

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH DILL

JOSEPHS DILLS WILL

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Dill of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all my worldly substance, that it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in the following manner, that is:

I have given to my son Isaac Dill three hundred dollars forever. I have given to my daughter Lavinia Dill one hundred dollars, and I want my executors at the final settlement of my estate to give or pay her two hundred dollars more. I have given to my daughter Hannah Petty one hundred and forty dollars and I want my executors at the final division of my estate to give or pay her one hundred and sixty dollars more.

I have given to my daughter Molly Cole one hundred and forty dollars, and as soon as convenient my executors will pay her sixty dollars, and at a final division one hundred dollars. I have given my son Newton Dill two hundred and eighteen dollars and I want my executors at the final settlement of my estate to pay him eighty two dollars more. I give to my son Noah Dill the sum of two hundred dollars which is to be paid at my death, or so soon as my executors can collect it and at a final settlement of my estate I want my executors to pay him one hundred dollars more. I give to my son Parson Dill two hundred which is to be paid him at my death or so soon thereafter as my executors can collect it and at a final settlement of my estate I want my executors to pay him one hundred dollars more.

I give to my son Martin Dill when he shall have arrived at the age of twenty one, one negro boy named Moses, but if said negro dies, before he be delivered to the said Martin, I want my executors to pay him out of my estate at my death, two hundred dollars in lieu of said negro. I want them also at a final settlement of my estate to pay him two hundred dollars more. I give to my son Thomas Dill at a final division of my estate three hundred dollars.

I give to my son Marvel Dill when he arrives to the age of twenty one years, the sum of three hundred dollars.

I give to my daughter Harriett Dill the sum of two hundred dollars and one negro boy named Spencer both which sum and negro are to be paid by my executor out of my estate at the final division but if said negro die before the division I give her in lieu thereof two hundred dollars. I give to my daughter Amanda Dill the sum of two hundred dollars and one negro boy named Nurvy, both which sum of money and negro are to be paid by my executors out of my estate at the final division but if said negro die before the division I give her in lieu thereof two hundred dollars.

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My will and desire is that my daughter Lavinia, Thomas, Marvel, Harriett and Amanda stay and live together on my plantation and have the use thereof and benefit of all my servants, all my stock, tools, household and kitchen furniture and nothing to be sold except what will raise the sums above named, if any should be lacking, the above named children shall have the beforenamed property till November 1830, but if any of them should marry he or she shall be excluded from the benefit of the beforenamed property from the time of marriage to November 1830. I want my executors to sell all my property of every kind except one negro woman named Pat, who I want my children to liberate from slavery, for kindness to me in my affliction.

After all the afore sums named are paid over, I want the balance to be equally divided amongst all my children. I do further will and constitute and appoint Jacob Wright and Isaac Dill to be my lawful executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of April 1825.

Signed, sealed in presence of Joseph Dill. (Seal)
William Bumpas)
Daniel Maberry)

P. S. Whereas I loaned my property as in my last will to five of my children named in said will, for their support, but if at any time my executors shall find that the property is wasting, the executors shall hire out my servants and rent out the plantation and sell the other property and out of the same, maintain and school the children under age. I also desire that if a sale should take place before November 1830, I want my executors to pay my daughter Lavinia the two hundred dollars named in the above will. In witness my hand this 22nd day of April 1826

Joseph Dill (Seal)

Test.
Wm. Bumpass
Danl. Maberry

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