

Last Will and Testament of J.W.Griffis, deceased.

I, J.W.Griffis, of Carson, Pottawattamie County, Iowa being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do hereby make, publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament/^{hereby}revoking all former wills by me made.

FIRST.

I give and devise to my daughter Ruth Clifton the Six Hundred Eighty Acre farm owned by me in Campbell County, South Dakota which I value at Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34000.00) as a basis of settlement of my estate

SECOND.

I give and devise to my son Thomas R.Griffis the North One Hundred Fourteen Acres (114) of the North West Quarter of Section Ten and the North Fifty Seven Acres (57) of the West Half of the North East Quarter of Section ten all in Township Seventy Four, Range Forty containing One Hundred Seventy one acres in all which I value at Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$34200.00) as a basis of settlement of my estate.

THIRD.

I give and devise to my son Frank W.Griffis my Two Hundred Sixty Nine acre farm in Harrison County, Iowa, which I value at Forty/^{Thousand}three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$40350.00) as a basis of settlement of my estate, he to take, use and control the same and the rents and profits thereof during his natural life, and upon his death to go to his children in fee simple, in equal parts, share and share alike.

FOURTH.

I give and devise to my daughter Gertrude Griffis the South Half of the South West Quarter of Section Ten and the South West Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section Ten, all in Township Seventy Four, Range Forty containing One HundredTwenty Acres, which I value at Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) as a basis of settlement of my estate. I also give and devise to my said daughter Gertrude Griffis my homestead property in Out Lot Two in the town of Carson, Iowa, valued at \$5000.00, she to take, use and control the same during her natural life and upon her death the same to be divided equally among my children then surviving.

FIFTH.

I give and devise to my daughter Ora Dickens the West Half of the South East Quarter and the South West Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section Thirty Four, Township Seventy Five, Range Forty containing One Hundred Twenty Acres (120) and One Hundred Sixty Acres of land in Spink County South Dakota this being the only land I own in said county, the two farms being valued by me at Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00) as a basis of settlement of my estate.

SIXTH:

I give and devise to my daughter Grace Miller the South Forty Six acres (46) of the North West Quarter of Section Ten and the South Twenty Three Acres (23) of the West Half of the North East Quarter of Section Ten and the North Half of the South West Quarter of Section Ten and the North West Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section Ten, all in Township Seventy Four, Range Forty, containing One Hundred Eighty Nine Acres (189) which I value at Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$37800.00) as a basis of settlement of my estate she to take, use and control the same during her natural life and upon her death said farm to go to her children in equal parts, share and share alike.

SEVENTH.

I further will and direct that my executor hereinafter named shall convert all the remainder and residue of my property into cash under proper order of Court, whether the same be real estate or personal property, and from the proceeds thereof pay to my six children above named such portion or amount as will, when added to the real estate devised to them, at the value I have placed thereon, make their shares equal, and if any one has received in real estate more than their share amounts to, then I authorize and direct my said executor to collect sufficient in money from such child to make his share equal to the rest.

Eighth:

I further will and direct that if any of my child children, above named shall contest or in any way seek to change or break this my last will and testament, then, in that event the share bequeathed and devised to such child or children shall to go and be equally divided among the remaining children who do not join in said contest or effort to change or break this will.

NINTH:

Reposing confidence in my son Thomas R.Griffis I hereby nominate and appoint him executor of this my last will and testament, to qualify under such bonds as the Court may direct.

WITNESS my hand in the presence of these witnesses this 26th day of February A.D. 1914.

J.W.Griffis.

T.C. Martin

J. J.Ecklin

Witnesses.

We, the undersigned witnesses to the foregoing instrument do hereby certify, that at the request of J.W.Griffis we signed said instrument in his presence and he signed the same in our presence, all signing in the presence of each other, and he declared the foregoing instrument to be his last will and testament.

~~Witness our hands the date last above written.~~

T.C. Martin.

J.J.Ecklin.

STATE OF IOWA, }
Pottawattamie County, } SS.

I, J. N. Tollinger, Clerk of
the District Court within and for said county and state, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing Will
of J.W. Griffis, deceased, was on this 10 day
of April 1918, duly proved in said Court and that the same was
~~by said Court decreed, established and admitted to probate as and for the last Will and Testament of the said~~
J.W. Griffis, deceased, and ordered that the same,
together with the Clerk's certificate of probate, be recorded in the Will Records of said Court and that the
same has been so recorded in Will Record C, page 39 to page 40 and inclusive.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of the said District Court
at Avoca, in the county and state aforesaid this
10 day of April 1918.

J. N. Tollinger,

Clerk of District Court.
By F.H. Busse, Deputy

(SEAL)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF IOWA }
COUNTY OF POTTAWATTAMIE } ss.

I, **J. N. TOLLINGER**, Clerk of the District Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby
certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of the Last Will and Testament
of J.W.Griffis, deceased, together with Certificate of probate,

as the same remains on file and of record

in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of the said court on the 27 day
of March A. D. 1919.

J. N. Tollinger,

Clerk of the District Court.

By

E. J. Orley

Deputy

1918

James R. Hoff

10-74-40

By _____

OFFICE OF
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
AT AVOCA
E. F. Oxley
~~XXXXXX~~ DEPUTY

J. N. TOLLINGER, CLERK
COUNCIL BLUFFS

AVOCA, IOWA, March 27, 1919.

Dear Mr. Tollinger:-

Enclosed herewith is certified copy of will of J.W. Griffis, dec'd, which please file in the office of the Auditor, as per F.A. Turner's request. Kindly take their receipt for the same and send to us. Thanking you very kindly in advance for this favor, I remain,

Yours truly

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Thomas R. Griffis -

N. 114 a. NW 1/4 10-74-40 -

N. 57 a. NW 1/4 10-74-40

L. Grubbs Griffis -

S 2 SW 4

10-74-40 -

SW 1/4 SE 1/4

10-74-40

Ex. N. 100 ft Lot 6 and 1/2 of R 2 Canon

Ora Dickens -

W 1/4 SE 1/4 34-75-40

SW 1/4 NW 1/4 34-75-40

Grace Miller -

S. 46 a. NW 1/4 10-74-40

O. 23 a. W 1/4 NW 1/4 10-74-40

N 1/2 SW 1/4 10-74-40

NW 1/4 SE 1/4 10-74-40

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