

A. B. Bullard's Last will and Testament

I A. B. Bullard of Carroll County and State of Mississippi, being of sound and disposing mind & Memory, do here ordain, and publish, this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made

Item 1st I direct my wife Martha Susan Bullard to select such house-hold and kitchen furniture as she may wish to retain, and that she also have my room Mace and my library, where so ever the same may be, my law library being at some point on the Rail Road, and my library and Miscellaneous Library being at Fulton Missi. This is not to be charged to her as an advancement, but with the keyest herein after made is to be taken Expressly in lieu of her Dower in my real and personal Estate

Item 2^d I appoint my wife the said Martha Susan, Guardian, of my two Youngest Children, James Paul and, William Arthur, and direct that she be not required to give bond

Item 3^d I direct that my son Clarence receive from my Estate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in Money and my Watch and my Foster Rifle

Item 4th I desire that my Executor herein after named shall make arrangements for my son Clarence to go to Texas, provided however, he shall remain here and assist in taking care of my wife and children until such time as she shall remove from this place

Item 5th I desire that my Apprentice Fuller be permitted, without restraint to accompany my son Clarence to Texas and that my Executor send a Copy of this will, by my son Clarence, to my brother Elijah G. Bullard

Item 6th I appoint my Brother in Law Samuel J. Copeland Guardian, of my three little daughters viz. Laura Rachel, Mary Elizabeth, and Emma Dale Bullard, and earnestly request that he accept the same, and that my Executor notify him of this appointment, immediately after my decease. This appointment of is made having the fullest confidence in the love and ability of my wife to raise & and train my said Daughters, but from the fact that their and her pecuniary means

A B Bullard's Will Continued

would be insufficient to support and keep in
 proper position so large and helpless a
 family, and while it is made with many
 regrets as to her, is my settled conviction that
 the future interest ^{of all} required it

Item 7th I give to my friend William G Thomas
 my Shot Gun and Colts Repeating Pistol

Item 8th I desire that all my personal real
 property not herein before disposed of be sold
 on such time and terms as to my Executor shall
 seem best; and he shall in his discretion sell
 publicly or privately; and with or with
 order of Probate Court; and further if he
 should think best he may retain and sell
 my present Homestead ^{except from the proceeds of my property as above} until such period
 as he may think best to dispose of it ^{by sale} if he
 shall pay first all my just debts and ^{Expenses}
 of Administration; and what remains after such
 payment shall be equally divided between
 my wife and Children, that is to say share &
 share alike between my children, Laura, Betty,
 and Emma Dale & James Paul and William
 Arthur, and my said wife, my son Clarence
 having been provided for is not to receive any
 of this ^{income} found.

Item 9th I desire my Executor to carry out for
 me the settlement of the late Partnerships
 between Bullard Nelson and Shaw, by settling
 claims out of the same as agreed upon between
 the members of said firm

Item 10th I appoint my friend A B Nelson
 Executor of this my will

Item 11th My Executor shall proceed in the most
 expeditious manner to collect the debts due me at the
 time of my decease, and what ever remains on hand
 after the payment of debts to be divided as directed
 in Item 8th — by — share and share alike between
 my wife and children Laura, Betty, Emma Dale —
 James Paul, & William Arthur, In ^{presence} ^{of} ^{me} where of I
 have hereunto set my hand and seal, ^{as witness} under
 signed Subscribing Witnesses, A B Bullard

A B Bullard. Last will & Testament Copy

Subscribed by us as Witnesses in the presence
of each other and in the presence and at the request
of the Testator the 11th day of December 1866

A. W. Nelson

Saml. Hart

B. R. Mayes

January 27th 1867. I hereby ^{Execute} declare & publish
this as a Council to my last will and Testament made
on the 11th day of December 1866. To wit I hereby so
qualify and modify that set of my said will as not
to Exclude my son Clarence from the fund therein
named provide said fund should be necessary
to discharge the special legacy of five hundred
Dollars made to him in the former part of said
Will. I also ^{nominate} appoint my brother Elyah B Bullard
his Guardian, and earnestly request that he accept
the same. Signed sealed and published by me
in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who attest
the same at my request

A B Bullard

John McCaldwell

Laura F Nelson

Proof

State of Missisippi
Barren County This day personally appeared
before me W L McQuigway Clerk of the Probate
Court in said County the undersigned
B R Mayes who is one of the subscribing
witnesses to the last will and Testament of
A B Bullard, and being by me first duly
sworn according to law says that he was
present and saw the said A B Bullard
sign the said paper exhibited to the said Clerk
as the last will and Testament of the said A B Bullard
and dated 11th day of December 1866. That
said affiant together with the other subscribing
witnesses, A W Nelson and Saml Hart, at the
request of the said Testator signed the same, in
the presence of the said Testator and in the presence
of each other, and further that said Testator
was at the time of signing said will of sound
and disposing mind and memory
Signed and subscribed.

W L Mayes

State of Mississippi
 Carroll County

This day personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of Probate for said County John M Caldwell one of the subscribing witnesses to the will & testament of A B Bullard deceased, which will & testament is dated January 28th 1867, and the said John M Caldwell after being duly sworn deposed and said, that he saw the said A B Bullard sign seal of & publish the same as a will to his last will and testament, that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time, that he, the deponent, subscribed the same as a witness in the presence of the agent of the said A B Bullard, and also in the presence of Mrs Laura F Nelson, the other subscribing witness, and that they the witnesses signed subscribed in the presence of each other and also in the presence and before agent of said A B Bullard sworn & subscribed before me in open Court February 18th 1867

William L Hemmings CB J M Caldwell
 Filed February 1867 William L Hemmings
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