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Hiram Vice

To<sup>3</sup> Copy of Will

I Hiram Vice of Boone County in the State of Indiana, do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

First. — I direct that my body be decently interred, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my Estate, and station in life, and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same in the following manner, *Test.*

First. — I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall be collected from any portion of my estate. — I also direct that a fair valuation of all my personal property be made, but no public sale of no part of my property, but of the surplus property it may be sold at private sale for the best price that can be had.

I also direct that after the payment of all debts against me, I will to my beloved wife Margaret, the farm on which I now live, and all the property belonging to me, during her natural life time, for the support of herself, and the support of my children, and for the education of them, and at the death of my wife, my lawful heirs to share equal in all my estate.

I also direct as to the lands I own in Madison County in the State of Iowa, three Prairie lots and one of timber, be sold for the best price that can be had, or in payments if a better sale can be made, by securing the faithful and punctual payment of the money. — And that Alfred Vice my brother, be paid One hundred dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of said lands, and the remainder to be loaned out at interest, and as each of my children comes of age, to receive their equal share of the proceeds of the sale, of the Iowa lands; — And to effectuate this my intention, I hereby vest Fielding Denny my Administrator with full power and authority to dispose of all my Real Estate in the State of Iowa, in fee simple, for cash in hand or in payments as may best advance the interest of my heirs, in as full and ample a manner as I could do myself if living, and to carry into effect other things set forth in this my last will and testament. — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853.

Attest:

M. J. Harris  
E. M. Denney

Hiram Vice *Seal*

State of Indiana,  
Boone County }<sup>33</sup> Personally appeared before the Clerk of  
the Court of Common Pleas of said County,  
M. J. Harris and E. M. Denney, the two subscribing witnesses  
to the last will and testament of Hiram Vice late of said County  
deceased, now filed for probate, and being duly sworn, on oath say  
that they saw said Hiram Vice sign seal and execute said instrument

as his last will and testament, and that said testator at the time of executing said will, was competent to devise his property, and that he executed the same without any coercion, and that same was done in their presence as witnesses thereto.

M. J. Harris  
E. M. Denny

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1853. - Witness my hand and the seal of said Court of Common Pleas this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1853.

*S. S.*

W<sup>m</sup> C. Kise Clerk.

State of Indiana }  
Boone County }<sup>ss</sup>

I, William C. Kise Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, certify that the above & foregoing is a true & complete record of the last will and testament of Hiram Vice deceased, and also of the testimony of the subscribing witnesses, and the attestation of the Clerk thereto. I, William C. Kise Clerk of said Court, hereby certify that the foregoing last will and testament of Hiram Vice deceased, has this day been duly proven and admitted to probate before me in vacation of said Court. - And that said will and the testimony of M. J. Harris & E. M. Denny subscribing witnesses thereto has been made in the record of wills in said County in Vol. No. 2. at Pages 2 & 3. -

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1853.

W<sup>m</sup> C. Kise Clerk

State of Indiana }  
Boone County }<sup>ss</sup>

I, Abram O. Miller Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County hereby certify that the above & foregoing is a full & true copy of the last will and testament of Hiram Vice dec<sup>d</sup>, & the proofs filed therewith and the Certificate of probate as endorsed thereon, as the same on record in my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1869.

A. O. Miller Clerk

*S. S.*

U.S. Dist. Ct. 05<sup>c</sup>  
A. O. M.  
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