

Last Will of Asa Lay.

In the name of God Amen.

I Asa Lay, of Sherman Township in DeKalb County, State of Missouri, being in feeble health and of Advanced Age in life, yet of sound and disposing mind and memory, Calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of settling my worldly Affairs and directing how the Estate with which it has pleased God to bless me, shall be disposed of After my death, while I have strength and Capacity so to do, And while I have a perfect remembrance of all those who (should I die intestate) would or might by law inherit some part of my small Estate, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made.

First

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Lay to be my sole Executrix of this my last will, directing my said Executrix to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Second

It is my desire that my beloved wife as Executrix of this my last will, be permitted to collect all debts due me at the time of my death, or Afterwards, and settle up and pay all just demands against my Estate, without and independent of the Control, Aid, or interference in any manner of any Probate Court, and without being required to take out Letters Testamentary, or give Bond as Executrix of my said Estate.

Third

I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife who has so tender and kindly cared for me through all my declining years and with whose help, industry and singularity, our small Estate has been earned and saved, all my Estate, real, personal or mixed, of whatever nature or kind, of which I shall die seized or possessed, or to which I shall in any way, or manner be entitled at, or After, the time of my death, my said wife Elizabeth Lay to have and to hold to her sole use forever the Absolute right and title to all of my property.

Fourth

I further publish that no relative of mine has any Claim on myself, or my small County, herein bequeathed and devised to my beloved wife.

In testimony Whereof, I Asa Lay, Lay, hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, in the presence of the Witnesses who subscribe as such below.

This Fourth day of February A.D. 1879.

Asa Lay
mark

(Seal)

The above and foregoing instrument of writing was signed, sealed

published and declared by the said Asa Lay as and for his last
Will and Testament in presence of us, who in his presence, and in
the presence of each other, and at his request, have subscribed our
names as witnesses hereto, on this twenty fourth day of February
A.D. 1879. Allist. Thomas Williams
Hallam T. Tucker

Certificate of Probate of Will

State of Missouri
County of DeKalb, ss.

In the Probate Court.

J. L. Stevens Judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, State
of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument
purporting to be the last Will of Asa Lay deceased and signed by
Asa Lay, and having heard the testimony of Thomas Williams and
Hallam T. Tucker subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the
execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument
to be the last Will and Testament of the said Asa Lay deceased
late of DeKalb County, Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
seal of said Court, at Office in Mayaville this 6th day of March 1882

J. L. Stevens

Judge of Probate Court

Filed March 6, 1882, and Recorded March 7, 1882

J. L. Stevens

Judge of Probate