

By the Grace of God - Amen

I John W. Ruggles of County of DeKalb & State of Missouri being weak in body, but sound in mind. Do make & publish this my last Will and Testament.

First. to my beloved wife Mary E. Ruggles I give and bequeath all my real estate, during her natural life, or so long as she remains my widow. At her death or when she again marries, I desire it (the said real estate) to be divided equally among my children, share and share alike. All money which can be realized from the notes obtained from my sale of Feb 27th A.D. 1878. I desire to be applied first to the payment of the incumbrances upon the farm on which I now reside, and the remainder if any there be to be given to my dear wife Mary E. Ruggles.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of April A.D. 1878.

Witness
John W. Ruggles
A. B. Thompson
W. B. Bond
Orinburn Lyon.

State of Missouri
County of DeKalb, ss.

I, J. S. Stevens, Judge of the Probate Court within & for the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will of, and signed by John W. Ruggles, and the testimony of Robt. B. Thompson and William B. Bond the witnesses above named, do adjudge & declare the said instrument of writing to be the last Will and Testament of John W. Ruggles deceased.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 22nd day of April A.D. 1878.
J. S. Stevens
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri
County of DeKalb, ss.

I, J. S. Stevens Judge of the Probate Court within & for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing to be true Copies of the Last Will and Testament of John W. Ruggles deceased, and of the Certificate of Probate thereof, as the same appears of record in my office, in Book A of Wills at Page 201.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my official seal this 23rd day of April A.D. 1878.
J. S. Stevens
Judge of Probate