

I William Edmondson of the County of Jackson in the State of Missouri aged 50 years, being of sound mind and memory, but at this time in feeble physical health, do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

First I Will and desire that my funeral be conducted under the direction of my family, in a manner suitable to my condition in life. And I direct that my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter named, out of my personal property and from the money arising from the Sale of real estate hereinafter directed to be sold

Second I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Mary A. Edmondson the home farm on which our residence is situated containing 80 acres, described as the South half of the South West Quarter (S<sup>1</sup> & W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) of Sect. no Eight (8) Township no Sixty (60) Range no Thirty One (31) to have hold use and enjoy by her so long as she lives and remains my Widow. I also give and bequeath unto her so much of my Personal property and effects as she may be entitled to, and claim under the law for the Widows of deceased persons

Third I direct that my Executor hereinafter named sell in such manner and on such time, and terms as he shall deem to the best interest of those concerned 200 acres of my real estate, described as follows viz: The North half of the South East Quarter of Sect. no Seven (7) also the North half of the South West Quarter of Section no Eight (8) all in Township no Sixty (60) Range no Thirty One (31). Also my tract of land (containing 40 acres) in Daviess County Mo.

Fourth All the rest, residue and left remainder in my real estate I give, devise and bequeath to my children Mary C. Edmondson, Minnie Edmondson, William Edmondson and Clara Edmondson to have share and share alike

Fifty All of the remainder of my estate (including the moneys from sale of land above described) I give and bequeath to my children as follows, viz: To my son John Edmondson the sum of Five Dollars only, and the balance in equal share to Sarah Thompson, Lavina Edmondson, Martha

Edmondson, Emily Edmondson, Mary R. Edmondson, Mimmie Edmondson, Miller Edmondson and Clara Edmondson and in the event that any of my said Children shall at any time institute legal proceedings, to destroy the force of this Will, either in whole or in part, it is my will and desire that any and all benefits and gifts herein to them, at once cease, and become a nullity and void, and that their share be distributed to those who may not so proceed in equal parts.

Teste

Refusing confidence in the honor, integrity and ability of my friend and neighbor Thomas H. Mathis of Grant Township, DeKalb County, Mo. I hereby nominate and appoint him, as the Guardian of the Person and Estate of my infant Children and also to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1888.

Wm Edmondson (seal)

The foregoing instrument was at the date hereof signed and declared by the said William Edmondson 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.

James Ewert

Conrad Kochan

Certificates of Probate of Will

State of Missouri  
County of DeKalb

In the Probate Court  
J. F. B. Miller clerk of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, State of Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of William Edmondson deceased, and signed by Wm Edmondson, and having heard the testimony of James Ewert and Conrad Kochan subscribing Witnesses thereto relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said William Edmondson deceased, late of DeKalb County, Missouri.

(seal)

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal said Court, at office in Mayaville



This 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1884

F. B. Miller clerk of  
Probate Court

Proof of Will  
State of Missouri  
County of Jackson

In Probate Court

Be it Remembered, That on this, the 26 day of January A.D. 1884 before me F. B. Miller clerk of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appearing James Ewart and Conrad Cushman who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of William Edmondson deceased and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said William Edmondson 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 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

James Ewart  
Conrad Cushman

Sworn to and Subscribed before me F. B. Miller clerk of the Probate Court this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1884

F. B. Miller

Clerk of Probate Court