

No. 1694

Samuel Gilliland's Will

63 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 & 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 control, to buy or to sell any portion thereof either Real or personal and to make a legal and warrantee title to my portion or all forever and that my beloved wife (Eliza C. 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 amongst all my children afte 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 & 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.

Sam'l. Gilliland (seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Samuel Gilliland in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same published and declared the above instrument so subscribed 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 Marshall County Miss.

P. C. Holley Shelby County Tenn.

Proven at the March Term of the Court 1857 and ordered to be recorded March 5, 1857.

John P. Trezevant Clerk

By A. S. Thomas D. C.