

WILL OF JOHN COFFIELD

Transcribed from the original will by Eleanor Gibson

Will Book 2 page 425 Moundsville West Virginia Courthouse March 20, 1891=Will date

I, John Coffield, realizing the uncertainty of this life, make this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my wife Eliza Coffield, the farm in which I live, containing 192 acres; also all the stock-cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and also all personal property which I may possess at the time of my decease; the stock to be sold by her when convenient, the proceeds to go toward paying the debt against my farm on No 2 Ridge. I also give and bequeath to my wife Eliza Coffield my farm on No2 Ridge containing 244 ½ acres being the farm on which my son George now lives, to have and to hold until the debt against it is paid. When paid, it is to be rented until such time as it may favorably be sold so as to get the full value of it. The said rent and also the proceeds of the sale of the No2 Ridge farm are to be divided equally among my children, after my children that I have not given anything to as yet, have got enough to make them equal with the children I have already given money to. Eliza Coffield, my wife is to have the farm on which I live during her life; at her death the farm is to be sold in a reasonable length of time, the proceeds to be equally divided among my children. If my children can divide the farms among them without them being sold, they shall do so. The farm on No2 Ridge can be divided if necessary before the death of ...Wife after the other conditions in regard to said – are fulfilled. My daughter Ellen, wife of James Magers, having no children, but at her death if she has no children of her own, her portion of my estate shall go to her brothers and sisters; if she have children of her own, it shall go to them. I appoint my wife Eliza Coffield and my two sons Harvey and Levi Coffield to execute this my will and testament, as long as my wife Eliza Coffield lives, I do not require my executors to give bonds for settlement of my estate, but at her death my sons Harvey and Levi are to give bonds. To wit I set my hand and seal day and date above mentioned.

Signed by mark X John Coffield

Witnesses:

W.H Woodruff and Wm Cook

West Virginia, Marshall County Clerk's Office April 25, 1891. A paper writing bearing date in the 20th day of March 1891 purporting to be the last will and testament of John Coffield, late of this county, was this day fully proved before me in my office per the oaths of W.G. Woodruff and Wm Cook. Two of the subscribing witnesses; thereto and is ordered to be recorded. Therefore, Eliza Coffield, executrix and Harvey Coffield and Levi Coffield, executors in said will named, took the oath as such executrix and such executors as required by law; no bond being required in this matter until the death of Eliza Coffield as provided in said will. Thereupon it is ordered the Eliza Coffield, Harvey Coffield and Levi Coffield be granted certificate for obtaining a probate of such will in due form.

Teste: E.M. Lewis, Clerk County Court, Marshall Co W. VA