

WILL BOOK "A", 1866 - 1893

The following records are abstracted from a microfilm copy of Will Book "A", filmed by the compiler in the Probate Office at the Courthouse in Salem, Missouri. The Courthouse burned during the Civil War and some of the county records were destroyed. The earliest book of Wills begin in 1866. Abbreviations used : - Exr. - executor; exrx. - executrix; Wit. - witness.

AGEE, AMBROSE - will dated 18 Aug 1858.

Son, Samuel Agee, land (description given)...on provision that "he is to take care and maintain myself and Elizabeth Agee his mother during our natural life time." One dollar each to the following - Ruth V. Stuart of Pike Co. Ill; William Agee of Laurance Co. Ark; Joseph Agee of Dent Co. & Sary Ann Eliza Smith of Dent Co. At death of wife, all personal property is to be divided between - Mariah Reddick (blur) of Dent Co; Mary Cox & Samuel Agee of Dent Co. & Elizabeth Catharine Ragland of Texas Co., Mo. Exrs, son Samuel Agee and son-in-law, Jesse B. Ragland. Wit: Thomas J. Higginbotham, Douglas P. Cotler, Losson N. Mooney & William W. Pettit. Recorded 17 Feb 1872. (page 27)

ARROWOOD, W. C. - will dated 15 Mar 1890.

Wife, Elizabeth Arrowood, all real & personal property (description given) and after her death to grandson, Augustus Arrowood. Granddaughter Mrs. Bettie Botthaff and Laura Garrison are to receive five dollars each. Exr, Augustus Arrowood, without bond. Wit: J. N. Bellew & S. E. Bellew. Recorded 12 Dec 1890. (page 159)

ARTHUR, BEAUFORT(Bluford) - will dated 18 Aug 1859.

Wife, Julia H. Arthur, all effects both real & personal. At her death estate to be sold and divided among the lawful heirs.... until the youngest child comes of age. Exrx, wife Julia A. Arthur. Wit: William C. Callahan & Silas Headrick. Recorded 22 Sept 1859. (page 33)

ASKINS, FRANKLIN, of Slego Furnace, Mo. - dated 30 Sept 1884.

Heirs, to wit, Susan Catharine Bunyard, decd; John A. Askins; Susan Askins wife of my son Philip and her children, one fourth of estate; son James Askins one fourth; son M. W. Askins one fourth; and daughter Margaret Ann Munday one fourth part for her and her children. Grandson John Bunyard. Exr, Thomas Lay. Wit: W. J. Maxwell & E. C. Long. Recorded 26 Nov 1884. (page 135)

BASSINGER, ORRELLE M., Township of New Providence, Union Co., New Jersey - will dated 22 Dec 1884.

Husband, Dr. Samuel H. Bassinger, personal property and several notes on William D. Ewalt of Knox Co., Ohio.

Niece, Carrie Bassinger dau. of late J. B. Bassinger, decd, village lot in Arlington, Hudson Co., N.J.

Newton Howard of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, my house & lot in Mt. Vernon. Cousin Elizabeth Howard of Newark, Ohio, sixty dollars a year for life. (cont.)

BASSINGER, ORRELLE M. (cont)

To grandson, Henry Hobbs Bassinger Wilborn, when he shall arrive at age of 21 years, a gold watch formerly belonging to my father and afterwards to my son Harry Hobbs Bassinger, now decd, and silverware formerly belonging to my daughter, Ada Mary Wilborn, decd.

Crippled son of Valentine Hobbs of the state of Kentucky, who as a Union man was killed during the late rebellion.

Two tracts of land in Dent Co., Mo. and a small farm near said lands in Phelps Co. to be sold and proceeds paid to Albert A. Renard and Judge Flett of Watkins, Dent Co. for erecting a Memorial Union Chappel.

Mentions three farms near Walcottville in Lagrange Co., Ind. Dispose of all remaining real estate in states of Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin and elsewhere...my house on Columbus Ave. in City of Sandusky, Ohio.

Bequeaths to following persons and societies -

Cousin Emily G. Lamb of Laclead in state of Missouri.

Mrs. Sarah W. Gregory of Newark, New Jersey.

"Home for the Friendless" in New York City & Newark, N.J.

Mrs. Lettie Howard and her daughter, Miss Bessie Howard, both of Zanesville, Ohio.

Mrs. Martha Cornell of Delphos, Ohio.

Mrs. Anna Mary Myers & her dau. Kate Myers, of Oberline, Ohio.

Miss Mary Corey of state of Indiana.

Mrs. Flora Ruick Petterson of Lagrange, Indiana.

Miss Carrie Bassinger of Arlington, New Jersey.

William Bassinger of Arlington, N.J. & his bro. Beach Bassinger.

Miss Luella and Miss Clarra Bush of Pittsfield, Indiana.

Miss Lizzie Cory, dau. of William H. Corey, of Lima, Ind.

Mrs. Norris of Sandusky, Ohio & her 2 sisters, Sarah & Eliza

Clark. Rev. Nichold of Sandusky, Ohio.

St. Luke's Mission of Sandusky, Ohio.

Young Men's Christian Association of Sandusky, Ohio.

Mrs. Toll of Hanable(Hannibal?) in state of Missouri.

Mrs. Mary Coddington of New Providence, N.J. & Maggie Badley.

Henrietta Glasgow of Denver, Colo.

Lizzie Pierson Wilson of Newark, New Jersey.

Lena Burkin of Stoney Ridge, Cottonwood Co., state of Ohio.

Jame Sawyer formerly of Edina, Mo.

Mary Guzler of Elmer, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

Mrs. Eva G. Gentre of Sandusky, Ohio.

Orrelle Burns, dau. of McClure Burns, decd, of Ohio.

Rev. David McGee Bardwell & wife Mary H. of Whippany, N.J.

Home Missionary Society of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Exrs, husband Dr. Samuel H. Basinger & friend, George D. G.

Moore of Newark, N.J.

Wit: George D. G. Moore, 33 Park St., Newark, N.J.

Justina M. Moore, 33 Park Street, Newark, N.J.

Grace A. Whitehead, 1765 N. Street, Washington, D.C.

Codicil dated 10 Mar 1893 names in addition - Cousin William

Porterfield of Waldo, Ohio and friend, Miss Lena O. Jett of

Murrayhill, N.J. (cont.)

BASSINGER, ORRELLE M. (cont.)

Wit: W. A. L. Jett, Alice Y. Jett & S. H. Bassinger.
Recorded 27 Sept 1893. L/T granted Samuel H. Bassinger & James E. Doty. Exr. states that the next of kin of the decd are Samuel Bassinger, her husband, and Henry H. B. Wilborn, a son of Ada M. Wilborn, a decd daughter. Both reside in New Providence, New Jersey. (199-221)

BEASLEY, HENRY - will dated 8 Feb 1879.

"....unable to labor for the support of myself and my wife Mary Beasley....in order to secure our support during our natural lives...bequeath unto my son, L. S. Beasley...." (land description). Remainder of land to be equally divided between son William Beasley and daughter, Martha Bush. Also names son J. H. Beasley and daughter, Susan McDonald. Exr, J. W. Dulworth. Wit: E. B. Kanaday & Martin Lough. (Date recorded not given) (page 140)

BLACK, ARSENETH, widow of William Black, decd. - will dated 1 May 1873. Son, William Thomas Black, to act as guardian for & take full care and support of my four youngest children, to wit, Martha A., Mathia, Jonathan & Jeremiah until the youngest arrive at the age of 16 years. William Thomas Black shall have full use of south half of farm on which I now live. To my other two children, Jonathan & Joseph, the use of the north half of said farm until youngest child, Martha A., arrive at the age of 16 years. After my sons Holeman & Jeremiah shall arrive at the age of 16. Son, John, land (description). Exr, Charles H. Smith. Wit: William W. Patton & Thomas E. Warfield. Recorded 12 Aug 1873. L/T granted to Charles H. Smith. (page 46)

BLACKWELL, JAMES H. - will dated 27 July 1866.

Wife, Nancy Blackwell, all property both real & personal, and at her death to be divided among my heirs (not named here). Wit: John Frank & James R. Peck. Exr. not named. Recorded 13 Aug 1866. (page 1)

BLACKWELL, WILLIAM - will dated 5 July 1856.

Wife, Mary Ann Blackwell, personal property & slaves. Children, to wit, John S. Blackwell, Harriet E. English, James H. Blackwell, Jesse A. Blackwell, William H. Blackwell, Frances Ann Fisher & Mary Ann Watson. Exr, John S. Blackwell. Wit: John Holt & Geo. W. McNeal. Filed 23 Sept 1856. Recorded 9 Apr 1869. (page 13)

BOLICK, E. J. - will dated 1 Feb 1890.

Eldest sister, Frances Hewston, my farm and wagon and old mules. Remainder of my property equally divided between the children of my brother, Isiah Bolick and my other sisters, Malinda Bolick & Sarah Fisher. Exr. not named. Wit: J. A. Alexander & James R. Butt. Filed with B. V. Gregory, JP of Short Bend Twp by E. J. Bolick, testator. Recorded 4 Feb 1890. (page 171)

BOYD, WILLIAM - will dated 26 Apr 1875.

Wife, Mary Boyd, the homestead & personal property. (cont.)

BOYD, WILLIAM (cont)

All other property to be sold and the interest used for the education of my children (not named). Five dollars to Robert Alexander Boyd. Exr, Andrew Mitchell Carey. Wit: Andrew Mitchell, James Wallis & A. L. Edney. Recorded 29 May 1875.(60)

BROOKS, JOHN - will dated 12 Apr 1881.

Wife, Ellen Brooks, the sum of 100.00 as alimony in the suit now pending in the Circuit Court of Dent Co. Edney E. Brooks, child of Ellen Brooks. Daughter Jane wife of Caleb Miller. Colored boy, Azro, who now lives with me...the Stevenson or Gladden Valley place and 160 acres off the Groves farm at the lower end next to Cartys...also real estate in town of Salem. Exr, Col. E. T. Wingo, without bond. Wit: E. O. Rice, George W. Adams & John Leonard. L/T granted to E. T. Wingo. Recorded 15 Apr 1881. (page 100)

BROWN, W. A. - will dated 12 July 1875.

Wife, Elizabeth Brown, all real estate lying in Dent Co.(description) and she is to support and maintain Louisa H. Brown, E. J. Miles, L. E. Beaver & William J. Beaver. Luther L. Brown and Henry H. Brown are to have their support as long as they remain with their mother....and at her death to receive the described property. Personal property, after death of wife, to be divided between sons, Albert E. Brown, William L. Brown, and daughters, Margaret E. Beaver & P. J. Beaver. Children, to wit, Henry H. Brown, Luther L. Brown, Louisa Haseltine, Albert E. Brown, William L. Brown, Jane Furgason, Margaret E. Beaver. Exr, L. Judson. Wit: W. L. Taff & J. N. McMurtrey. Recorded 14 May 1883.(125)

CALLAHAN, WILLIAM C. - will dated (blank) July 1886.

Wife, Mary C. Callahan, the farm I now live on (description) and after her death to be divided between my three daughters, Lula Louisa, Ida May & Roxana Grace. Sons, D. F. Callahan & F. L. Callahan, land in Gasconade Co. (description). Son, R. W. Callahan, land in Dent Co. (description). Personal property to daughter Julia A. Boyd. Exr, R. W. Callahan. Wit: C. P. Hedrick & Samuel Hodges. Recorded 9 Aug 1886.(pages 142 & 147)

CLARK, JOTHAM - will dated 8 May 1866.

Wife Sarah Ann Clark..."who has borne with me the adversities and shared with the joys of this life"..the benefits of all estate and at her death to be divided among my children, to wit, Mary Jane Estes, Martha Ann Gill, Irvin? Clark, Hamblet Clark, Susan F. Scott, Josephine Clark, Marcus L. Clark, Georgia Ann Clark. Son, Hamblet, shall clear and fence a field containing 20 or 30 acres (description) within three years after my death & shall receive a deed to the land. Wife shall educate the younger children. Exrx, wife Sarah Ann Clark. Wit: E. A. Seay & Wallace McDonald. Codicil dated 8 Sept 1869 - Son Hamblet complied with requirements & received deed to land. Wit: S. H. Sherlock & Wallace McDonald. Recorded 5 Mar 1883. (page 120)

CLARK, WILLIAM D. - will dated 11 Aug 1888.

Each of my beloved children the sum of ten dollars - Harriett E. Dulaney, Della M. Gay, Lillie E. Clark, William E. Clark & Geo. W. Clark. To wife, Mary S. Clark, the remainder of my estate, both real & personal. Exrx, wife Mary S. Clark, without bond. Wit: J. M. Orchard & C. H. Orchard. Recorded 26 Jan 1891. (164)

CLIFT, GILBERT M. - will dated 5 Sept 1865.

Wife, Lydia Clift, the farm on which I reside and that my son, James William Clift, remain and live with my wife, and to receive the farm at time of her death. Daughters, Artemesa Roberts & Mary Angeline. Wit: Larking Goss & David Henderson. L/T granted James W. Clift on 13 Nov 1865. Recorded 4 Oct 1865. (page 6)

CUMMINS, JOHN - will dated 26 Mar 1892.

At my death and the death of my wife, Charlotta Cummins...one dollar each to son W. P. Cummins, son Thomas E. Cummins and my daughter, Nancy J. Glover. To daughter, Mary A. Cummins, all the remainder of my personal effects and real estate (description). Wit: James M. Dennis & John W. Webber. (Date recorded not given) (page 193)

DENNIS, JAMES T. - will dated 26 Dec 1890.

My lawful heirs, to wit, son James M. Dennis, daughter Sarah R. Webber, son G. W. L. Dennis, daughter Nancy K. Shaner & daughter Patsey S. Kiner (Skinner?). Each received land (description given). Also names the heirs of son John M. Dennis, decd; daughter Polly E. Clark; heirs of daughter Lucinda J. Stites. "...at the death of Lucinda Dennis, my wife." Wit: C. Kitchen & James M. Dennis. (Exr. not named). Recorded 24 Mar 1892. (page 184)

DUCKWORTH, G. S. - will dated 2 Apr 1889.

Two sons, Joseph A. Duckworth & Walter Duckworth, all my property of every description. Exr, William H. Allen, without bond. Wit: Lewis Martin & J. G. Peace. L/T granted William H. Allen. Recorded 4 Apr 1889. (page 156)

GEARHART, SARAH - will dated 22 Feb 1869.

Children to live on the farm until they marry...when youngest child shall come of age the farm is to be sold and equally divided among all my children, to wit, Isabel Ann Norris, Lenora Frances Harrison, Valentine P. Gearhart, William H. Gearhart, Mariah C. Gearhart, George W. Gearhart & Sarah Margaret Gearhart. Wit: John Norris & David Henderson. Recorded 6 Oct 1869. (page 17)

GREGORY, THOMAS J. - will dated 29 May 1882.

Wife, Nancy Catharine Gregory, land (description) and personal property. Remainder of my estate to my children, to wit, Nancy J. Gregory, Thomas M. Gregory, Albert D. Gregory, Marshal B. Gregory, Harison M. Gregory, Edward S. Gregory & Emma F. Gregory. Any time after 1 Jan 1890 the remainder of my real estate may be sold. Exr, J. R. Cooksey. Wit: J. R. Cooksey, Isam Dickson & W. H. Ferguson. Recorded 13 Sept 1890. (page 167)

HAKE, SAMUEL - will dated (blank) day of Apr 1881.
Wife, Anna M. Hake, property and estate of what-soever sort, including the homestead (description), and at her death to be equally divided between my legal heirs (not named). Exrx, wife Anna M. Hake. Wit: J. M. Orchard & J. W. Leonard. (Date recorded not given). (page 108)

HARMAN, WILLIAM - will dated 11 Nov 1868.
To wife (not named here) all lands (description) and at her death to son, Samuel Leafteatt Harman. Samuel is to keep his single sisters so long as they are amind to stay with him. Wit: D. B. Goodrich, John Senggrear(?), A. T. Lenggrear(?), & James I. Williamson. Recorded 9 Mar 1869. (page 20)

HEDRICK, CHRISTOPHER - will dated 8 June 1867.
Son, James Adison Hedrick, the farm now occupied by him (description given). Wife, Margaret, the farm where I now reside (description), and at her death to my youngest son, Silas Hedrick. Second son, Franklin Hedrick, all money, merchandize and goods now in my store, also land (description). Mentions 80 acres of land in Phelps County, Mo. Exrs, James A., Franklin & Silas Hedrick. Wit: Joseph Gill & David Headrick. Recorded 17 Nov 1868. (page 9)

HENDERSON, DAVID - will dated 3 Nov 1880.
Wife, Mary Henderson, all real estate and personal property for life. Sons, David R. Henderson, William Henderson & Thomas B. Henderson, my home place (description)....on condition they give to my daughters Ann & Eleanor...as long as they remain single. Daughters also receive land (description). Daughter, Jane Ware, land (description). Exr, son David R. Henderson. Wit: W. A. Young & Willis Pace. Recorded 23 Aug 1883. (page 130)

HIGGINBOTHAM, THOMAS - will dated 13 May 1851.
Daughter, Betsy Millsaps who now lives with me, the plantation on which I now reside (description). Remaining tract of land equally divided among the following of my children, to wit, Polly Moutry, Sally Rombo, Susan Scott & Thomas J. Higginbotham. Children also received slaves. Son George Washington Higginbotham. Two grandchildren, Joseph Millsaps and Juliann Millsaps. Exr. not named. Wit: Elisha Sims & Lewis Dent. Above will subscribed before David Henderson, Clerk of County Court "at the mansion house of the testator on 17 Nov 1851." Recorded 18 May 1870. (page 22)

HOLLAND, W. H. - will dated 12 Nov 1891.
All personal property and money divided between Ellen J. Wallis and Candice Holland. All real estate divided between W. C. Holland & Anville Burr Holland. Wit: A. D. Hoodenpyle, M. L. Jack & J. P. Hoodenpyle. Codicil - 13 Jan 1892. Appoint John M. Hoodenpyle, exr of estate and guardian of my minor children. Wit: David Hoodenpyle, John P. Hoodenpyle & H. D. Hoodenpyle. Recorded (blank) day of (blank) 1894. (page 182)

HOLLOWAY, WILLIAM, of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri - will dated 4 Apr 1870.

Wife, Elizabeth Jane, all estate and at her death to be equally divided with all of my children. Youngest child, Charles William Lee, money for his education. Should my wife die, I desire the Probate Court of St. Louis to appoint a guardian. Also names sons, Rufus H. & John W. Holloway and my only daughter, Mary S. Godby. Exrx, wife Elizabeth Jane Holloway. Wit: Philander P. Lewis, Martrom D. Lewis & Charles T. Daniel. Recorded 2 Mar 1883. Recorded in City of St. Louis on 9 Mar 1883. L/T granted Elizabeth Jane Holloway on 2 Mar 1883. (page 114)

JONES, JAMES MATISON - will dated 28 Aug 1874.

Request that the names of Joseph Matison Craddick & Elesey Craddick be changed to that of Jones in place of Craddick...and the above named children shall be my "heirs in law" (land,description). John A. McNeal appointed exr. of the estate and guardian of the above named children. One dollar each to my children: Elender McNeal, Mary Jones & Thomas Jones. Wit: Canada Johnson & A. P. Duckworth. Recorded 14 Sept 1874. (page 54)

JORDAN, LYMAN LEWIS, of Meagher Co., Montana - will dated 26 Jan 1884. Wife, Mary A. Jordan, land (description) and at her death to my brother, R. W. Jordan of Columbia(?), New Hampshire. Brother, John H. Jordan of Lumington(?), Vermont, land in Dent Co. (description). Mentions land in Meagher Co., Montana. Exr, L. Judson. Wit: H. B. Clark, W. H. Jackson & F. B. Young. Date recorded not given. (page 138 & repeated on page 154)

KERR, MARY L. - will dated 26 Aug 1885. Husband, Andrew P. Kerr, all estate both real & personal (description). Wit: Wallace McDonald & Mrs. C. Macglashan. Rec. 10 July 1888. (page 150)

LAMB, JOHN - will dated 12 May 1873.

Wife, Catherine Lamb, all household goods & child's part of estate. Sons & daughters & their heirs (1/12th part, but names only 10): Sarah Benton; Pelina Clinton; heirs of Mary Freeman, decd (Wm. M. Freeman, Cintha E., Eliza A., Isaac N., Elitia D., Thomas J. & James M. Freeman); James Lamb; Thomas Lamb; George Lamb; Nancy Plank; Wesley Lamb; Catherine Tolbert; heirs of William Lamb, decd (George R. & James H. Lamb). Exr. is to make distribution immediately among legatees, except those not of age ...not to be given to a guardian, but placed at interest and held until said heirs come to age of maturity and paid with interest. Exr, friend James M. Orchard of Salem. Provided I should recover from my present illness and should die in the state of Oregon, then I appoint my son, James Lamb, exrecutor. Wit: P. G. Will, E. D. Ketchen & J. B. Brown. Recorded 19 May 1873. (page 41)

LENOX, SHELTON A. - will dated 21 Aug 1888. Wife, Mary Ann Lenox, all estate both real & personal for life. Exrx, wife Mary Ann. Wit: James Bressie, James D. Dilworth & Wallace McDonald. Recorded 17 Sept 1888. (page 152)

LEWIS, HENRY - will dated 7 Dec 1892.

Wife, Mary J. Lewis, all land & personal property and after her death to be sold and equally divided among my children (not named here). Son Henry Louis is to stay at home and help care for his mother and family until he is twenty one. Also names a daughter, Thankful Lewis. Witnesses also certify that "Henry Lewis mind is good". Wit: J. T. Halbrook, J. H. Jadwin & J. P. Riley. (Record states that Henry Lewis is decd. but date recorded not given). (page 191)

McCARTER, JESSE A. - will dated 28 Sept 1874.

Wife, Martha Ann McCarter, the farm for two years, and thereafter a half divided between all of my children, Isaack M. Capps included as one of the children. Personal property given to Nancy L. McCarter & I. M. Capps. Exrx, wife Martha Ann McCarter. Wit: J. F. Halbrook & Andrew Gallespie. Rec. 11 Nov 1874. (p. 57)

McGEE, WILLIAM & MARTHA M. McGEE - will dated 7 Sept 1892.

F. E. McGee & J. R. McGee each to receive land (description) on condition they keep and maintain William McGee & Martha M. McGee, his wife, so long as they shall live. Also pay to Mollie McGee & Studie Stephens....support Mollie McGee so long as she remain single. W. T. McGee receives land (description given) except the three acres where the mill now stands. Exr. not named. Wit: Maston Cape?Cope? & W. R. Jacobs. Rec. 9 Oct 1892. (page 188)

McNEEL, TURKWELL - will dated 18 May 1855.

Wife, Elizabeth, slaves & lower part of plantation (description) and at her death to my son Poke(?) McNeel. Son, Newton Jasper McNeel, the upper part of plantation. Son, John A. McNeel, slaves. Each of the three boys are to pay sums to a fourth son, Malcolm McNeel and daughters, Nancy Brigman & Missouri Jane McNeel. One hundred dollars in the possession of the County Court of Robinson Co., N. C. to be divided among all my heirs. To the heirs of William Watson, all of the right to bonds from my father's estate in the counties of Moore & Cumberland in state of N.C. Exr, John McNeel. Wit: Ezekiel Inman, J. S. Wofford & William J. Clift. Recorded 11 June 1855. (page 93)

MARTIN, GEORGE W. - will dated 7 Dec 1869.

Wife, Catharine Martin, all estate both real & personal...to sell convey or dispose of in any manner that she may wish. Exrx, Catharine Martin. Wit: F. M. Lenox & W. H. Lenox. Recorded 23 Oct 1883. (page 133)

MARTIN, WILLIAM - will dated 22 Sept 1877.

Wife, Ann Martin, all real estate, and at her death to be equally divided amongst my heirs, as follows, G. B. Martin, Amanda Martin, G. W. Martin, Mary Ann Plank, and W. W. Martin. Wit: G. A. Mot-singer, James B. Butler & Stephen J. Poe. Exr not named. Recorded 24 Oct 1877.

MILLS, NANCY - will dated 17 Mar 1873.

Five dollars each to following children: Neil Mills, (cont.)

MILLS, NANCY (cont)

the heirs of my daughter Derby, Kesiah Beason & Margret Woliver. Daughter, Mary Ann, all estate real & personal. Wit: Thomas W. Howe & E. W. Fortune. Recorded 8 Sept 1873. (page 51)

MINER, L. E. - will dated 10 Jan 1893.

Wife Elizabeth A. Miner and sons, Theodocia E., Augustis A. & Claud B., land (description given). Ten acres each to C. S. Miner, Stephen R. Miner, Estel S. Miner, Joseph J. Miner & Laben E. Miner (description). Exrs, C. S. Miner & Stephen R. Miner. Wit: G. R. Hudspeth & F. M. Hudspeth. Rec. 20 Jan 1893. (p.223)

MITCHELL, OLIVER L. - will dated 25 Sept 1876.

Small cash sums to sons, John Mitchell, Icabod Mitchell & William Mitchell. Son, David L. Mitchell, my blacksmith tools. Son, James O. Mitchell, land (description). Daughters, Laneasy (erased) Jane Thomason & Mary Elizabeth Mitchell. To Sarah Henderson one cow and calf in consideration of her attendance on me in my last sickness. Wit: B. S. Wiggins & J. B. Campbell. Exr. not named. Recorded 6 Oct 1876. (page 73)

MORRISON, JAMES T. - will dated 8 May 1876.

Wife, Lorainey, all estate both real & personal. One dollar each to my sons and daughters named, John W., William J., Susannah, George N., James A., Margret C., Julia A., Thomas L., and Mary E. Morrison. Exrx, wife Lorainey. Wit: George Drummond & Leaulier M. Talbert. Recorded 8 July 1876. (page 66)

MOULTON, WILLIAM, of Cugahoga Falls, County of Summit & state of Ohio - will (not dated). Wife, Emily A. Moulton, my homestead (description)...except so much of said lot as has been deeded to Charles Hanford. Family Bible to wife. Wit: Austin Babcock & George L. Howe. Recorded 8 Feb 1872. (page 31)

NASH, WILEY - will dated 5 June 1880.

Wife, Pulaski, personal property & real estate (description) and at her death to my son, George L. Nash.....and my wife and son George raise and educate my grandson, James A. Nash. Balance of real estate to be equally divided among my son John H. Nash, daughter Sarah J. (erased) and grandson James A. Nash. Exr, Geo. L. Nash. Wit: J. M. Orchard & James F. Brannock. Filed 27 Aug 1880 for publication & recorded 22 Apr 1881. (page 103)

PIPKIN, MARY - will dated 11 Apr 1876.

Daughters, Mary S. Schafer, Nancy Ann Ploehner(?), Rebecca C. Ivery & Sarah J. McCann, each received land (description given). Exr, John Schafer. Wit: Beryman Shelten & John S. Skeeters. Recorded 10 Feb 1877. (page 76)

ROBINETT, JOSEPH N. - will dated 15 Jan 1874.

Son, John W. Robinett, land (description)...agreeing to take care of J. N. & Elizabeth N. Robinett, his mother, so long as either of them shall live. (cont.)

ROBINETT, JOSEPH N. (cont.)

Children, to wit, Emily Jane Robinett, Fanny Robinett, Elizabeth Robinett, Sarah Floyd, James Newton Robinett, John Robinett, Margret A. Chambers and the heirs of Nancy Nichols, decd, (Wm. Isaac Nichols, Jasper Nichols, John Nichols, Elizabeth Nichols & (blank) Nichols). Son Robert A. Robiness having received his portion of my estate. Exr, Edmond Carney?(Camey?). Wit: D. R. Henderson & S. B. Woodside. Recorded 3 May 1877. (page 79)

SITTLER, JACOB - will dated 4 Feb 1888.

Wife, Elizabeth Sittler, all estate for life. Exrx, wife Elizabeth. Wit: W. C. Martin & S. H. Frasier. Recorded 3 Apr 1888. (page 148)

SKILES, WILLIAM - will dated 28 Feb 1877.

Wife, Rachel Skiles, all estate and after her death to be equally divided among my heirs (not named). After we are both decd, the exr is to place stones on our graves and enclose them by a good stone wall. Exrx, wife Rachel. Wit: M. M. McSpadden, J. D. Reddick & Silas Headrick. Recorded 15 Feb 1878. (page 86)

SPRINGER, ROBERT F. - will dated 27 July 1876.

Wife, Rachel Ann Springer, all real estate in Dent Co. and one third of the proceeds of the mill. Also money enough to build a good comfortable house on the Dry Fork farm. Nephew, George W. Springer, a note I hold on William H. Springer. My four children: Mary S. Springer, James M. Springer, Robert F. Springer and my child yet unborn. Real estate that I own in Washington Co., Mo. Exrs, William A. Young, Samuel Frazier, and wife Rachel Ann Springer. Wit: C. C. Cook, F. F. Dent & T. J. Gregory of Short Bend. Recorded 7 Aug 1876. (page 69)

STAGNER, JOHN - will dated 10 Nov 1866.

Son, George H. Stagner, land (description). Son, James A. Stagner, land (description). Sons, William R. Stagner, John H. Stagner & Thomas J. Stagner have received of me. Niece Sarah Jane Stagner. Exrs, George H. Stagner & Thomas J. Stagner. Wit: John L. Skeeters & James A. Stagner. Rec. 28 Nov 1866. (page 3)

STEWART, CAMPBELL - will dated 14 Mar 1870.

Ten dollars each to my beloved children, to wit, Nancy Wisdom; Peter Stewart; the heirs of daughter Mary Smith; Marion Stewart; Henry Stewart; Julia A. Huffman; and granddaughter Amanda Stewart, dau. of son William Stewart, decd. Wife, Winefred Stewart, all estate and six months after her death to sons, James M., George F., Cornelius A., and youngest son, Joshua D. Stewart. (each received land, description). Exr, son Peter Stewart. Wit: J.M. Orchard, S. H. Sherlock & D. R. Henderson. Rec. 22 Nov 1872. (36)

STITES, SYLVESTER - will dated 17 Oct 1886.

Wife, Leatha Luise Stites, farm on which I now live and at her death to be divided between my sons: (cont.)

STITES, SYLVESTER (cont)

sons, John S. Stites, Joseph C. Stites, George W. Stites and William F. Stites (description given), and the remainder of my land to my four daughters, Nancy Jane Johns, Mary Ann Laney, Elizabeth Edney and Sarah Catharine Richards. Also names a son, Miles A. Stites. Exr, John S. Stites. Wit: George W. Cox, Jr. & R. W. Callahan. Recorded 16 Apr 1887. (page 144)

STURGEON, JOSEPH W. - will dated 6 Oct 1882.

Wife, Julia A. Sturgeon, all estate both real & personal and at her death to be divided between the children of Julia A. Sturgeon and the brothers and sisters of the said Joseph W. Sturgeon. Exr, Silas Headrick. Wit: Wallace McDonald & E. T. Butler. Codicil - Revoke the appointment of Silas Headrick as executor of will, and appoint Samuel F. Arthur. 6 Nov 1882. Wit: Harvey Rathbern & Wallace McDonald. Recorded 14 Nov 1882. L/T granted Samuel F. Arthur. (page 110)

TRIPLETT, HORTON - will dated 22 June 1876.

Wife, Lydia S. Triplett, real estate (description given) and son Sylvester Franklin Triplett shall be supported and educated from the profits thereof, and upon her death shall receive the farm. Sons, George Rufus Triplett, Thomas Theodore Triplett and Joel Shelton Triplett, each received land (description). Also names son William Leander Triplett and daughters, Myra Ellender Swanson, wife of Richard C. Swanson; Martha Caroline Berry, wife of James Berry; Mary Emeline Wallace, wife of William Wallace; Charlotta Almarinda Skiles, wife of Henry Skiles; and Caroline Josephine Reed, wife of Henry Reed. Exr, William Leander Triplett. Wit: L. B. Woodside, G. A. Kenamore & J. D. Reddick. Recorded 7 June 1887. (page 173)

WARFEL, IMMANUEL - will dated 17 Apr 1874.

Estate of my sister, Sarah E. Warfel, who died in the state of Pennsylvania, and I being the only heir... Sons, John S. Warfel, James A. Warfel, William D. Warfel, Isaac Warfel, Thomas E. Warfel, & Jesse H. Warfel, and my daughters, Nancy Weston, Sarah E. Getts & Salina F. Anderson. Exr, son Adam Warfel. Wit: Laban E. Minor & Joseph F. Halbrook. Recorded 21 Jan 1876. (page 63)

WELCH, FOUNTAIN - will dated 16 Aug 1873.

Wife, Margaret Welch, all personal & real estate (description). Youngest son, James R. Y. Welch, to reside with and care for his mother and to inherit the estate at her decease. One dollar each to following children, to wit, Anna Bryant, William Welch, Richard H. Welch, John R. Welch, Stephen E. Welch, Polly Sturart and Lucey Burris. Personal property equally divided between sons, James R. Y. Welch and Fountain H. Welch. Exr, James R. Y. Welch. Wit: J. M. Orchard & James W. Norvill. Recorded 11 Apr 1879. (page 98)

WENTZ, FRANK - will (not dated)

Wife, Mary E. Wentz, lots in Salem...and for the use of our children, to wit, (cont.)

WENTZ, FRANK (cont.)

Frank E. Wentz, Ella R. Wentz, Frances A. Wentz, August W. Wentz, and Mary W. Wentz. Also mentions 1100.00 dollars worth of notes "on different persons" & 225.00 Dent County warrants... my drugs, stock of goods, medicines, books, stationary, notions and everything usually kept in a Drug Store. ...as my five children become of age. Exrx, wife Mary E. Wentz, without bond. Wit: George W. Peck, F. Dent & E. T. Butler. (date recorded not given). (page 179)

WENTZ, MARY E. - will dated 3 Mar 1893.

Sister, Dora B. Roberds, my dwelling house and lots, providing she does not marry and will care for my children until they come of age...and should she marry the home place shall be divided between my four children, to wit, Frank E. Wentz, Ella R. Wentz, Francis A. Wentz, and August W. Wentz. My china to daughters, Ella and Alma Wentz and my silverware to sons, Edward and Walter. Brick store house occupied by Dr. Godbey to be kept rented and interest on money deposited in the Rolla Bank, toward the support and education of my children. In two years a good monument shall be put up to my husband's grave. Exr, G. W. Peck. Wit: W. G. Sankey, E. G. McMurtrey & Dora Roberts. Recorded 8 Dec 1893. (page 195)

YOUNG, ISREAL - will dated 4 Oct 1878.

Wife, Leaner Jane Young, real estate (description) and at her death or remarriage the estate shall be equally divided between my heirs, except my son William Franklin who has received his part. Daughter Julia Ann has also received of me. Exrx, wife Leaner Jane Young. Wit: C. Ketchen & A. A. Flett. Recorded 15 Nov 1878. (page 90)

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