

Will of Joseph Campbell
Contributed by Cassie Hill

I, Joseph Campbell, of Cooper County and the State of Missouri, calling to mind the shortness of life, and the certainty of Death, do make this my last will and testament.

First, I desire that after my death that my body be decently interred. (interred)

Second-That all my just debts be paid.

Thirdly, that as soon after death as can be done with propriety, all my personal property be sold at a credit of twelve months.

Fourthly, that I give to my sister Kissah(?) any one, or as many little articles of house hold furniture as she may want.

Fifthly-That I desire my Sam rented out annually till my daughter Mary Ann marries, to the highest bidder for cash.

Sixthly-I desire my kinsman William Campbell, to take care of my daughter Mary Ann and have her well treated and well schooled.

Seventhly- That I leave my daughter Mary Ann, my heir of my estate-and in the went of her decease without issue- I leave as the persons I desire to share my estate the following persons (here is something in parenthesis that can't be read) Russell Campbell, Kissah (?) Campbell, Nancy Turner, William Campbell, Bradley Campbell and Smith Campbell.

Lastly- I leave my kinsman William Campbell, executor of my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have unto set my hand and seal, in knowingly the same to be my (?) and deed this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand and eight hundred and thirty- eight.

Joseph Campbell his mark

In the presence of

Jesse Driskill

Thomas Pate his mark

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