

**Will of Antone Back**  
**Contributed by William Scroggin**

I, Antone Back of the county of Cooper in the state of Missouri of the age of fifty-nine years and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

I direct my executrix herein after named, to pay out of my estate, as soon as possible after my decease, all my just debts, together with the expenses of my funeral and testamentary expenses.

I give and devise unto my wife Maxmilliana Back all that piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Cooper and state of Missouri and described as follows, to wit: the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section one (1) of township forty-seven (47) of range nineteen (19); to have and to hold to her and her heirs and assignees forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mrs. Maggie Kraus the sum of five dollars.

I direct my executrix to pay to my daughter Mrs. Christina Crowley the sum of five dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Annie Back the sum of five dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Back the sum of five dollars.

To my daughter Josie Back I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars.

To my wife Maxmilliana Back I give and bequeath all my personal property of which I may, at the time of my death, be possessed.

I direct my executrix to have a suitable tombstone erected over my grave and to pay for the same out of any funds that may be on hand at the time of my death.

I hereby appoint my wife, Maxmilliana Back the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time.

Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of January A. D. 1888.

Signed Antone Back

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed and sealed, published and declared by the said testator Antone Back as and for 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 thereof.

W. R. Arman, Henry Young