

The last Will & Testament of Stephen S. Bowles.

I Stephen S. Bowles Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First, I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin F. Bowles, all and real estate lying and being in Sections 22 & 26 twenty seven, in Township no Sixty of Range no thirty DeKalb County Missouri at my death, if and provided the said Benjamin F. Bowles will stand with & take care of me and my beloved wife Phoebe Bowles over natural lives.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Loucinda Roberts an equal division of my personal property after all expenses are paid, with Benjamin F. Bowles. I will and bequeath to my daughter Ava Dawson or her lawful heirs the sum of five dollars, to be paid within six months after my death.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Warden or her lawful heirs five dollars to be paid within six months after my death, and lastly as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and Chattels of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath the same to my son Benjamin F. Bowles, whom I hereby appoint sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Stephen Bowles.

The above instrument Consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by Stephen S. Bowles the Testator in the presence of each of us & was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will and Testament, & we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

W<sup>m</sup> R. Browning residing in Township 46 Co. above mentioned  
Thomas Hume residing in same Township and County.

State of Missouri  
County of DeKalb ss.

D. J. Stevens Judge of the Probate Court within and for said County and State, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will of, & signed by Stephen Bowles, and the testimony of W<sup>m</sup> R. Browning and Thomas Hume the Witnesses above named, do adjudge and declare the said instrument of writing to be the last Will and Testament of

Stephen Bowles decedent.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my Official seal at Office in Waverille Mo this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1876.

J. L. Stevens



Judge of Probate

State of Missouri

County of De Kalb s.s.

I, J. L. Stevens Judge of the Probate Court in and  
for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true Copy of  
the Original Last Will of Stephen Bowles decedent as the same appears of  
record in my Office.

Witness my hand as Judge, and the seal of said Court Done at  
Office in Waverille this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1876.

J. L. Stevens



Judge of Probate