

Will of Drayton M. Ayres

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Drayton M. Ayres	Makes his last will & testament	Nov. 20, 1886
Nathan Ayres	Son; to share estate with siblings	
Perry L. Ayres	Son; to share estate with siblings	
Ida H. Teeple	Daughter; to share estate with siblings	
Albert E. Ayres	Son; to share estate with siblings	
Walter D. Ayres	Son; to share estate with siblings	
Rosetta Gilson	Deceased daughter	
Elizabeth Gilson	Daughter of Rosetta Gilson; to share mother's portion of inheritance	
Hariet Gilson	Daughter of Rosetta Gilson; to share mother's portion of inheritance	
Alvin Gilson	Son of Rosetta Gilson; to share mother's portion of inheritance	
Henry Steele	Appointed co-trustee of estate inihherited by Walter Ayres	
Perry L. Ayres	Appointed co-trustee of estate inihherited by Walter Ayres	
Henry Steele	Appointed co-executor of will of Drayton Ayres	
Perry L. Ayres	Appointed co-executor of will of Drayton Ayres	
J. R. Schafer	Witnessed Drayton Ayres making his last will	
Lewis C. DeVoss	Witnessed Drayton Ayres making his last will	
Drayton M. Ayres	Died	Oct. 26, 1901
J. R. Schafer	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will	Oct. 31, 1901
Elmer Johnson	Clerk	
James P. Haefling	Deputy	
Elmer Johnson	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	Oct. 31, 1901

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 I, Drayton M Ayres of Adams County, Indiana being of sound mind and realizing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament.

Item 1st It is my will that after my decease that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my the money or property of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease.

Item 2nd I hereby give and bequeath to my children Nathan Ayres, Perry L Ayres, Ida H Teeple Albert E Ayres Walter D Ayres all ~~my real and personal property~~ my real and personal property and money of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease, that they shall share and share alike and I also give and bequeath to Elizabeth Gilson, Mariat Gilson, Alvin Gilson my grand children and equal share with my children, they being the children of Rosetta Gilson who is now deceased, they shall have and inherit their mothers share of my estate.

Item 3rd It is my will that the portion of my estate which I devise and give to my son Walter D Ayres shall not pass under or to his control but shall be held by trustees for his benefit and for the benefit of his children I hereby appoint Henry Steele and Perry L Ayres as trustees to take charge of and control of the estate which I hereby give and bequeath to my son Walter D Ayres, they each of them shall be required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties as such trustees and for the faithful and honest accounting for all moneys that may come into hands or other property of whatsoever kind from my estate belonging to my said son Walter D Ayres. It is my will that they shall loan out the money coming from my estate to said Walter at as great a interest as they can get and to manage the same to the best interest and welfare of my said son Walter D Ayres only paying to him each year the interest on the said money which they may have belonging to him but in case of extreme necessity or suffering they shall use their best judgment as to the amount they pay to him, Should my said son Walter D Ayres die before all of the money or other property in the hands of said trustees belonging to him is used then the same shall be paid to his children if any there be living, but should he die leaving no children surviving him then the property in the hands of said trustees be divided equally amongst my said children. The reason for appointing trustees for my said son Walter D Ayres is that he is not capable of managing the same.

Item 4th I do hereby nominate and appoint Henry Steele and Perry L Ayres 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 me. I do also authorize and empower them if it shall become necessary in order to pay my debts to sell by private sale or in such manner upon such terms of credit or otherwise as they may deem proper all or any part of my real estate and deeds to purchase to execute acknowledge and deliver in fee simple. I hereby revoke all former wills by me made. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of November 1886

Drayton M Ayres. (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged by said Drayton M Ayres as his last will and testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence.

N Blackburn.

J R Schafer.

Lewis C DeVoss.

Last Will and Testament of Drayton M Ayres

State of Indiana.

Adams County SS:

Be it known that J R Schafer one of the subscribing witnesses of the last Will and Testament of Drayton M Ayres late of Adams County, deceased personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, being of lawful age and being by me duly sworn deposed as follows; That Drayton M Ayres deceased on the 26th day of October 1901, that he left the foregoing as his last will and testament; That the undersigned was present and saw the said testator sign his name to the same and he also published and declared that the same was his last will and testament; That he was of sound mind and memory fully competent to devise his property and was under no restraint or coercion whatever, That N Blackburn, J R Schafer and Lewis C DeVoss each signed their names to the same as subscribing witnesses in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other.

J R Schafer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of October 1901.

Elmer Johnson Clerk

By James P Haefling Deputy.

State of Indiana

Adams County SS:

I, Elmer Johnson Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams County Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing will of Drayton M Ayres late of Adams County deceased has been duly admitted to probate; that its due execution was this day proven by Jacob R Schafer whose proof together with said will have been duly recorded on pages 123 & 124 record "D" of Wills in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this 31st day of October 1901.

Elmer Johnson Clerk.

By James P Haefling Deputy. (Seal)