

Archibald Steele, Esq. the said Countess having wrote, said will, and read the same, after it having been written, the said Countess signed the same with his own hands, then in his sound mind, and memory, and being of sound mind, and memory at the time, of acknowledging the same in the presence of said Steele, they being requested by the said Countess to subscribe the same, and witness each done so in presence of said Countess in said County of Greene, at the residence of the said Countess

I wrot it, and subscribed before with 27th day of October 1843

Archibald Steele

Joseph Rountree

J. David Calk

A true and copy of the Original filed for Records in my office this 29th Day of Decr 1843.

Joshua David Calk

I, Strother L. Gillelands of the County of Greene, and State of Missouri, do make and publish this my last will, and testament in manner and form following that is to say - First - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann Gillelands my servants Harry, Esther, and Joseph, during her life time, or their good behavior to work, or hire for her service, or to the educating our children - there is she shall sell them, at private sale, or public sale, and the money immediately put to the use of purchasing of other slaves - and, at her death the residue proceeds shall go to the use and benefit of our heir - also my plantation she shall have during her natural life time, or widowhood - also she is to keep up and repair the fences, houses, stables &c. Also, all the household & kitchen furniture also & have her share of my horses namely Buck, Arab Eagle, and Luetta and three choice cows and calves, Wagon & Oxen, and all of my flock of Sheep, and One thousand pounds of Pork - I want all of these fattened that is fit to fatten, and she is to have fifty barrels of corn at the day of sale which sale must be last of February, or first of March - and she is to have all the farming utensils, and all the stock hogs - she is to have one hundred bushels of wheat if it is raised - she is to run a crop fence along the North side of James Delgells' land, across my field - also another fence to be commenced six said cross fence, fifty yards below below the South corner of my Timothy patch, and run north to a lone Black Oak in John Griffins' place - and to the shore lot - and to commence another cross fence at the draw bare, and run west, across the field - and she is to break the ambrosia grounds, as she can conveniently, and sow it in Blue grass, and white grass or clover, as she please - also all the balance of my property to be sold at the sale - and after all my just debts is paid, the first hundred Dollars that comes to hand to be put to the use of entering the Eighty acres of land my house & Spring is on. - Third - One scale made between parties - first if my estate is able, and money can be procured, the second hundred Dollars is to be paid to Thomas R. Griffin for his dower in his father's land - also the third hundred dollar to Nathan Abney for his dower in the same land. Fourth hundred dollar to be given to John S. Griffin for his dower in same land - and they all these are to warrant and forever defend the right and title of said lands from all persons whatsoever, and as soon as that can be done the lands must be sold, according to law, and one half of the money to go to the use of my wife - the other half to the benefit of my children. Fourth - All the residue and proceeds of the above to go to my children - and lastly I hereby constitute & appoint my wife Mary Ann Gillelands, Joseph S. Frank and to be my executors to this my last will, and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me made, and ratifying, and confirming this - no other to be my last will & testament.

I, witness whereof & have hereunto set my hands and seal this 12th day of October 1843

Strother L. Gillelands

signed, published, and delivered by the above named Gillelands, as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same.

John W. Wadlow
S. T. Williams

State of Missouri

County of Greene This day came into open Court before the Justices thereof John W. Wadlow & S. T. Williams, of lawful age, competent witnesses, after having been duly sworn upon their oaths that, after writing of the within (which was written by the said John W. Wadlow) the same was read by the said John W. Wadlow that the said Gillelands was of sound mind and disposing memory that he subscribed the same, as his last will and testament, and that upon his request the said Wadlow and Williams subscribed the same as witnesses in presence of said Gillelands in the County of Greene, and at the residence of said Gillelands

Sworn to, and subscribed in open Court before me
this 1st Nov 1843
John W. Wadlow
S. T. Williams

Attest a true copy of the Original filed in my office for Records this 29th day of Dec 1843
J. Davis Clerk

I John Lee of the County of Greene, and State of Missouri Planter, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making all former will made by me made heretofore, and first I direct that my body be decently interred in said County of Greene in a manner suitable to my condition in life, and in such worldly estate as please God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows -

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible after my decease, out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor or any portion of my estate, real or personal -

Secondly I give and bequeath (hereunto each bequest to the end thereof) I do hereby make ordain and appoint my esteemed friends Jacob Rodenhumer and Spencer Clark - I bequest to all of my estate to my dear beloved wife Nancy - Two Negroes James, and Rachel, and all of my kitchen furniture, all the stock that I am possessed of and all of my farming tools and all of my goods whatever to hold the same during of her widowhood - and whenever my said wife does marry then my property must be sold and divided among my children equally
Signed in the presence of us October the 21st day 1843
John Lee

Attest D. W. Burford
Warren Wharton

State of Missouri

County of Greene This day came into open Court before the Justices thereof D. W. Burford & Warren Wharton of lawful age, competent witnesses, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that they were subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of John Lee deceased who after hearing said last will read subscribed the same with his own hand being of sound mind and disposing memory that they being requested subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence of said deceased in said County of Greene

Sworn to, and subscribed in open Court this
6th Nov 1843
J. Davis Clerk
D. W. Burford
Warren Wharton

Attest a true copy of the Original filed in my office for Records Dec 30th 1843
J. Davis Clerk

James D.

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