

Mrs Sophia Pitchlyns Mill

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My Father's
mother's Mill

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In the name of God, Amen,

I Sophia Pitchlynn of Red River County, in the Choctaw Nation, being in good bodily health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the personal estate, with which it has pleased God to bless me, shall be disposed of after my decease, while I have strength & capacity so to do, do make and publish, this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all other last wills & Testaments by me heretofore made. And first I commend my immortal ~~soul~~ to Him who gave it and my body to the earth, to be ~~buried~~ with little expense or ostentation, by my executors hereinafter named,

And as to my worldly estate, & all the property personal or mixed, of which I shall die possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:

My Will is that all my just debts and funeral charges, shall by my executors hereinafter named, be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient,

It is furthermore my wish that a suitable monument be erected at my grave, so that my children, grand children & other friends may never forget my last resting place,

It is also my wish that a monument be erected at the grave of my late husband, near Plymouth in the State of Mississippi; & one that shall be worthy of his name and memory.

It is furthermore my wish that suitable monuments be erected at the grave of my daughter Mr. Leziah Poland & at the grave of her daughter Sophia, who died near

The means to defray the expenses of these four monuments
are to be raised by my executors, from the labor of my servants
after my decease, in such ways as they shall deem most
economical & judicious.

To my son Peter, ^{P. Pitchlynn} & his lineal descendants I give & bequeath
my servant boy named Hannibal.

To my son Thomas J. Pitchlynn & his lineal descendants
I give & bequeath my servant boy named Stephen.

To my daughter Mary Garland & her lineal descendants
I give & bequeath my servant boy named George.

To my daughter Rhoda Howell, I have already given
my servant boy Rob. & have executed & delivered a bill
of sale accordingly. This I consider as in place of a bequest I
might have made her of the said servant Rob.

To my daughter Eliza Harris & her lineal descendants
I give & bequeath my servant girl Ann.

To my daughter Betsey Harris & her lineal descendants, give
^{bequeath} my servant girl Nancy.

To my grand daughter Mary Wilson & her lineal descendants
or lawful heirs - I give & bequeath my servant boy Bob.

To my grand daughter Malvina Wilson, her lineal descendants or
lawful heirs I give & bequeath my servant boy Bob.

To my little grand children William & Charles Polard & their
lineal descendants or lawful heirs, I give & bequeath my
servant boy Dick. It is my wish that the servant ^{boy} Dick remain
under the care of my executors, till the little grand children
are of age - & that they manage the avails of his labour for the
their good, in giving them an education or otherwise as they shall
deem best.

I also give all my children & grand children to whom I bequeath my
servants full right to make any exchanges with each other, as
they may deem best, provided always that no servant shall go out
of the Pitchlynn family.

All the rest & residue of my estate personal or mixed,
of which I shall die possessed, such as fuel, dr. houses, cattle,
horses, swine, fowls, cash, tools, farming utensils,
household furniture I give & bequeath to my two
orphan grand children Mary & Malvina Wilson
& their lawful heirs — I give to them all these things
because they are orphans having neither father nor
mother — I except the (old) family Bible which I
give to my son Peter, who promises to furnish Mary
& Malvina, each with a large family Bible,

My dear children & grand children, I have this
day made this my last will & Testament, in which
I commit my soul to the Saviour, & my body to death
to the grave, in hope of being raised at the last day.

I have also divided among ^{you} my worldly estate, and I have
aimed to do it in such a way, as to promote your hap-
piness & peace, & to make my own memory precious when
I am gone, — I toiled for you while you were young,
I have watched over you from the cradle, and now
what wait I for, but the coming of my Saviour, praying
that we all may meet in a better world,

Lastly, I do nominate & appoint my said sons, Peter P.
Pitchlynn and Thomas J. Pitchlynn to be the executors of this
my last will & testament,

In testimony whereof I the said Sophia Pitchlynn have to this
my last will & testament contained on this sheet of paper
~~have~~ subscribed my ^{rather my} name this twenty third day of April
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty nine
signed, sealed & declared by the said Sophia
Pitchlynn, to be her last will & testament in presence of
who at her request & in her presence have sub-
scribed our names as witnesses hereto.

Sophia Pitchlynn

Cyrus Brynington
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