

In the name of God, Amen. I Samuel
Gilliland of the County of Shelby and State
of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory,
and considering the uncertainty of this frail and
transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish
and declare, this to be my last will and testament

That is to say, First after all my lawful
debts are paid, and discharged, the residue of
my estate, real and personal I give, bequeath
and dispose of as follows, To wit, To my
beloved wife, all my real and personal property
to have and to hold, and to have full power to
Contract, to buy or to sell any portion thereof
either real or personal, and to make a legal
and warrantable title to any portion or all forever

And that my beloved wife (Elizabeth Gilliland)
shall give to each one of my children at the
age of twenty one years, or when they are
lawfully married, one thousand dollars in
money or property to that amount as she
may decide, and if my beloved wife wishes
to do so, she may give to each one of my
children as they arrive to the age of twenty-
one years or are lawfully ^{married} fifteen hundred
dollars either in money or property at a
fair valuation

And at the death of my wife the residue of
my property to be equally divided among all
my children, after deducting the amount that
each or any of my children may have received
so as to make them all equal sharers of my
property. And furthermore, that my wife
shall give a Bond without Security for the

faithful execution of this my last will and testament, and that she has full liberty to remove any portion of my property from this county or state at her will and pleasure, and further that she is released from making annual settlements with the courts.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this the ~~fifteenth~~ day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

James Gilliland

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said James Gilliland in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time, published and declared the above instrument to be his last will and testament, and we at the testator's request and in his presence, have signed our names, as witnesses hereto, and written opposite our names, our respective places of residence,

Henry Alley, Cross Creek Community, West
P. C. Halliday, Shelby County, Tenn.

Proven at the March term of the Court 1857 and ordered to be recorded. Recorded March 5th 1857

John P. Freese, Clerk
By A. S. Thomas, L.C.

State of Tennessee, Shelby Co. Court.

Know all Men by these Presents, That *Elisa C. Gilliland*

all of the County of Shelby, and State of Tennessee
are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee, in the sum of *Twenty five*
thousand Dollars, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind
ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents,
Sealed with our seals, and dated this *2^d* day of *March* 18 *57*

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound *Elisa C. Gilliland*
Executrix of the last Will & Testament
~~administrator~~ of all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits of *Saml Gilliland*
deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory
of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the deceased, which have or shall come to the
hands, knowledge or possession of said *Elisa C. Gilliland*
or into the hands or possession of any person or persons for *her* and the same so made, do
exhibit, or cause to be exhibited to the County Court of said County, within ninety days from the date of
these presents, and the same goods, chattels and credits of the deceased at the time of *his* death,
which at any time hereafter shall come into the hands or possession of the said *Elisa C. Gilliland*
~~Gilliland~~ or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons, for
do well and truly administer according to law, and do further make or cause to be made a true and just ac-
count of said administration within two years after the date of these presents, and all the rest and
residue of said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrat
account, the same being first examined and allowed by the Court of the said County, shall deliver and pay
unto such persons, respectively, to whom the same shall be due pursuant to the true intent and meaning of
the ~~act in that case, made and provided, and, if it shall appear that any will or testament was~~ made by the
deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court, making request to
have the same allowed and approved of accordingly, if the said above bounden
being thereto required, do render the said letters of
administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made in the said Court) then this obliga-
tion to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Elisa C. Gilliland



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Saml Gilliland