

Obituary of
Mestack Franklin
son of Columbus Bernard
Franklin Bro. of
Richard G. Franklin

Will of
Columbus Franklin
dated
Jan 29th A. D. 1866

The Will of Columbus B Franklin

In the name of God amen

I Columbus B Franklin of the County of Fayette and the State of Tennessee being in feeble health but of a sound disposing mind, and in view of the uncertainty of life do now make and publish and declare this my last will and Testament.

1st I will and direct that all my funeral and Testamentary expenses be paid out of my Estate by my Executors hereinafter named.

2nd I will and direct that my entire Estate be equally divided among my Children share and share alike, namely, Meshack Franklin, Richard G. Franklin Sarah F. Franklin, Mildred E. Franklin Gideon E. Franklin and Columbus B. Franklin.

3rd I will and direct that all my perishable property be sold, consisting, of stock of all kind, farming utensils and all grain that may be on hand at such time and upon such conditions as my Executors hereinafter named may deem advisable.

4 I will and direct that the plantation whereon I now reside, lying and being in said County of Fayette and State of Tennessee and also about eighty acres situated in Marshall

County and State of Mississippi, and the same being all connected and constitute said farm be sold by my Executors herein after named at such time and upon such conditions as they deem the most advantageous, and I do hereby empower my said Executors to execute and deliver good and lawful deed or deeds of title to said lands whenever they shall as above directed sell or dispose of said lands, and until said plantation shall be sold or disposed of as directed in this clause of my last will the same to be rented annually in a judicious manner by my said Executors.

^{5th} I will and direct that my interest and stock in a certain Cotton Factory Tannery Mills and Black Smith Shops situated and being in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina that the same be and remain in the hands and under the directions of the present stock holders, and it is my wish and desire that the annual dividends arising to my share on said Factory Tannery Mills and Black Smith Shops the same to be distributed annually among my said children share and share alike

6th I give and bequeath unto my two youngest sons namely Gideon E Franklin and Columbus B. Franklin one thousand dollars in Gold to be equally divided between them for the further advancement of their education.

7th I will and direct that on and after my funeral and Testamentary expenses and all my just-debts and the items bequeathed in the sixth Clause of this my last will shall be first-paid out of my Estate then the residue of my entire Estate including all Money arising from any and all sales that may be made by my Executors hereinafter named and also all dividends as described in the fifth Clause of this my last will and Testament - the same to be equally distributed among my said sons Meshack Franklin Richard G Franklin Gideon E. Franklin Columbus B. Franklin and my daughters Sarah F Franklin and Mildred E Franklin share and share alike

8th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved sons Meshack Franklin and Richard G Franklin executors of this my last will and Testament
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand and seal and have
published and declared to be my
last will and testament on the
29th day of January A.D. 1866

C. B. Franklin *(Sealed)*

Signed seal published and declared by the
said testator as his last will and testament
in the presence of us who at his request in his
presence and in the presence of each other set our
names hereunto as subscribing witnesses

Andrew B. Connelly

Robt L. Knott

J. D. Franklin

I John O. Reeves Clerk of the County Court of Fayette
County Tennessee Certify that the above and foregoing
pages contain a true and correct copy of the
Will of Columbus B. Franklin Dec^d which is on file
and of record in my office

Witness my hand and official seal
at Office in Somersville this 16th day
of April 1867 John O. Reeves Clerk

This is a true copy of the copy above
written at Elkin Surry County N.C.

Aug 30th 1876

Richard G. Franklin