

I, Joseph Dyer, of Osborn Saline County, Missouri, being of sound mind and disposing memory make this my Last Will and Testament.

First

It is my will that at my death I be buried in a respectable metallic Coffin & that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid off and discharged, and for that purpose my Executors are authorized and empowered to sell such property for that purpose as they in their judgment may think best for the interest of the Estate.

Second

It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Nancy J. Dyer shall occupy, use and control during her natural life the families residence in Osborn Missouri. And at her death the same shall go to my Children as in the next section of this will provided. & that the sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars in money be set apart for her & that the same be loaned out on bond or security, the interest to be used by her for the care and support of herself & the care, support and education of our Children, & that the interest on the said sum shall be paid her Annually for that purpose, so long as she shall remain my widow, but in the event she should again marry, or at her death, the same shall also go to my heirs as the said next section provides.

Third

I give, devise and bequeath to my Children Edward C. Dyer, Della A. Dyer, Thompson C. Dyer, Mary Jennie Dyer & Claudia C. Dyer the sum of Two Thousand Dollars each; & the remainder of my property Real, Personal & mixed I give, devise and bequeath to my Children John W. Dyer, Daniel A. Dyer, Edward C. Dyer, Della A. Dyer, Thompson C. Dyer, Mary Jennie Dyer & Claudia C. Dyer to have share and share alike.

Fourth

Having full confidence in the Ability and integrity of Robert W. Nicholson & Abraham Solomon, I appoint them in connection with my beloved wife Nancy J. Dyer Executors of this my Last Will and Testament

Witness my hand this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1888

Joseph Dyer.

The Attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as Witnesses in the presence of Joseph Dyer this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1888

J. S. Blair

Benj. Franklin

C. W. Walker

State of Missouri  
County of DeKalb.

In the Probate Court

I, J. S. Stevens Clerk of the Probate Court of DeKalb County,  
State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument of  
~~writing~~ <sup>writing</sup> purporting to be the Last Will of Joseph S. Dyer deceased & <sup>and</sup>  
signed by Joseph S. Dyer & having heard the testimony of Samuel  
D. Blair & George T. Halper, two of the subscribing witnesses  
named, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and  
certify said instrument to be the Last Will and Testament of  
the said Joseph S. Dyer deceased, late of DeKalb County, Missouri.  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed  
the seal of said Court at Office in Maxwellville this 27th day of  
February 1883.

J. S. Stevens Clerk  
of Probate Court

Filed Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1883 & recorded

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1883

J. S. Stevens Clerk