 21 day of Dec. 1898, at 3 o'clock
P.M.

Arthur Griffin Recorder

The Last Will and Testament of Robert Mears. of
Stuebenville. Ohio.

I, Robert Mears of Stuebenville, do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament

First. I devise to my Executors in trust to be
invested in United States securities, from time
to time, which may be exempt from taxation, such
sum of money as may be requisite to fulfil the
clauses of my Will, providing the payment of
interest on sums of money ^{to legacies} for life. During wid-
owhood and minority, and this sum unless other-
wise expressly provided, shall as the trust is accom-
plished, pass from time to time into the residue
of my estate.

Second. To my father John Mears, of Allegheny County
Pennsylvania, for life, the interest of ten thousand
dollars, to be paid to him semi-annually.

Third. To my brother James Mears of San Francisco
California, for life the interest on ten thousand dollars,
to be paid semi-annually and in the event his wife
shall survive him the interest of one half that amount,
shall be paid to Mary Mears, his wife, for her life.

Fourth. To the daughter of my brother, Andrew Mears
deceased, whose name is unknown to me, the interest of
five thousand dollars until she arrives at the age of
twenty five years. and then said sum of five thousand
dollars shall be paid over to her and her separate
receipt shall be a good discharge therefor.

Fifth. To her mother, the widow of my said brother
Andrew, the interest of twenty five hundred dollars, so
long as she remains his widow.

Sixth. To each of my two nephews, sons of Thomas
Hoane of Ireland, full brother of my niece Mary
Manager, the interest of three thousand dollars until
they arrive at the age of twenty one years, and then
the principal sum to be paid to them respectively; in
case either of them should die, then the sum to be
divided between the survivor and his sister, Mary
Manager; in case both die before attaining that age,
then all to said Mary Manager.

Seventh. To Patrick Gurney, High Street in Steubenville, the interest on one thousand dollars for life.

Eighth. To my brother Thomas Mears. I devise the new store house and bonded ware house, and right of way, in rear of the same, said premises fronting thirty three feet on Market Street, at the Alley between Third and High Streets, ^{Steubenville,} and to his heirs and assigns.

Ninth. To each of his children, William, Edward and Mary Mears, the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to them upon arrival at majority and in case of the death of either before that event, that share to go to his survivors or survivor.

Tenth. To my niece, Mary Sloane Menager the sum of three thousand dollars, and to her eldest child now living, three thousand dollars, the last sum to be paid to her on arriving at eighteen years of age; and in case said child shall die, before arriving at age, then to her brothers and sisters.

Eleventh. To my aunt, Mrs McCormick, near Cookstown, Ireland, one thousand dollars, to the widow of John Brooks, near Money more, Ireland, five hundred dollars, and to Hester Brooks who resides in Canada, half sister of my father, one thousand dollars.

Twelfth. To the following persons, friends of mine and out of my regard for them, I bequeath respectively the following sums: George D. McKinney, two thousand dollars; Miss Alice McDonald, five thousand dollars; and to her mother, Eliza McDonald, widow of William McDonald, deceased, two thousand dollars; and to her sister, Agnes McDonald, four thousand dollars; to Mrs. Nancy J. Stanton, twenty five hundred dollars; to her daughter Lucy, two thousand dollars, and to her daughter Mary, two thousand dollars; to Dr. William Stanton, one thousand dollars; to James Gilmore, of Pittsburg, one thousand dollars, and Margaret A. Gilmore his sister, one thousand dollars; to Mrs Donaldson, widow of William Donaldson, deceased, of Jacksonville, one thousand dollars; to Robert Sherrard Jr, two thousand dollars; to his son

Henry G. C. Sherrard, fifteen hundred dollars; and to his brother Joseph K. Sherrard, five hundred dollars; to A. Leraue now of this place, and to his daughters Clara and Caroline Leraue, each the sum of one thousand dollars; to James Hughes, six hundred dollars; to Joseph Cassell, five hundred dollars, and to William Thompson —, the last named persons, having been in my employment.

Thirteenth. To the Vestry of St Paul's Episcopal Church Steubenville Ohio, one year after my decease, five thousand dollars, to be invested by them for the use of the Church in the support of a Rector, so long as it continues its organization; in the event that it should cease to keep up an organization, then the said sum shall be paid over to the vestry for the time being; to the trustees of the following named Churches in Steubenville, in equal proportions, to go to the support of the poor thereof, namely, the First Presbyterian, the Second Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, the two Methodist Episcopal Churches, the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Roman Catholic Church on Fourth Street.

Fourteenth. To the City of Steubenville, the sum of ten thousand dollars to be invested under the orders of the Council, the interest of which sum, shall be distributed to the poor and needy of the city, and especially to such cases requiring relief, as are not reached by the law providing for support or relief from Public funds.

Fifteenth. I direct that the sum of five thousand dollars shall be expended by my brother Thomas Mearns in the improvement and ornamenting my lot in the Union Cemetery near Steubenville and I desire said lot to be a family one, in common for the use of my brothers, sisters, and their respective families.

Sixteenth. And the residue of my estate of every kind real, personal or mixed, and wherever situate, including herein all legacies which may lapse, and the sums devised in trust to my Executors, after the trusts have respectively been executed, I choose and

bequeath to my brother, Thomas Mears, and my sisters Nancy Mears, Sarah J. Mears and Maria Dickson, formerly intermarried with James Dickson; and in the event that either of said devisees, should die leaving children, then the share of the parent shall pass to the children, and in the event that either should die without children, then the share shall pass to and vest in, the surviving devisees, and the children of any deceased--the latter taking per stirpes.

Twentieth. I hereby authorize and direct my executors, and the survivor of them, and any person appointed in their stead by law, to exercise their discretion in the sale, either publicly or privately, of my real and personal estate, and to make deeds whenever necessary, and to make such terms and conditions of sale as may benefit my estate, in their judgment, and to invest, re-invest, and change investment of the trust funds, where in their judgment, they may think necessary, and until sufficient money is realized to pay off the legacies, no interest is to be charged against my estate, and the trust fund shall be invested for the purpose of interest in the order of this Will.

Eighteenth. And revoking all former Wills, I hereby constitute my brother Thomas Mears, and my friend Robert Sherrard Jr., the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and request them to undertake the execution thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1868

Robert Mears (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Robert Mears as and for his last Will and Testament in our presence, and signed by us in his presence and at his request, in the presence of each other.

W. H. Mooney

Attest: Robert Martin, Probate Judge, James Gregg

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Robert Mears. deceased. January 25, 1869.

This day the last Will and Testament of Robert Mears late of the city of Steubenville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Ohio, was produced in Court and William H. Mooney and James Gregg, the two subscribing witnesses to said Will appeared in Court, and on oath testified to the due execution of said Will, which testimony was reduced to writing, and by said witnesses respectively subscribed and filed with said Will, and it appearing to the Court from said testimony that said Will was duly attested and executed and that said testator at the time of executing said Will was of full age, of sound mind and memory, and was not under any restraint, it is therefore ordered by the Court that said Will be admitted to Probate, and to gether with the testimony be recorded and thereupon Robert Sherrard Jr., and Thomas Mears, the Executors named in said Will appeared in Court and accepted the execution of the same. Separate bond ordered to be given in the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars each, conditioned according to law.

In the Matter of The Last Will and Testament of Robert Mears. Deceased, January 26, 1869.

This day came Robert Sherrard, Jr., and Thomas Mears, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Robert Mears deceased, and in obedience to the former order of the Court, filed their separate bonds in the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars each, with Thomas L. Jewett, Josiah B. Salmon and Joseph Mears as sureties for Robert Sherrard Jr., and John Orr, E. J. Andrews as sureties for Thomas Mears, which bonds with their respective sureties are approved by the Court.

Liters issued to Robert Sherrard Jr., and Thomas Mears, and John Orr, Josiah B. Salmon, and E. J. Andrews were appointed appraisers of personal property.

Testimony

Steubenville, Jan 25th 1869

We W. H. Mooney and James Gregg, having been

duly sworn by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, do solemnly testify that we were present at the execution of the will and testament of Robert Mears, late of the Township of Steubenville in said County, deceased, which is now exhibited to us, that we saw said testator subscribe said Will, at the end thereof, that the testator at the time of executing said will was of full age, of sound mind and memory, and was not under any restraint, that we attested and subscribed the same as witnesses in his presence.

W. H. Money,

James Gregg

Sworn to by the said witnesses before me and subscribed by them in my presence this 25th day of January, A.D. 1869

Robert Martin

Probate Judge

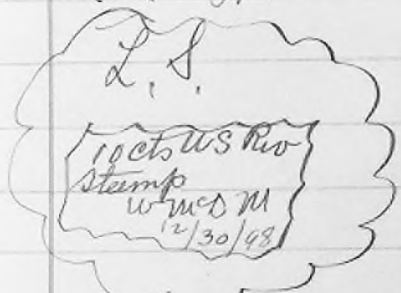
State of Ohio, County of Jefferson, ss.

I, W. M. D. Miller, Ex-Officio, Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ohio, and as such having in my charge, care and custody all the books records and files of said Court, do here by certify that the foregoing pages contain a full true and perfect copy of the last will and testament of Robert Mears late of Steubenville, Ohio together with the proof thereof, and the order of this Court admitting said Will to Probate, as the same appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the city of Steubenville, this 30 day of December A.D. 1898

W. M. D. Miller

Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County Ohio.



State of Ohio, Jefferson County, ss.

W. M. D. Miller, sole and presiding

Judge of the Probate Court of said County. Certify that W. M. D. Miller, who gave the foregoing certificate is now and was at the time of signing the same under the laws of the state of Ohio. Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of said County, that said Court is a Court of record and that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 30 day of Dec A.D. 1898

LS
10 CTS
Per Stamp
W. M. D. Miller
12/30/98

W. M. D. Miller
Probate Judge.

State of Ohio, Jefferson County, ss.

I, W. M. D. Miller, clerk of the Probate Court of said County, certify that W. M. D. Miller, whose genuine official signature appears to the above and hereto annexed certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, sole and presiding judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified and that all of his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Steubenville, this 30 day of Dec A.D. 1898

LS
10 CTS
Per Stamp
W. M. D. Miller
12/30/98

W. M. D. Miller
Clerk Ex-Officio and Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ohio

Whereas, on the 14th day of March, A.D., 1868 Robert Mears of the city of Steubenville in the County of Jefferson, in the State of Ohio, made and published his last will and testament and afterwards departed this life; and whereas this last will and testament was on the 25th day of January A.D. 1869 duly admitted to Probate and Record in the Probate Court within and for said County of Jefferson, and now remains the valid last will and testament of said Robert Mears deceased; and whereas among other things the said last will and testament contained the

following, that is to say;

"Sixteenth. And the residue of my estate of every kind real, personal and mixed, and wherever situate, including herein all legacies which may lapse, and the same devised to my executors after the trusts have respectively been executed. I devise and bequeath to my brother Thomas Mears, and my sisters, Nancy Mears, Sarah J. Mears, and Maria Dickson, formerly intermarried with James Dickson and in the event that either of said devisees should die leaving children, then the share of the parent to pass to the children; and in the event that either should die without children then the share shall pass to and vest in the surviving devisees, and the children of any deceased, the latter taking per stirpes." Now know ye that we, Nancy Mears, Sarah J. Mears and Maria Dickson being a part of the devisees named in above recited clause of said last will, and testament, in consideration of the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Dollars, to us paid by Thomas Mears the other devisee named in the above clause of said last will and testament, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby remise, release and forever quit-claim unto said Thomas Mears, his heirs and assigns forever, all our right, title and interest, legal and equitable, and in any and all lands, tenements and hereditaments, wheresoever situate to which we have in any manner acquired title, or any equity or interest by virtue of the said clause of said last will and testament of any lands of which said Robert Mears died seized in whole or in part, and all our right, title and interest, in and to the estate of said Robert Mears, of every kind and wherever situate in which we have acquired any right, interest or title by virtue of the above recited clause of said Last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 16th day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy three. Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged in

presence of. }
J. Dunbar
E. L. Menager

Nancy Mears (Seal)
Sarah J. Mears (Seal)
Maria Dickson (Seal)

The State of Ohio, Jefferson County, ss.

Be it remembered that on this 16th day of July A.D. 1873, before the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally came Nancy Mears, Sarah J. Mears and Maria Dickson, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing conveyance to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Witness my signature and Notarial Seal the day and year last above written,

State of Ohio, Jefferson County, ss.

Rec'd Aug 25th 1873

Recorded Aug 26th 1873

by M. J. Urquhart, Recorder

State of Ohio, Jefferson County, ss.

J. Dunbar, being first ^{duly} sworn, deposes and says, that he was and has been personally and well acquainted with the grantors in the deed from Nancy Mears, Sarah J. Mears and Maria Dickson to Thomas Mears, said deed bearing date July 16th 1873, and of which a copy is hereto attached. That Nancy Mears and Sarah J. Mears were never married, and that the last named, Maria Dickson was a widow at the time said deed was executed, and so continued until her death.

Affiant says that he was personally acquainted with Thomas Mears in his life time, and is personally well acquainted with his entire family that said Thomas Mears and his wife Henrietta B. Mears, are both dead; that said Thomas Mears left surviving him as his only children and heirs at law, William S. Mears, since intermarried with Ella B. Mears; Edward Mears, single and unmarried, and Mary M. Hill, intermarried with Robert S. Hill, and none others.

J. Dunbar

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the
said J. Dunbar this 22 day of December A.D.
1898

L.S.

J. R. Sweeney
Notary Public

My commission expires August 30th 1900.

Filed for record this 4th day of January A.D.
1899 at 11 O'clock and 25 minutes A.M.

Nathan H. Hamblen
Recorder

Copy of Will of Alpheus Leonard

Be it remembered that I Alpheus Leonard of
Guthrie County State of Iowa being of sound mind do
hereby make publish and declare this my last will
and Testament in manner following to wit:

First: I desire that all my debts including the expenses
of my last sickness and my funeral expenses be paid
by my executor out of the proceeds of my personal
estate.

Second. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary
J. Roberts who is intermarried with J. M. Roberts of
said county and to her heirs all my personal
estate of every kind soever remaining after the
payment of my said debts and the amount nec-
essary to defray the administration there of.

Third. I give and devise to my daughter Mary J.
Roberts and to her heirs all the real estate I now
own to wit: the south west qr of the north west frac-
tional qr and the north west qr. of the south west
fractional quarter of section nineteen (19) in Town-
ship seventy nine (79) north of Range Twenty nine (29)
west of the 5th P.M. in Dallas County, Iowa, also the
West half of the south East quarter and Lot two (2)
of the North East quarter of the South East qr of Section
Twenty four (24) Township seventy nine (79) north of
Range thirty (30) west of the 5th P.M. in Guthrie
County Iowa together with all other real estate I
may own at the time of my death subject to the
following conditions to wit: One, the said Mary J.
Roberts or her heirs must care and provide for my

son John N. Leonard during the period of his natural life. He to live with her and she to furnish him at all times with such proper and reasonable accommodations, support and clothing as is suitable to his condition in life and whenever necessary such medical attendance and medicines as may be required by him.

Fourth, should my said daughter Mary at any time fail in the performance of the conditions above mentioned then and in that case I direct that the rents and profits of all the land above described lying and being in Dallas County Iowa, be set apart to the use of my said son John N. Leonard for his support and maintenance during the remainder of his natural life and I hereby direct my Executor, or such person, as may be appointed for that purpose by the District Court of Guthrie County Iowa to collect the said rents and profits and apply them to the objects and uses aforesaid. anything remaining of said rents and profits after my said son's death and the payment of his funeral expenses to go to my said daughter Mary or to her heirs if she be dead.

Fifth: I hereby constitute and appoint John E. Wagoner of said Guthrie County Iowa my sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand at Pandora Iowa on this 6th day of July AD 1895

Alpheus Leonard.

The above instrument consisting of two pages, was at the date thereof signed and declared by the said Alpheus Leonard, as and for his last will and testament in presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

H. C. Fitz
W. G. Moore

Commission to Prove Will

State of Missouri
County of Polk }

To any Judge or Justice of the Peace, Notary Public or any Mayor or Chief Magistrate of any City in the State of Iowa. Greeting:

Know Ye. That reposing confidence in your ability We do here by empower you to cause to come before you at a time and place by you appointed. H. C. Fritz and W. G. Moore attesting witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Alpheus Leonard deceased and the said H. C. Fritz and W. G. Moore to examine on oath touching their knowledge of the execution of said instrument of writing and of the condition of mind of the said Alpheus Leonard at the time of the publication of said instrument of writing. The examination of the said H. C. Fritz and W. G. Moore thus taken you will reduce to writing, and cause them to subscribe the same, and the examination thus taken and subscribed, you will certify to the Judge of our Probate Court within and for Polk County, ^{and State of} Missouri under our hand.

Witness my hand as Judge of our said Probate Court within and for Polk County Missouri with the seal of our said Court here to affixed at office in Bolivar in said County this 2nd day of April AD 1896

C. L. Allen

Judge of Probate

Return to Commission to Prove Will

State of Iowa
County of Guthrie }

Before S. D. Nichols a Notary Public in and for Guthrie County State of Iowa.

In pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Clerk of the Probate Court within and for Polk County and State of Missouri. S. D. Nichols a Notary Public in and for Guthrie County State of Iowa did on the

9th day of April A.D. 1896 came to come before me at my office in Panna of said county and State of Iowa. H. C. Fritz and W. G. Moore who being by me duly sworn depose and each for himself says: that at the request of Alpheus Leonard then of Guthrie county State of Iowa. but now reputed deceased. he was present on the 6th day of July 1893. in Panna was at the signing by said Alpheus Leonard of his will hereto attached that he saw said Alpheus Leonard sign said will that at the time of said signing said Alpheus Leonard was of sound and disposing mind. that he declared at the time the said will to be his last will and testament and that at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other. we and each of us signed the same as witnesses thereto and further that at that time each of us was over 21 years of age and further deponents sayeth not.

H. C. Fritz

W. G. Moore

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 9th day of April A.D. 1896. And I do hereby certify that the testimony of the said H. C. Fritz and W. G. Moore was by me reduced to writing and by each of them subscribed in my presence on the day & year and at the place above written. and their testimony so by me taken and certified is herewith returned.

Seal

S. D. Nichols

Notary Public

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri

County of Polk

In the Probate Court Polk County Missouri:

I C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate Court Polk County Missouri. having examined the foregoing instrument of date July 6th 1893. purporting to be the last will and testament of Alpheus Leonard deceased and signed by said Alpheus Leonard deceased late of Polk County Missouri and having examined the depositions of H. C. Fritz and W. G. Moore as taken before S. D. Nichols Notary Public of Guthrie Co Iowa.

and the said H. C. Fritz and W. G. Moore the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of date July 6th 1893 is the last will and testament of said Alpheus Leonard deceased and the same is therefore admitted to Probate.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office this 9th day of May 1896

Seal

C. L. Allen
Judge of Probate

Certificate of True Copy.
State of Missouri

County of Polk ^{SS} J. L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court, in and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Will & Proof of Will of Alpheus Leonard dec'd as the same appears of record in my office

Witness my hand, and the seal of said court. Done at office in Bolivar Mo this 27th day of Feb'y 1899

LS

J. L. M. Piller
Judge of Probate

Filed for record this 28th day of February AD 1899 at 2 o'clock Am.

By C. L. Haigh
Deputy

N. H. Hamblee
Recorder

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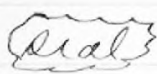
I, Ara Ann Irick of the city of Hannamsville in Polk County State of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this as my last will and testament in the manner and form as follows

1st I desire that out of the proceeds of my estate my funeral and burial expenses be paid and the expenses of my last sickness by my executor.

2nd If after the payment of the above named expenses there shall be remaining in the hands of my executor a residue of the proceeds of my estate, I desire that my executor expend the same in erecting a tombstone at my grave and also a tombstone at the grave of Thomas A. Irick my deceased husband.

And that I here by fully empower my executor as soon as he may think best after my death to sell all of my real estate at private sale and to make and execute a deed to the purchaser conveying the title to the said real estate as fully as I could if living, without any order or decree of any court and that he sell and receive the proceeds of the sale of all my personal property of every nature whatsoever and that he apply the proceeds as herein before directed.

I here by nominate and appoint Charles H. Hopper as my executor to carry this will into effect and no bond shall be required of him. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 20th day of January AD 1898

Ara Ann ^{her} Drick 
mark.

Witnesses

J. W. Hapgood.

D. D. Garrison.

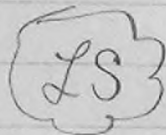
We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses at the request of Ara Ann Drick the testatrix in her presence and in the presence of each other this the 20th day of January 1898

J. W. Hapgood
D. D. Garrison

Certificate of True Copy.

State of Missouri } J. C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate
County of Polk } ss Court in and for said County.
Hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Last Will and Testament of Ara Ann Drick as the same appears of record in my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court. Done at office in Bolivar this 2nd day of March 1898

 LS

J. C. L. Allen

Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri } In the Probate Court Polk Co Mo.
County of Polk } ss J. C. L. Allen Judge of the Probate

County Polk County, Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument of date Jan'y 20th 1898, purporting to be the last will and testament of Ara Ann Drick deceased, and signed by said Ara Ann Drick (by her mark) deceased, late of Polk County and having heard the testimony of J. W. Hapgood and D. S. Garrison subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of date Jan'y 20th 1898 is the last will and testament of said Ara Ann Drick deceased, and the same is therefor admitted to probate.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 28th day of February, 1898.

C. L. Allen

Judge of Probate

By A. J. Allen D.C.

Filed per record this 3rd day of March AD 1899 at 9 O'clock and 3 minutes AM.

By C. L. Haigh

Deputy

N. H. Hamblin

Recorder

Copy of Will

The Will of N. P. Mackey made the 13th of December 1898 as his Will to his wife and children

107 N. P. Mackey will to my wife Minerva A. Mackey thirty two (32) acres of land the home place with all belonging to it, as long as she lives or remains my widow, and after the death of my wife or when she ceases to be my widow this property is to be the property of my children, and I also will to her one horse and buggy (Biel) and two cows, or one cow (and a jersey helper) (one roan cow) and one hundred dollars in money counting in a note to my wife of twenty dollars, and one sow and pigs.

The rest of my land to be divided equal among my children and their heirs. That is Gerty White the child of my daughter Cora shall have equal share with the other heirs when she is 18 year old, if she should die before that age unmarried or with out bodily heirs the property shall be the property of the other heirs, and the children of Minerva A. my

my daughter deceased that is Willie Johnson and Lindsey Johnson shall have equal share with the rest of the heirs except thirty dollars to be taken to place a monument at the grave of their mother, this monument to be placed there out of the first money due them and I also want thirty dollars to be taken out of what money left the children for a monument to be placed at the grave of my first wife who was buried east of Pleasant Hope at what is known as the Cavin Grave Yard. and I allow one year provision to my present wife.

N. P. Mackey

We attest the above and foregoing will, by subscribing our names hereto, as witnesses in the presence of N. P. Mackey the testator this the 13 day of December 1898

B. J. Williams

Thos. C. Mitchell

This will was written by me, and dictated by N. P. Mackey who is of sound mind this Dec 13. 1898

J. W. Bond J. P.

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Proof of Will

State of Missouri } In the Probate Court.
County of Polk }
Be it remembered. That on this the 28th day of March A.D. 1899. before me, L. M. Tiller Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared B. J. Williams and Thos. C. Mitchell who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of N. P. Mackey deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said N. P. Mackey the testator, subscribed the same in our presence by making his mark to his name written by J. W. Bond and published and declared said Will to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing our names to the same in the presence of the testator.

and of each other, and at the request of the said testator

B. D. Williams
Thos. C. Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28 day of March
AD 1899

(LS)

L. M. Piller
Judge of Probate

Copy

Certificate of Probate of Will in the Probate
Court.

State of Missouri, County of Polk - ss.

I, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County
Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument
of date December 13th 1898 purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of N. P. Mackey deceased and signed by said N. P.
Mackey died late of Polk County, Mo. and having heard
the testimony of B. D. Williams and Thos. C. Mitchell the
subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of
the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of date
Dec 13th 1898 to be the last Will and Testament of said N. P.
Mackey deceased and the same is therefore admitted to
Probate.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of
Bolivar, this 28th day of March AD 1899.

(LS)

L. M. Piller
Judge Probate Court

Certificate of True Copy.

State of Missouri, I, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate
County of Polk ss Court, in and for said County hereby
certify that the above is a true copy of the original Will
Proof & Certificate of Proof of N. P. Mackey died as the same
appears on file & of record in my office.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Court, Done at
office in Bolivar Mo this 28 day of March 1899.

(LS)

L. M. Piller
Judge of Probate

Filed for record 29th day of March AD 1899 at 10 o'clock
and 5 minutes AM

By C. L. Naigh
Deputy

N. H. Hambley
Recorder

The Last Will and testament of Thomas H. Baldwin of Hopedale Harrison County Ohio. I Thomas H. Baldwin of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life, and being possessed of certain assets which I wish to dispose of do here by make and publish this my last will and testament. That is to say.

Item 1st. I desire that as soon as practicable all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Item 2nd. I will and bequeath to my wife Pabitha Baldwin all of my real estate in Hopedale to have and to hold in fee.

Item 3. I also will and bequeath to my said wife Pabitha Baldwin the sum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars.

Item 4th. I will and bequeath all the residue of my property both real and personal, including a tract of real estate in the State of Missouri, to my wife Pabitha Baldwin, my son James R. Baldwin, my daughter Florence J. Leavitt, and my son Wm H. Baldwin equally share and share alike.

Item 5th I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Pabitha Baldwin and my son James R. Baldwin executors of this my last will and testament. In Testimony Whereof I here by sign and seal this my last will and testament this 28th day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Thomas H. Baldwin Test

Signed in our presence, who here by sign as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request, he declaring at the same time, this to be his last will and testament

John C. Hoel
John M. Kyle } Witnesses

Certificate to Copies

The State of Ohio, Harrison County ss. Probate Court.
J. E. B. McNamee Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court with in and for said County having the custody of the Files, Journals and Records of said Court, do here by certify that the foregoing is a true copy of The last will and testament of Thomas H. Baldwin deceased, as the same appears upon the records of said Court, and I further certify, that I have carefully compared the foregoing copy with the original record, and that the same is a full and correct transcript thereof. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Cadiz Ohio, this 22^d day of November AD 1897

(S)

E. B. McNamee

Probate Judge

The State of Ohio, Harrison County, ss.

I, E. B. McNamee, sole Judge of the Probate Court, within and for said County and State, the same being a Court of law and of record, do hereby certify that E. B. McNamee whose genuine signature is attached to the foregoing certificate, is, and was at the time of signing the same, Ex-Officio Clerk of said Probate Court, and as such, full faith and credit are due his acts, and that the above certificate and attestation are in due form of law, and made by the proper officer.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Leavitt, Ohio, this 22d day of November AD 1897.

(S)

E. B. McNamee

Judge as aforesaid

Copy of Will and Orders of Court.

Probate Court, Harrison County, Ohio.

In the matter of the will of.

No 1452

Thomas H. Baldwin deceased } Probate of Will.

Be it Remembered, That on the 9th day of November 1897 an instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas H. Baldwin deceased, was produced in open Court, and an application filed therewith, by James R. Baldwin to admit the same to Probate and Record whereupon the Court ordered as follows.

Probate Court Nov 9th 1897.

In the matter of the Will of, Thomas H. Baldwin deceased, This day an instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas H. Baldwin late of Green Township, in this County, deceased, was produced in open Court for Probate, it is now ordered that the said Will be filed in this Court and that due notice thereof and of the application to admit the same to probate and record be given to the next of kin of the testator, resident of the State of Ohio that said application will be for hearing before this Court on the 9th day of November AD 1897 at 11 o'clock AM.

E. B. McNamee Probate Judge

And afterwards, to wit: on this 9th day of November 1897

the Court ordered and decreed as follows.

Probate Court Nov 9th 1897

In the matter of the Will of Thomas H. Baldwin deceased. Be it remembered, That, heretofore, to wit, on the 9th day of November AD 1897 an instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas H. Baldwin, late of Green Township in this County, deceased, was produced in open court and offered for probate and was then filed and it now being shown to the satisfaction of the Court that due notice of the filing of said Will and of the application to admit the same to probate and record in this Court, has been given to the next of kin of the testator, resident of the State of Ohio pursuant to a former order of this Court, there upon, on this day came John C. Hill and John M. Kyle, the subscribing witnesses to said Will who being duly sworn, testified to the due execution and attestation of said Will, which testimony was reduced to writing by them respectively subscribed, and filed with said Will, Where upon the Court finds that the afore said instrument of writing is the last Will and Testament of said Thomas H. Baldwin, deceased; that the same was duly executed and attested and that the said Testator, at the time of making, signing and sealing the same, was of full age, of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint. It is therefore, by the Court ordered that the said Will be admitted to Probate, and that the same, together with the testimony of the witnesses above named, be entered of record in this Court.

Attest

E. B. McNamee Probate Judge

Probate of Will.

Said testimony of said witnesses is in words and figures following, to wit:

State of Ohio

Harrison County ss

Probate Court,

Personally appeared in open court John C. Hill and John M. Kyle who being duly sworn, to speak the truth the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in relation to the execution of the last Will and Testament of Thomas H. Baldwin deceased, depose and say, That they were present at the execution of the instrument of writing

now before them bearing date the 28th day of October 1897 purporting to be the last will and Testament of Thomas H. Baldwin deceased. that they respectively subscribed their names thereto as witnesses at the request of said Testator and in his presence, that they saw said Testator sign said instrument at the end thereof, and heard him acknowledge the same to be his will, and that said Thomas H. Baldwin at the time of executing the same was of full age and of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint.

John C. Hill
John M. Kyle.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence in open court this 9th day of November 1897.

(LS)

E. B. McNamie Probate Judge

The State of Ohio, Harrison County, ss.

I, E. B. McNamie Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for said County, hereby certify the foregoing to be a complete and true copy of the last will and Testament of Thomas H. Baldwin deceased, as the same remains on file and record in said Court, together with the orders of said Court thereon, including the order of probate thereof, and the testimony of witnesses to prove the same, as recorded in Record of Wills, vol 2, page 385

Witness my official signature, and the seal of said Court at Cádiz Ohio, this 15th day of December AD 1897.

E. B. McNamie

(LS)

Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of # County Ohio

Filed for record this 8th day of May AD 1899, at 9 o'clock AM.

By C. L. Hargh
Deputy

N. H. Hamblen
Recorder.

Will and Testament of Elisha Headlee,
In the name of God. Amen.

I Elisha Headlee of the County of Greene in the State of Missouri aged Seventy four years, being of sound and disposing mind, do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

1st. I request that my funeral be conducted under the direction of my beloved wife and in manner suitable to my means and position in life; And I direct that my funeral charges the Expense of administering on my estate, and all my just debts, be paid out of my personal estate; and if that be insufficient, I expressly authorize my executor herein after named, to sell at public or private sale such part of my real Estate as may be sufficient for that purpose, first selling the following; also the following to wit: The West Half of Lot No (1) one of the North West fractional quarter of Section No (1) one in Township No (30) Thirty of Range Twenty two containing Forty acres and seventeen hundredths; And the South Half of the East half of the South West quarter of Section (33) Thirty three of Township No (31) Thirty one of Range twenty two containing forty acres.

2d. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel Headlee the Home place, or farm on which I now live described as follows: Commencing at the North East corner of the North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section No (11) Eleven in Township No (30) Thirty of Range No (22) Twenty two: Running thence West Sixty five Rods. Thence South Forty one Rods to the beginning point of Land hereby conveyed; Thence Running East Twenty five Rods - Thence South Twenty eight Rods. Thence West Twenty five Rods, Thence North Twenty eight Rods to the beginning point containing four acres and Sixty Rods. Also the North West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Two in Township No (30) Thirty of Range twenty two. And the Southwest quarter of the South East quarter of Section Two in Township Thirty of Range twenty two. Also a part of the East half of the South West quarter of Section two in Township Thirty of Range twenty two and bounded

as follows to wit: Beginning at the South East corner thereof and running west sixty five poles to a Rock. Thence North Eighty six poles thence East Sixty five poles. Thence South Eighty six poles to the beginning containing thirty five acres also a part of the East half of the North West quarter of Section No (11) Eleven in Township No 30 Thirty of Range No (22) twenty two, and bounded as follows. Beginning at the North East corner thereof running thence West Sixty five poles to a rock thence South Forty one poles to a Rock thence East twenty five five poles to a rock thence South twenty eight poles to a rock. Thence east forty poles to the East boundary of said quarter section. Thence North Sixty nine poles to the beginning containing twenty three acres. to hold and enjoy during her natural life. and all of my household and kitchen furniture to be received and accepted by her in lieu of dower: and at her death to be equally divided between my four daughters viz: Sarah E. Headlee, Margaret H. Headlee, Rachel E. Headlee and Harriet J. Headlee to hold and enjoy absolutely in fee simple 3^d I give and bequeath to my son Samuel H. Headlee the sum of one dollar.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son C. C. Headlee the sum of one dollar

5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha J. Cowden the sum of one dollar.

6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah A. Kerr the sum of one dollar.

7th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Eunice A. Armour the sum of one dollar. the last five named children having received their shares heretofore.

I appoint my two sons Samuel H. Headlee and C. C. Headlee executors of this my will, revoking any former will by me made and I authorize and empower my said executors in settlement of my estate and of any debts due me, to compromise such debts if they think it advantageous to my estate, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 3^d day of January AD 1877
Elisha Headlee.

The foregoing instrument of writing was at the date thereof

signed and declared by the said Elisha Headlee to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this 3rd day of January 1877.

J. H. Warren

R. H. Graves

State of Missouri

County of Greene } ss J. E. D. Ott Clerk of the Probate and Common Pleas Court of the County of Greene having examined the annexed instrument in writing, together with the testimony of J. H. Warren and R. H. Graves, subscribing witnesses thereto, consider the same as duly proved to be the last will and testament of Elisha Headlee deceased. In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court at office this 10th day of February 1877

(LS)

E D Ott

Clerk

Proof of Will in Vacation

State of Missouri

County of Greene } ss Be it remembered, That on this tenth day of February A.D. 1877 before me the undersigned Clerk of the Probate and Common Pleas Court of the County of Greene personally came J. H. Warren and R. H. Graves who being each by me duly sworn on their oath say they saw Elisha Headlee, the testator subscribe his name to the annexed instrument in writing and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament, they subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the said testator and at the time of the execution of said instrument as aforesaid, and of their subscribing the same as such witnesses, he the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

J. H. Warren

R. H. Graves

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Feb'y A.D. 1877

E D Ott Clerk.

State of Missouri, I, A.R. Drink Clerk of the Probate Court
County of Greene, }^{ss} in and for said county, here by certify
that the above is a true copy of the original will and proof
of Will of Elisha Hoadlee deceased as the same appears on
file and of record in my office.

Witness my hand as Clerk, and the seal of said
court, Done at office in Springfield Mo this 26th
day of April 1899.

(LS)

102 U.S. Rev
A.R. Drink
Clerk
4/26/99

A.R. Drink

Clerk of Probate Court,

Filed for record the 15th day of June A.D. 1899 at 8 o'clock
and 15 minutes A.M.

By C. L. Knight

Deputy

N. N. Hamblen

Recorder,

copy of Will of Alfred Hall deceased.

State of Missouri,
Polk County }^{ss}

I, Alfred Hall, of lawful age and of sound
and disposing mind hereby declare this instrument
to be my last will and testament, and I revoke hereby
all former testaments and dispositions of my estate made
by me.

I hereby bequeath to my beloved son William Alfred Hall
one third of all the real estate of which I may die seized
and one third of all my personal property, and in
addition thereto I bequeath to him one bedstead, the
quilts and other parts belonging to same so as to give
him one complete bed, in addition to his one third
of the personal property.

To my beloved daughter Eliza Owens I hereby bequeath one
third of all the real estate of which I may die seized,
one third of all my personal property and in addition
thereto I give her one bedstead and the bedding there-
to belonging so as to make one complete bed as
given and bequeathed to my son William Alfred; And
I further give to my daughter Eliza Owens her choice
of any horse which I may die possessed of.

To my beloved grand children Adolph Owens, Dutch
Bell Owens, now Dutch Bell Rector and La Fayette
Owens, the children of my beloved daughter Sallie

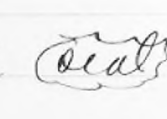
Owens. I bequeath in equal parts, share and share alike one third. That is to say, my three beloved grand children to have each one ninth of all the real estate of which I may die seized, and one third of all my personal property remaining after my son William Alfred shall have his bed as bequeathed to him and after my daughter Eliza shall have her bed and horse as bequeathed to her.

This bequest shall be subject to the payment of all my debts and it is my will and wish that the debts owing by me at the time of my decease shall be paid out of my personal property before any distribution or property shall be made to my legatees.

I hereby appoint Benjamin L. Owens as my executor for the execution of my will as here in devised and bequeathed by me, and I direct that my executor shall not be required to give bond.

In testimony where of, I have signed and sealed this instrument and in the presence of witnesses published and declared it to be my last will and testament.

Done at Polk County State of Missouri this the 15th day of March 1899.

Alfred ^{his} Hall 
mark.

The undersigned were present and witnessed the signing and sealing of the foregoing instrument of writing by said testator Alfred Hall and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament. and at his request and in his presence signed our names as witnesses to said act and declaration and thereby expressed our belief that said testator was at the time of lawful age, and of sound mind and disposing mind, and we saw the said Alfred Hall make his mark at his name and heard him direct and ask O. J. McLane to sign his name and he would make his mark.

John B. Hutton
J. J. Endecott

Copy of Proof of Will.

State of Missouri

County of Polk ss

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 27th day of July A.D. 1899, before me, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John B. Hutton and J. J. Endecott who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Alfred Hall deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Alfred Hall the testator, subscribed the same in his presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator,

John B. Hutton,

J. J. Endecott.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of July A.D. 1899.

LS

L. M. Piller

Judge of Probate

Copy of Certificate of Probate of Will

in the Probate Court,

State of Missouri, County of Polk--ss.

I, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County State of Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Alfred Hall dec'd and having heard the testimony of John B. Hutton and J. J. Endecott, the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of said Alfred Hall deceased, late of Polk County Missouri, In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto

set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at
office in the City of Bolivar, this 27 day of July A.D. 1899.

LS

L. M. Miller

Judge Probate Court.

State of Missouri
County of Polk Jss J. L. M. Miller Judge of the Probate
Court, in and for said County, hereby certify that
the above is a true copy of the original Will Proof
of Will & certificate of Probate of Will of Alfred Hall
as the same appears of record & on file in my office.
Witness my hand and the seal of said Court.
Done at office in Bolivar Mo., this 27th day of
July 1899.

LS

109 US Revenue
L. M. J.
27/8/99

L. M. Miller

Judge of Probate

Filed for record the 31st day of July A.D. 1899 at 11⁰⁰

Am.

By C. L. Haigh

Deputy

N. W. Hamblen
Recorder.

Copy of Will of Nathan S. Greenman.

In view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, I,
Nathan Stephen Greenman of Polk County & State of Missouri
being seventy one years of age, do make & publish this my
last will and testament.

1st I do appoint James G. Simpson of Bolivar Mo. to be
my Executor & as such do authorize & empower him to sell
& dispose of all of my personal & real estate, whether in
possession, reversion or remainder & all interest
therein & convert the same into money on the best
terms possible at public or private sale as may
be to the best interest of my estate & do empower him
to make all needful deeds and conveyances for that
purpose to my purchaser or purchasers.

2nd That after all of my said property or interest
therein is converted into money I will and direct that
all of my just debts be paid & my funeral expenses.

3rd That after the payment of my debts & funeral
expenses, I will and bequeath & direct that six hundred
dollars thereof be paid to my beloved daughter Mrs
Fannie M. Shelton, now living in Republic Co., Kans.

4th Out of the balance I will and direct that five hundred dollars be paid to my beloved son Eugene Greenman, of Sioux Rapids Iowa and the sum of Three hundred dollars to my beloved son Francis Arthur Greenman now living at or near the town of Crawley in the State of Louisiana.

I ⁱⁿ That after the payment of these bequests, I do will and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucinda Greenman all that remains of said estate & money & now having disposed of all of my earthly possessions I commit my soul to Him who gave it & my body to the tomb & this I declare to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others.

In Testimony Whereof I here to set my hand this 24th day of April 1899.

Nathan S. Greenman

At the request and in the presence of each other and of Nathan Stephen Greenman the testator, who made the request, we subscribe our names hereto as witnesses this 24th day of April 1899.

D. J. M. Johnson Bolivar Mo.
Jno W Ross " "

Proof of Will

State of Missouri } In the Probate Court.
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered. That on this the 9th day of August AD 1899, before me D. M. Miller Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State afore said, personally appeared D. J. M. Johnson & Jno W Ross who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Nathan S. Greenman deceased and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Nathan S. Greenman the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same he the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twentyone years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses there to

by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator

(LS)

Dr. P. M. Johnson
Jno W Ross,

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of August A.D. 1899

L. M. Piller

Judge of Probate.

Certificate of Probate of Will,
In the Probate Court.

State of Missouri, County of Polk-ss.

I, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County State of Missouri Having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of Nathan S. Greenman and having heard the testimony of Dr. P. M. Johnson and Jno W. Ross, the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same I do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of said Nathan S. Greenman deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Bolivar, this 9th day of August A.D. 1899

(LS)

L. M. Piller

Judge Probate Court

State of Missouri,
County of Polk ss. I, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Will, Proof & certificate of Proof of Nathan S. Greenman decd as the same appears on file & of Record in my office

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Court Done at office in Bolivar Mo. this 9th day of August 1899

(LS)

100 U.S. Rev.
L. M. Piller
9/9/99

L. M. Piller

Judge of Probate

Filed for record the 10th day of August A.D. 1899 at 2⁰⁵ o'clock P.M.

By C. L. Knight
Deputy

N. N. Hamblen
Recorder

Copy of Will

Know all men by these presents that I, John R Blue of the County of Polk and State of Missouri consideration of the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mind and memory do make declare and publish this my last Will and testament First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary C Blue the use of my house and farm with all of my personal and real estate moneys and affects after my debts is all paid including funeral expenses and with the care and keeping of my daughter Izora B Blue as she is not capable of taking care of herself this during her natural life and if the said Izora B Blue outlives my wife Mary C Blue then my real as well as my personal property be sold and used for the best advantage to keep and caring for my daughter Izora B Blue after Izora B Blues death the remainder of my property be sold and divided equally between my lawful heirs Esau B Blue Daniel A Blue Henry Blue John W Blue Pratia V Reed Evie E Blue after making Daniel A Blue Henry Blue and Evie E Blue is to have a cow or the worth of a cow as the balance has had a cow a piece also Evie E Blue is to be allowed the worth of a horse that is if I should not live to meet them equal during my life the rest of my property money and effects to be divided equal among my heirs as named above and I hereby further appoint as my Executor and to execute my last will and testament Esau B Blue and Mary C Blue

John R Blue seal

Signed sealed declared and published by the said John R Blue and for his last will and testament in the presence of us at this his request and in his presents and in the presents of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses here to,

Witnesses

John R Blue seal
John Lightfoot seal
E B Chaney seal
P. C. Kinlow

Copy of Proof of Will.

State of Missouri
County of Polk

On Probate Court.
Be it remembered, That on this the

4th day of Sept AD 1899 before me L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared P. C. Kinslow and E. B. Chaney who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of John R. Blue deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said John R. Blue the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

P. C. Kinslow

E. B. Chaney

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4 day of Sept AD 1899.

L. M. Piller

Judge of Probate.

Certificate of Probate of Will

In Probate Court.

State of Missouri, County of Polk; ss,
I, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of John R. Blue and having heard the testimony of P. C. Kinslow and E. B. Chaney, the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of said John R. Blue deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Polivar, this 4 day of Sept AD 1899

(LS)

L. M. Piller

Judge of Probate Court

State of Missouri
County of Polk; ss I, L. M. Piller Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Will & Proof & certificate of

Proof of Will of John R Blue decid as the same appears on file
 & of record in my office

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court. Done at
 office in Bolivar Mo this 4th day of Sept 1899.

(LS)

100 U S Rev
 L. M. J
 9/4/99

L. M. Miller

Judge of Probate

Filed for record the 6th day of Sept 1899 at 11⁰⁵ o'clock
 am.

By C. L. Faigh
 Deputy

N. H. Hamblen
 Recorder.

Copy of Will

Fair Play. Polk Co Mo.
 Jan 12-1891-

Know all men by these presents, that I, Carrie A. McMahan
 of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being in good
 health of body, and sound and disposing state of mind
 and memory, and being desirous of settling my
 worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity
 do make and publish this my last will and testament
 here by revoking and making void all former wills
 by me at any time heretofore made.

First: I direct my executors to pay all my just debts and
 funeral expenses -

Second: I will and bequeath to my husband Harry
 S McMahan of the Co. of Polk and State of Missouri all
 the residue of both my real and personal property
 of which I may die possessed. In Witness where of
 I have herewith set my hand and seal, and published
 and declared this instrument to be my last, this 12 day of Jan
 1891 in the presence of the persons whose names are here-
 unto subscribed as attesting witnesses

Signed Carrie A. McMahan (LS)

On this 12 day of Jan 1891 the above named Carrie A McMahan
 in our presence signed the foregoing instrument and
 declared to us that the same was her last will and
 testament, and requested us to subscribed our names
 hereto as witnesses; and we, in her presence and
 in the presence of each other, have in compliance
 with such request, hereto subscribed our names

Witnesses

J. B. Easley
 J. A. Fox

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri In the Probate Court,
 County of Polk J^{ss} Be it remembered, That on this the 5th
 day of October A.D. 1899, before me James McMahan a Notary
 Public. Probate Court held in and for the County and State
 aforesaid, personally appeared J. A. Fox who is the subscrib-
 ing witnesses to the annexed Will of Carrie A. McMahan
 deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose
 and say that the said Carrie A. McMahan the testator
 subscribed the same, in my presence, and published
 and declared said Will or instrument of Writing to
 be her last Will and Testament, and that at the time
 of signing the same, she, the said testator was of sound
 and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years
 of age, and that said deponent attested said Will as
 witness thereto, by subscribing his name to the same
 in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and
 at the request of the said testator.

J. A. Fox

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifth day
 of October A.D. 1899, my commission expires July 27th 1900

LS

James McMahan
 Notary Public

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri In the Probate Court
 County of Greene J^{ss} Be it remembered, That on this
 the 11th day of October A.D. 1899, before me, C. L. Dalrymple
 a Notary Public, and for the County and State aforesaid
 personally appeared James B. Early who is the subscrib-
 ing witnesses to the annexed Will of Carrie A. McMahan
 deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose
 and say that the said Carrie A. McMahan the test-
 ator subscribed the same in his presence, and pub-
 lished and declared said Will or Instrument to be
 her last Will and Testament, and that at the
 time of signing the same, she, the said testator
 was of sound ^{and disposing} mind, and more than twenty one
 years of age, and that said deponent attested said
 Will as witness thereto, by subscribing his name
 to the same in the presence of the testator, and

of each other, and at the request of the said testator
J. B. Early.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of
October AD 1899, my commission expires Dec 4/99.

(LS)

C. L. Dalrymple,
Notary Public

Probate of Will.

In the Probate Court.

State of Missouri, County of Polk ss.

I L. M. Miller Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State
of Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument
purporting to be the last Will of Carrie A. McMahan
and having heard the testimony of J. B. Early and
J. A. Fox, the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation
to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge
said instrument to be the last Will and Testament
of said Carrie A. McMahan deceased, late of Polk
County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of said court at office
in the City of Bolivar, this 14th day of October AD 1899

L. M. Miller

(LS)

Judge Probate Court

State of Missouri
County of Polk ss. I, L. M. Miller Judge of the
Probate Court in and for said County hereby
certify that the above is a true copy of the original
Will, Proof & certificate of Probate of Carrie A. McMahan
decd as the same appears on file & of record
in my office, Witness my hand and the seal of
said court. Done at office in Bolivar Mo this
6th day of November 1899,

(LS)

10 C. U. S. Revenue
L. M. M.
11-6-99

L. M. Miller

Judge of Probate

Filed for record the 6th day of November AD 1899
at 1:50 P.M.

By W. H. Haigh
Deputy

W. H. Hamblen
Recorder

Copy of Will

My Last Will and Testament - W. U. Townsend.

Knowing that all must die and not knowing how soon my time may come, while still in a condition to do so, I think it best to make this my last will and testament:

1st It is my desire that my wife Amanda E. after my death, have and own as her own all of my property, real and personal, to have and to own and control as fully as she and I now control the same, with full power to sell, make good and valid deeds, release mortgages &c &c as fully as we could, were I still alive.

2nd It is my desire that my wife be permitted to administer on my estate, without being required to give bond or security, so long as she lives and remains my widow; but in case of her death, then it is my desire that my children then living receive share and share alike, whatever of property may be still remaining, provided if any one or more of my children should die leaving heirs, it is my will that such heirs receive their deceased parents share; but should my wife marry again, after my death, then it is my desire that there be an equal division of all the property then remaining, the my said beloved wife Amanda E. having one half of all said property, and the other half to be equally divided share and share alike, as provided above, to wit, My son Orra M. Townsend and Willie Townsend and my daughters Logada M. Townsend and Verdella M. Townsend and Ethel Townsend: provided after said division of property, if there should be any such division, if either of my said children should die leaving no children, then and in that case, I will that the surviving brother or brothers and sister or sisters, receive the share or shares of such deceased brother or brothers or sister or sisters - as the case may be.

I here by revoke all former wills

Done at Bolivar this the 8th day of May A.D. 1890

W. U. Townsend

We attest the above and foregoing will, by subscribing our names in the presence of each other