

State of Arkansas - County of Jefferson

Know all men by these presents Greetings.

I James Gunn now a ? and citizen of the State and County aforesaid, being of deposing mind and same memory and actuated by proper and ample motives by a knowledge of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and by a prudent necessity of arranging my worldly affairs and by a desire of directing in what manner the Estate and property both Real and Personal or mixed aith which it has pleased the bountiful God of Nature to bless me, shall be disposed of after my decease. While I am in full possession and exercise of all my natural endowments and have strength and capacity so to do, Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby working and making null and void all other Wills and Testaments heretofore at any time made by me.

And First, I assign and commend my immortal soul into the custody of him who gave it existence and my body to the Earth to be decently interred by my Executor hereinafter mentioned and as to my worldly property of every kind and description of which I shall.....possessed.

I devise bequeath and dispose of the same in the manner following to wit:

Imprimis: I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be by my Executor hereinafter named, paid out of my Estate as soon as conveniently practicable.

Item: I give bequeath and devise unto my four boys and sons and named, James, Thomas, Jessie and Nathan, all of that tract or parcel of land on which I now reside together with my whole stock of hogs, Plantatioin, Utensils, Cart and Steers to be equally divided between my said four sons whenever or as soon as Nathan Gunn becomes of age. I also decree that my said sons shall respectively retain the horses and cattle just as they now hold them by gift and distribution from me, together with all their increase separately and respectively.

I further devise my said sons, James and Thomas shall take good care of my said two younger sones, Jesse and Nathan until they become of twenty one years old, allowing them way privilege and benefit under this devise, which they themselves enjoy as to free and mutal cultivation of the land now open and titlable and equal access to my orchard on said farm.

If is furthermore my wish and desire that they give or procure one years tuition or schooling to my said younger sons and that my said sons, Jesse and Nathan shall live with their older brothers during their minority free of charge and to be well clothed and boarded by them. It is also my wish that if I should die before my dear Wife, my said Wife shall have every attention and care bestowed on her by my said sons and that she suffer not, for want of the comforts and conveniences of life and if one of my said sons shall died after my decease and before the distribution of the leacies hereby conveyed they in that want the portion of said deceased son, if unmarried shall be equally divided between the surviving brothers. I herby five unto Elisha Gunn one dollar to be paid by my executor hereinafter named as soon as convenient and make it known that my said son Elisha has already received a large donation of me in lieu of any legacy by will with which he is satisfied.

I do hereby constitute anme and appoint, James Gunn the Executor of this my last Will and Testament and having full confidence in his honesty, integrity and ability, it is my wish that he be not required to execute any bond with specified security as required by law for the faithful performance and execution of the duties appertaining to his said executorship.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by seal in presence of

lawful witnesses, this 15th day of July in the of Christ AD 1845.

James Gunn

Signed sealed and published and declared by the said James Gunn as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto this 15th July AD 1845.

John J. Hammet

John Gravier

The Will of James Gunn deceased was presented to the Court in Jefferson County, Arkansas January 24, 1848.