

Will of William Potter
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Last Will of William Potter

Executor to sell what of property is necessary to pay debts. In as much as real and personal estate is small and many of my children are still minors and having the utmost confidence in the fidelity, integrity, prudence and discretion of my wife Nancy Potter and that so long as my minor children shall be and remain prudent and obedient to the rule and government of my wife, their mother..she will carry on and manage the affairs and the business of the family..wife to have all of estate of every kind.

..wife to educate the children in a good country school, they to be educated as the older children..children while minors to remain with their mother.

Sons James D. Potter and Abraham Potter and Sarah Ann Potter all of whom are to have upon marriage property valued at \$100.00.

Abraham has since died and left a widow with children yet unborn, the widow of Abraham is not to have any part of the estate whether begotten by Abraham or born of her body..he already has received a portion of the estate.

Wife Nancy when the minor children; Joseph A. Potter, Mary Potter, Major Ellen Potter, William S. Potter, Elizabeth Potter, John Potter, Stephen Cole Potter and Thomas Potter property valued at \$100.00 at their marriage or as soon as convenient.

Executor: wife Nancy Potter

Signed: 26 July 1844

Witnesses: H.L. Pope, Ferry Rockwell, and P.R. Hayden

Probate: 19 August 1845

Source: Cooper County Missouri Probate Records 1818 - 1847 (by Carolyn M. Bartels)