

The Will of Rhoda Lebow Phelps

The original will is shown on the left. It was written by someone other than Rhoda and she signed with an "X". The will starts out with her name spelled "Roda" and it looks like someone authenticated it as Rhoda in the top left margin of the will. On the right, I have interpreted the words to the best of my ability. tap

April 22nd 1880

Rhoda Phelps
Phelps
Will

I Roda Phelps of Blount County Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void former wills by me at any time made.

First after the payment of my funeral expenses I give bequeath and desire all my estate real and personal to my sons DR Phelps and Hiram Phelps after paying to Jef Phelps and George Phelps Mary J Myers wife of Samuel Myers, Sarah James wife of Ben James as follows Jef Phelps thirty Dollars George Phelps thirty Dollars John Phelps thirty Dollars Mary J Myers five Dollars Sarah James wife of Ben James five Dollars

I give bequeath all my household property to DR Phelps Hiram Phelps Martha Hix and Eliza Phelps to have and to hold during natural life. It is my desire that while they live single they remain together as one family.

Rhoda Phelps
X

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd April 1880
M L Jeffersin
W A Brown

Approved 7 June 1880
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I Roda Felps of Blount County TN being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby ordain and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void former wills by me at any time made.

First, after the payment of my funeral expenses I give bequeath and declare all my estate real and personal to my sons DR Felps and Hiram Felps after paying to Jef Felps and George Felps Mary J Myers wife of Samuel Myers, Sarah James wife of Ben James as follows Jef Felps thirty Dollars George Felps thirty Dollars John Felps thirty Dollars Mary J Myers five dollars Sarah James wife of Ben James five dollars

I give bequeath all my Household property to DR Felps Hiram Felps Martha Hix and Eliza Felps to have and to hold during natural life. It is my desire that while they live single they remain together as one family.

On the 22 April 1880

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Rhoda X

Felps

Mark

Testee

M L Jeffersin
W A Brown

Approved 7 June 1880