


Estate of Joseph French

| Name in Record | Reason for Being in Record | Date of Record |
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| Joseph French | Writes last will & testament | May 13, 1844 |
| Joseph French, Jr. | Deceased son of Joseph French; his heirs inherit | |
| Sally Sheldon | Deceased dau of Joseph French; her heirs inherit | |
| Jacob French | Son of Joseph French; he inherits | |
| Hannah Sheldon | Daughter of Joseph French; she inherits | |
| George French | Son of Joseph French; he inherits and is named one of the executors | |
| Philena Dunbar | Daughter of Joseph French; she inherits | |
| Smith French | Son of Joseph French; he inherits and is named one of the executors | |
| Angelina Holbrook | Daughter of Joseph French; she inherits | |
| Volly Sheldon | Grandchild who inherits | |
| Chloe French | Sister of Joseph French; she inherits | |
| Daniel Morron | Witness to Joseph French writing his last will & testament | |
| Lot French | Witness to Joseph French writing his last will & testament | |
| Samuel L. Rugg | Clerk | |

I Joseph French of French Township Adams County and State of Indiana Do make and Publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former will by me at any time heretofore made, First I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner Corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same in the following manner to wit, I direct first that all my just debts and funeral expense be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my Personal estate, I also direct that the remainder of my personal estate together with all my house hold furniture, be divided amongst my several Children in the following manner to wit, unto the heirs or representation of my son Joseph French junior I bequeath one dollar also unto the heirs or representations of my daughter Sally Sheldon one dollar also unto my son Sacot French one dollar in addition to what I have heretofore given him the remainder of my personal estate and house hold furniture as shall be divided (amongst the rest of my several children, namely, Hannah Sheldon, George French, Philena Junbar, Smith French, and Angelina Holbrook to be divided as they may agree among themselves) equally share and share alike by distribution or at Auction as they may Chose I also direct that all my real estate lands and tenements be disposed in the following manner to wit, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Sheldon the east half of the north half of the north west quarter, of Section three in Township twenty five, North of Range Thirteen East consisting thirty eight Acres be it the same more or less, also I give

and bequeath unto my son Georg French Part of the North east quarter of section Thirty three in Town Twenty six North of Range thirteen East beginning at north east Corner of section Thirty three running west on the section line eighty Rods and fifteen links thence in a southeasterly Direction untill it strike the Land formerly owned by Joseph French jr Sixty Three Rods and five links west of the section line thence east sixty three Rods and five links on the line of Lands of the said Joseph French jr unto the section line thence North on the section line to the place beginning Containing Fifty Two Acres or more or less also a piece of Land lying west of Lands heretofore deceded to the said George French in the south east quarter of section Twenty eight in Town Twenty six North of Range thirteen East, beginning at the south west Corner of the said Geo. French Land running west on the section line seventeen Rods and Fifteen links thence North parallel with the east section line unto the Wabash river thence up said river to Geo. French's west line thence south on said line unto the place of beginning containing seven and one half Acre be it the same more or less also the south half of the North Part of the south east quarter of section Twenty eight (lying North of the Wabash River) Town Twenty six North of range thirteen east containing thirty five Acres be it the same more or less, also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Philena Fumbar a piece of land in the north east quarter of section Thirty three bounded as follows on the Northeast by the center of the state Road on the on the south by lands of Joseph French jr on the west by lands heretofore deceded to the said Philena French containing thirty Acres be it the same more or less also I give and bequeath unto my son Smith French the North half of North Part of the south east quarter of sec-

tion Twenty eight in Town Twenty six North of range
 thirteen east containing Thirty five acres be it the same
 more or less, also I give and bequeath unto my daughter
 Angelina Holbrook, a piece of land in the north east quarter
 of section thirty three bounded as follows on the south west
 by the center of the State Road on the east by land given
 to Geo. French on the North by the section line containing
 Thirty eight Acres be it the same more or less, also I give
 and bequeath unto my Grand Child Sally Shelden, and my sister
 Chloe French the West Part of the south part of the south
 East quarter of section Twenty eight in town ~~that~~ Twenty
 six North of Range Thirteen East containing forty five
 Acres be it the same more or less to have severally and
 jointly together all rights income Rents and Profits what
 soever during the natural life of the said Chloe French
 afterwards to be the property of the Sally Shelden if she
 be then living and thereby make and ordain my two sons
 George French and Smith French Executors of this my
 last will and Testament. In witness whereof I Joseph
 French the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this Thirteenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred
 and forty four Joseph French 

Signed, Sealed Published and Declared by the above
 named Joseph French as his last will and Testament
 in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names
 as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator and
 in the presence of each other Daniel Morrow, Set French
 on the back of which will was endorsed a certificate of
 Proof & Proffate in words and figures following to wit
 State of Indiana
 Adams County ss

Daniel Morrow one of the sub-
 scribing witnesses to the within will personally appeared

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before the undersigned Clerk of the Probate Court of
said County, and being duly sworn on his ^{solemn} oath said
that the son of the within named testator execute the
within will with his own hand and heard him pub-
lished and declare the same to be his last will
and testament, that said testator was at the time
of full age to devise his property and of sound mind
and reasoning and not under any kind of restraint
or coercion and that the said Morron subscribed his
name thereto as a witness at the request of said tes-
tator and in his presence and in the presence of the
other subscribing witnesses

Daniel Morron

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th
day of April 1842 Samuel S Rugg

Clerk