

William A. Shepherd dec'd Will

Be it remembered that on the 23rd day of May AD 1871 at the Probate Court held in the Court House at Wilmington Clinton County Ohio Before John Matthews Judge of the said County Ohio came Henry A. Shephard and produced in Court for Probate a paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of William A. Shephard late of Clinton County Ohio deceased and thereupon came Joseph A. Gravatt and H. B. Powell the subscribing witnesses to said Will and being first duly sworn by the Judge of said Court testified to the due execution thereof which testimony was reduced to writing and by their respective subscribers and filed with said will and the Court being satisfied that said Will was duly executed and executed and that at the time of the execution thereof said Testator was of full age and of sound and disposing mind and memory and under no undue or unlawful restraint It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Will be and it is hereby admitted to Probate and ordered to be Recorded with said Testimony

By the Court
John Matthews Judge

Will

In the name of the Benevolent Father of all:
I, William A. Shephard of the County of Clinton Ohio,
do make and publish this my last Will and Testament
Item, I desire that my just debts and all charges
be paid out of my Estate

Item, I devise and bequeath all the residue of my
property real and personal to my wife Francis A.
Shephard, to be to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I nominate and appoint my Son Henry A.
Shephard Executor of this my last Will and Testament
Solely authorizing and empowering him to compromise
adjust release and discharge in such manner as to
him shall seem proper the debts and claims due
me I also authorize and empower him if it shall
become necessary in order to pay my debts to sell by private
sale or in such manner upon such terms of credit as
otherwise as he may think proper all or any part of my
real Estate and deeds to purchasers to execute acknow-
ledge and deliver in fee simple I desire that no
appraisement and no sale of my personal property be
made unless that the Court of Probate direct the omission
of the same in pursuance of the Statute I hereby revoke
all former wills by me made

In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this 22nd day of April AD 1871

signed and acknowledged by said William & Shepherd as his last will and Testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence

Joseph A. Gravett
Harvey S. Powell

The State of Ohio }
Clinton County } Probate Court,

Personally appeared in open Court Joseph A. Gravett and Harvey S. Powell the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of William & Shepherd deceased who being duly sworn according to Law, to speak the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth in relation to the execution of said Will depose and say that the paper before them purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William & Shepherd now deceased is the Will of said deceased - that they were present at the execution of said Will at the request of the Testator subscribed their names to the same as witnesses in his presence and that they saw the said William & Shepherd deceased sign and seal said Will and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament that the said William & Shepherd at the time of making signing and sealing said Will was of legal age and of sound disposing mind and memory and under no undue or unlawful restraint whatsoever -

J. A. Gravett
H. S. Powell

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 23rd day of May A.D. 1871
John Matthews
Probate Judge -

William A. Shepherd dec^d. Election of Widow
Be it remembered that on the 20th day of December A.D. 1871 this day came Frances A. Shepherd widow of William A. Shepherd deceased This day came into Court and the Court having fully explained to her the provision made for her by the Last Will and Testament of said Decedent in his property and her rights and interest in said Decedent's Estate under the Laws of the State of Ohio she did then and there of her own free will and accord upon due deliberation Elect to take under the provision made for her by the Will of her said deceased husband

By the Court
John Matthews P. J.

1871 at
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