

WILL OF ROBERT GENTRY
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Taken from the book The Gentry Family in America
1676 to 1909
By Richard Gentry
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In the name of God, amen. I, Robert Gentry, of the State of Tennessee and County of Jefferson, being in good health of body, and sound disposing in mind and memory, praise be to God for the same, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, while I have strength and capacity so to do; I make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First and principally I commit myself into the hands of my Creator, who gave it, and my body to the earth to be interred at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named.

And as to such ,worldly estate, wherewith it bath pleased God to entrust me, I dispose of the same as follows, to wit:

Imprimis, I will and desire that all my just debts be paid punctually. Item: I give and devise to my beloved wife Rachel Gentry, the house and plantation I now live on, whether cultivated or uncultivated, or that may be so at any time of my decease, to be hers and to her use during her widowhood, as also two feather beds and furniture sufficient for winter. One of said feather beds, and furniture, together with her own wearing apparel, to be at her own disposal forever. As also during her widowhood one horse-beast, her choice of all the horses I may die possessed of. Also two cows and calves, two other cow-beasts, two years old; one woman's saddle and bridle, one chest and one cupboard and all the Deiph, Glass and tin furniture, that usually stands therein. One table and two chairs, one butter dish, and large pewter basin and two small pewter basins, and three pewter plates, three knives and forks, two pots, one dutch oven, cattle and hogs I may die possessed of, two sets of plow lines, two sets of gear, and ten dollars in cash, one negro boy Jerry and a negro girl named Azzy, with all the crop housed or unhoused, that may be on the aforesaid plantation at the time of my decease. The above enumerated property is designed for the support of my said wife, Rachel Gentry, during her widowhood. And my will and desire is that after her marriage or death, the whole of the above described property be sold and divided as hereinafter mentioned and described.

Item, I give and devise to my son, Martin Gentry and his heirs and assigns forever, the dwelling house at present occupied by himself, as also the land he now holds in cultivation, together with the plantation and tract of land first above mentioned, after the marriage or decease of my said wife, and all my other property not otherwise disposed of.

Item, I give and devise to my granddaughter, Molly Shelton, and the children of her body, a certain negro girl named Azzy, and her increase if any she may have.

Item, I will and devise that all the remainder and residue of my estate of what nature,

kind or quality so ever not above mentioned and described, be sold and divided into seven equal parts or shares and so distributed to my sons Charles Gentry, Jesse Gentry, Bartlett Gentry and Martin Gentry, the three daughters and two sons of my daughter Elizabeth Murror, to have one seventh part thereof equally divided among the whole of them; the children of my daughter Sarah McGork, one seventh part thereof equally divided among the whole of them. My grandson Robert Drake and his two sisters, Sarah and Prudence, one seventh part thereof, equally divided between the three; and the other four sevenths equally between my four sons above mentioned share and share alike.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my beloved wife Rachel Gentry, Thomas Galbraith and John Seaborne, executrix and executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 9th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and eleven.

Robert Gentry

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the said testator as his last will and testament in presence of us.

William Moon,
John Parrott

Source: Index to Tennessee Wills & Administrations 1779-1861 by Byron & Barbara Sistler, Nashville, Tennessee 1990

This work is an attempt to name all wills and most administrations found in the 62 Tennessee counties where such records, though 1861, have survived. Each entry is as follows:

Name of deceased; year of the probate, or of first mention of the estate; where the original record can be found; county symbol (see key to county symbols).

Identification of where the record can be found is represented by the following symbols:

abl Administrators bonds & letters

Alpha No page #2—in alphabetical order

as Administrators settlements

db Deed book

eb Estate book

gs Guardian settlements

ib Inventory book

lr Loose records

lw Loose wills

mr Miscellaneous records

rb Record book

wb Will book

Page # is from a published book - - see bibliography

This symbol is followed by the letter or number of the record book, and then the page

number. If the book has pagination errors, we have place an asterick (*) after the page number to indicate this is the second page of that number in the book. Where no symbol as above is shown we have used the microfilm roll number in place of a symbol. If the deceased was black we used a capital B in parentheses.

With a few exceptions the names in the index were taken from microfilmed copies of the original county records. This microfilm is available at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville, TN.

Key to County Symbols

Je Jefferson County, TN

Gentry, Robert 1811 wb-2-8 (Je)

Source: Jefferson County, Tennessee Will Book 2 – 1811-1826 by James L. Douthat

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Wife: Rachael Gentry

Sons: Charles, Jess, **Bartlet** and Martin ‘...three daughters and two sons of my daughter Elizabeth Murror...’ children of my daughter Sarah McGork; grandson Robert Krakes and his two sisters Sarah and Prudence, granddaughter Molly Shelton.

Exc. wife Rachel Gentry, Thomas Gilbreath and John Schorn.

Witnesses: Modfrey Linnquest, William Moore and John Parrott.

Source: Wills of Jefferson County, TN 1792-1810: Book 2, pg. 3:

Page: 10 Robert Gentry’s Will: Signed sealed and acknowledged by the said Testator as his last Will and Testament in presence of us: William Dean and William Moore and John Parrott.