

Ruel Birdwell vs. Ann Amanda Trundle and others, Filed 12 Feb. 1861
Sevier County Chancery Court

Ruel Birdwell, of Sevier County, on 1st Dec. 1851, John W. Trundle of Sevier County made will, and appointed said Birdwell executor. Said Trundle died a few days after making will, and said Birdwell executed will. Ann Amanda Trundle was widow of John W. Trundle. All records and will burned in courthouse fire. Birdwell never received certified copy of will from clerk of county court, but made a copy which is filed exhibit A. Said Trundle left widow: Ann Amanda and following minor children: Ann Elizabeth, William Cannon, Martha Ellen, Harriet Rebecca and Winfield Scott- since will was made one, Martha Ellen, has died, and Ann Elizabeth has intermarried with Elijah L. Mullendore.

Will of John W. Trundle:

I John W. Trundle do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made Firstly I direct that my debts and funeral expences to be paid out of the first monies that come into the hands of executor secondly I give to my wife Ann Amanda Trundle all my household and kitchen furniture next I give her all the pork slaughtered and unslaughtered all the fodder oats and corn wheat and twenty five Bushels of Buck wheat...(sic) except ed which is sold to L W Burns for sixty two and a half cents pr Bushel also four of the choicest horses six milch cows and six head of stock cattle of my wife Ann Amanda Trundles own choosing all the stock hogs my flock of sheep geese and all the farming utentils and Blacksmiths tools- The remainder of personal property not herein bequeatherd negros except ed I direct to be sold on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds of said sales together with monies that may arise from notes that I may die in possession of also monies due me from the estate of David Trundle of the state of Maryland which I suppose to be in the hands of my attorney Hezakiah W Trundle of Montgomery County Maryland shall be appropriated to the payment of my debts and other expenses Thirdly As the above amount will fall short of paying my liabilities I direct that my negro woman Martha and her five youngest children be sold on a credit of twelve months after giving four weeks notice in two of the Knoxville papers and the proceeds appropriated to the further liquidation of my liabilities which if not sufficient to pay all I direct that my negro girl Terissa be sold in like manner as the rest of the above named negros after my executor giving Ansalam Graham of Ringgold Georgia notice by letter of said day of sale of said Terrissa I next give my wife Ann Amanda Trundle and my five children the use of the rest of my negros to wit Nelson Alvira Louisa Eliza Emma and Harrison and the use of my plantation untill she marries or some one of children comes of age or marries then I direct that my wife take dower in my lands and the remainder of my lands be equally divided tween my five children and my negros to be equally divided between my wife and whildren To wit Ann Elizabeth ~~Trundle~~ William Cannon, Martha Ellen, Harriet Rebecca, and Winfield Scott Trundle and any monies that may come into the hands of my Executor more than will meet my liabilities I direct to be equally divided between my wife Ann Amanda Trundle and my five children above named. I nominate and appoint my wife Ann Amanda Trundle Guardian for my five children Fourthly and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Reuel Birdwell ~~Reuel Birdwell~~ Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I do to this will set my hand and seal this first day of December 1851

Witness: W.A. McNutt, Wm Goforth

John W Trundle seal

Trundle (con)

State of Tennessee) We the undersigned commissioners being appointed by the
Sevier County) Chancery court at its March term 1861 setting in Sevierville
to meet on the premises at Anna Amanda Trundles in said county- on the 13th April
1861 for the purpose of making a division of the slaves belonging to the Estate
of John W Trundle deceased between the widow & the children of the deceased pur-
suing to said appointment we the undersigned make the following report-

We find in the possession of Ann Amanda Trundle widow of said John W Trundle dec
belonging to the estate- thirteen negroes of the following names & ages- to wit
Nelson a Boy aged about thirty eight years- Harrison a boy aged about fifteen
years Emma a girl aged about sixteen years Vira a girl aged about thirty years
old Terrisa a girl aged Sixteen years Liza a girl aged about nineteen years
Louisa a girl aged about twenty years Pleasant a boy aged about five years
Harry a boy aged about five years Elizabeth a girl aged about three years George
a boy aged about two years Elbert a boy aged about one year Sarah a girl aged
about one year- having divided the same into five lotts Lot no (1) being Vira
valued at eight hundred dollars Nelson valued at eight hundred dollars George
valued at two hundred dollars amount to eighteen hundred dollars Lott no 2
Louisa valued at eighteen hundred dollars Plesant valued at five hundred dollars
Sarah valued at two hundred dollars amount to fifteen hundred dollars Lott no 3
Eliza valued at one thousand dollars Elbert valued at two hundred dollars Harry
valued at four hundred & fifty dollars amount to sixteen hundred & fifty dollars-
Lott no 4. Emma valued at one thousand dollars Elizabeth valued at three hundred
dollars amto to thirteen hundred dollars Lott No 5 Tressa valued at one thousand
dollars Harrison valued at one thousand dollars amount to two thousand dollars-
the aggregate amount of the whole number amounts to eight thousand two hundred
& fifty dollars- after each heir entitled to Sixteen hundred and fifty dollars-
having drawn for choice Lot no 1- drawn by Winnfield Scott Trundle named Vira
Nelson & George valued for the sum of eighteen hundred Dollars Lott no 2- drawn
by Ann Amanda Trundle Louisa Plesant Sarah valued for the sum of fifteen hundred
dollars- Winnfield Scott Trundle drawing Lott No 1 must pay Ann Amanda Trundle
drawing Lott No 2 the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars to make Lotts No 1 & 2
equal Lott No 3 drawn by Harriett Rebecca Trundle Eliza Elbert Harry valued
for the sum of sixteen hundred & fifty dollars being the equalisation- Lott
No 4 drawn by Ann E. Mullendore Emma Elizabeth valued at the sum of thirteen
hudred dollars being three hundred and fifty dollars less than the equalisation
Lott No 5 drawn by William Cannon Trundle Tressa & Harrison valued for the sum
of two thousand dollars- being three hundred & fifty dollars over the pro ratio
share-- William Cannon Trundle drawing Lott No 5 must pay Ann E Mullendore draw-
ing Lott No 4 three hundred & fifty dollars this makes each lott equal at Sixteen
hundred & fifty Dollars-

The aboe is the result of our division after meeting upon the premises this 13
Aprile 1861- B.D. Brabson, B.M. Chandler, J.W. Chambers, Commissioners