

Will of William McDaniel

I William McDaniel of the County of Pettis and State of Missouri, being c_____ of my mortality and being frail and feeble in body but of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And first I direct that my body be decently interred and as to such Worldly estate as it both pleased God to entrust me with I also direct first that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first Moneys that shall come into hands of my executor who is to collect all debts owing to me and for that purpose apply the proceeds and further I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Katherine McDaniel in lieu of her dower to have the same herself and her heirs forever the tract of land on which she resides containing forty acres being the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty three of township forty eight of range twenty one west containing forty acres; also all my household and kitchen furniture of every discription together with all my fowls belonging to the farm, also my entire flock of sheep to have and to hold the same herself and her heirs forever.

I also give, devise and bequeath to my only son Joseph McDaniel and to his heirs forever forty acres of land known as the NWest 1/4 of the S east 1/4 of Section No 33 in township No 48 Range No 21 containing forty acres and also my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and farming tools of every description together with every other _____(unreadable) not before specified to be equally divided between by wife Katherine McDaniel and my son Joseph McDaniel each one to have and to enjoy the same themselves and their heirs forever and further I do ordain and appoint my son Joseph McDaniel my executor of my last will and testament, and in case he refuses to accept, then I ordain appoint my wife Katherine McDaniel my executor. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty third day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

William McDaniel, his mark

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us and in the presence of each other, day and date above witness.

Ranson Wells, Adaline Wells

State of Missouri, County of Pettis

Be it remembered that on the 21st day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty seven before the clerk of the County Court of the County of Pettis came Ranson Wells and Adaline Wells subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of William McDaniel deceased and made oath that the said testator signed and published the same as his last will and testament, that he was of sound and disposing mind at the time of so doing, that they subscribed their names thereto in the presence of the testator.

Ranson Wells, Adaline Wells

Suscribed and sworn to before me in my office the 21st day of June, 1847.
A Fristoe, Clerk

(Will Book 1-2, pp 44-45)

(Note: William McDaniel b 1780/1790 d 1847, m. 2nd 16 Mar 1820 in Cooper Co Mo to Katherine Fisher. Joseph b 6 Feb 1813-d 7 Feb 1882 m 21 Apr 1836 to Elizabeth Jane Edwards b 28 Jan 1821-d 28 Jul 1905. Both buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, just n of the Pettis Co line in Saline Co.)

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