

Guyton Ancestry

Wills and administrations

ELISHA GUYTON
(20 July 1796 – 25 March 1875)
Will dated 8 October 1868
Harrison County, Ohio

IN THE NAME OF THE BENEVOLENT FATHER OF ALL. I Elisha Guyton of Harrison County, Ohio, do make and publish this my last will and testament,

1st: It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid, 2nd: I give and devise to my beloved wife in lieu of her dower the sum of three thousand dollars. and that she retain all moneys on hand at the time of my decease, except so much money as will be required to pay my funeral expenses, said moneys to be a part of said Three Thousand Dollars, and that she retain all the lot, premises and house in which we now reside in the town of Deersville, in said county and state, aforesaid with all the appurtenances, together with all the housefold furniture, and my watch, during her lifetime, but the said Three Thousand Dollars, she shall use and dispose of according to her own wishes; if in case she should be called away without making a will, then and in that case, whatever part of said dower should remain unused shall be equally distributed among my 5 living remaining children, and in case they or any of them should not be living then, to their heirs.

3rd: I give and devise to my son John Guyton the sum of ten dollars and to my son Benjamin Guyton the sum of ten dollars in addition to what I have already advanced to them respectively.

4th: I give and devise to my son Elisha Guyton at his mother's death, my desk and watch, and rocking chair and steel scythe and snather.

5th: I give and devise to my daughter Catherine Crabtree, at her mother's death, one bedstead bed and bedding, kitchen table and cupboardware, and stand in sitting room, three chairs, shovel and poker.

6th: I give and devise to my daughter Mary Crabtree, at her mother's death, one bedstead, bed and bedding, the one I sleep on, dining table and stand in bedroom, safe, and looking glass, also three chairs, shovel, tongs and poker.

7th: I give and devise to the three children, heirs at law of my daughter Elizabeth Hots, deceased, and to the two children, heirs-at-law of my son Augustus Guyton, deceased, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars each, to be paid to them and no other person as they respectively become of the age of twenty-two years. by my executors hereinafter named.

8th: It is my wish and I so order, that if any of the children of my daughter Elizabeth Hotz deceased, and my son Augustus Guyton deceased, should die before arriving at the age of twenty two years as above named, then and in that case the share of such children shall be equally divided between its brother or brothers respectively.

9th: It is my wish and I so order that my beloved wife shall hold as surety for her dower as above mentioned, two mortgages given to me by two of my children until she shall receive said dower to her satisfaction.

10th: I give and devise to my three sons, John, Benjamin and Elisha S. Guyton and to my two daughters Catherine, and Mary Crabtree, share and share alike all the residue of balance of my estate both Real and personal, to them, their heirs and assigns forever, in addition to what I have already advanced to them respectively.

11th: It is my will and I so order, that should anyone or more of my heirs at law, seek or move to contest this my last will and testament, such heir or heirs shall not receive the bequests herein made to them, nor any part thereof but the same shall be equally divided between my other heirs herein before named who do not join in contesting this my last will and testament.

12th: I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons John Guyton and Elisha S. Guyton executors of this my last will and testament, hereby authorizing and empowering them to compromise, adjust, release and discharge in such manner as they may deem proper, the debts and claims due to me, I do also authorize and empower them to sell by private sale or in such manner upon such terms of credit or otherwise as they may think proper all or any part of my real estate and deeds to purchasers to execute, acknowledge and deliver in fee 'simple', I desire that no appraisement and no sale of my personal property be made, and that the Court of Probate direct the omission of the same, in performance of the Statutes.

13th: I do hereby revoke all former Wills made me made,

In Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighth Day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight.

Elisha Guyton

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