

Will of Peter Back
Contributed by William Scroggin

Know all men by these present that I, Peter Back of the city of Boonville in the state of Missouri, do make, publish, and declare this to be will and testament.

1st I give, devise, and bequeath unto my wife Anna Back my entire estate, real and personal to have, and to hold, use and enjoy for and during the term of her natural life, so long as she shall remain my widow, but if she shall remarry, then and from that event she shall have only such part of my estate as a widow is entitled to by the laws of this state, and the balance of my estate upon the death or remarriage of my wife shall go to my children as provided in the next item of this will; provided, however, and I hereby expressly direct that my son Peter Back shall have the sum of three hundred dollars from my estate to be paid to him as soon as may be after my death, and which shall not be charged to him in the general distribution of my estate among my children as herein after provided, the same being intended by me as an extra portion to my son Peter because he has remained with me and helped me in my business.

2nd At the death or remarriage of my wife, it is my will that my estate, real and personal, be equally divided among my children, the issue of such as are dead to take share of the parent, and I will and direct that they shall be charged with any advancement made by me to them in my lifetime, and as being the only advancements yet so made by me, I mention the sum expended in the purchase of household goods for my daughter, Anna Haller, about the time of her marriage, the bill of which I have in my possession, and a promissory note which I now hold against my son, Edward J. Back for money I have loaned him, and which note with interest therein at six per cent simple interest up to the date of my death shall be taken and considered as an advancement to him, and in the event said note shall remain unpaid at my death I hereby cancel the same as a debt otherwise than as an advancement to my said son as aforesaid.

3rd I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Anna Back as executrix of this my last will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of June 1894.

Signed Peter Back

Signed and declared by the above named Peter Back as his last will in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have signed our names and as witness to the same.

W. G. Pendleton Philipp Kopp