

WILL OF JESSE R. HALLFORD

Jesse R. Hallford of the county of henry and the state of Missouri being of sound and disposing mind and being anxious to dispose of my worley effects which it has pleased god to bless me with do make and publish this my last will and testament to wit__

1st (first) I will that my body be buried in a decent manner.

2nd second I will that all my personal debts be paid

3rd third I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Hester An Hallford all my estate both personal and Real in fee simple as I have heartifore given the following named heirs their potion I Isaac T. Hallford, Peter W. Hallford, John H. Hallford, Stephen D. Hallford, Benjamin F. Hallford, Samuel P. Hallford, & Mary E. Duden. Rhoda Ann Hallford, and Hester An my youngest dughters now sengle and resides with me. I leave them under the cear of their mother for her to do by them as she ma think best.

4th, fourth I futhe will and desire that my youngest son Samuel P. Hallford be Executor of this my last will and testament and to have the privilige to wind up my estate without giving bond and in case at my death he ma not be present the next youngest son to attend to the business with the privilige as first named witness my hand & seal.

Jesse R. Hallford

This March the 18th 1890
Witnesses } C. A. Hadsell
 } J. D. Robertson

State of Missouri } In vacation of Probate Court
County of Henry } ss

Be it remembered that on this 24th day of July A. D. 1894 personally appeared before the undersigned James Parks Judge and exofficio Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Henry in the State of Missouri. John D. Robertson one of the attesting witnesses to the annexed will of Jesse R. Hallford deceased, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that the said Jesse R. Hallford, the testator, subscribed the same in his presence and in the presence of the other attesting witness, C. A. Hadsell, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will: that he the said testator, was, at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that deponent and C. A. Hadsell the other attesting witness, attested said will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator and at his request and in the presence of each other.

J. D. Robertson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July 1894. witness my hand and seal
of Probate Court affixed.

James Parks, Judge & Clk of Probate

(Some spacing added. Spelling and other wording left as he wrote the will.)