

Will of Robert Ervin
Executed Dec 19, 1857

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In the name of the Benevolent Father of all;
I Robert Ervin of Milton Township, Jackson County, and State of Ohio, do make and
publish this my last will and testament.

1st - I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary in lieu of her dower, the farm on which
we now reside in Milton Township (above named) containing about two hundred & thirty
acres during her natural life, and all the household goods, furniture provisions, grain,
hay, and all my other personal property, except what shall be otherwise herein [?]
requiring her to conform to all that I devise in this my will.

2nd – I bequeath to my son Nelson Ervin and his heirs or assigns the farm on which he
now lives in Walnut Township, Gallia County, Ohio, containing about one hundred and
eighty seven acres – (All I own in that place) also the use of all the land that I have given
to my wife in Milton Township (above named) after her death, while he lives, providing
that he keep it in as good condition and repairs as when he first gets it, and that he
obligate himself to pay annually out of the avails of the farm fifty dollars to my Mother-
in-law (if alive) during her natural life. I also wish him to have one horse, and my light
two horse wagon (but not the harness). After the death of those to whom I have
bequeathed the use of the farm on which I now live, I wish it to go to the Heirs (children)
of my 2nd son Nelson.

3rd – I give and bequeath to my Mother in law, Elizabeth Ellis, my grey mare, and her
living out of the avails of my home farm so long as she shall chose to live with my wife
and assist her as in months past, and further that if she choose at any time to give up her
right to her living with my wife as above, that my 2nd wife pay to her within six months
one hundred dollars in lieu thereof.

I will also further that if she should outlive my wife that my son Nelson, or whoever may
possess the above farm bind themselves to pay her out of it's avails fifty dollars per
annum during her lifetime providing she herself calls for it each and every year.

4th – I will that my Executors collect all the debts and claims due me and that out of this
to pay (honorably) all my funeral expenses and debts, and the expenses of settling my
estate – and then that one hundred dollars be given to my brother Alexander Ervin, and
one hundred dollars be given to his son Robert to be kept on interest by his father for
him, and he be bound to pay it to him when he becomes of age. I also wish them to pay
to Robert Ervin of Jackson Township, this county, one hundred dollars together with all
that he owes the estate – I also wish them to pay to Henry Brown (when he becomes of
age) what his indenture calls for providing he remains with my wife and performs his

duty as required by the said Bond. – Beyond this if there be any more money remaining I wish that it be given to my said wife.

5th – I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends (David B. Corssell and William A. Persons (of this township) Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby authorizing and empowering them to compromise, adjust, collect, release and discharge in such manner as they may deem proper the debts and claims due me, and also to pay out all monies, and to perform all business as in their judgment will be according to my request in this my last will and testament.

6th – I wish to have all my business settled without having any Appraisers appointed.

In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of December 1857.

Robert Ervin

Signed and acknowledged by said Robert Ervin
As his last Will and Testament in our person and
Signed by us in his person:
David B. Corssell
Elizabeth Farney
Monroe Ellis

RECEIPTS FROM THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ERVIN (Same as above)

July 7, 1862

Received of Mary Ervin, Administrator of the Estate of Robert Ervin, deceased, the sum of fifty dollars being part of a bequest of one hundred dollars from the said Robert Ervin to myself. [Signed] Robert Ervin Jr.

March 18, 1865

Received of Mary Ervin (Admin) one hundred dollars in full of a bequest of like amount made by my brother Robert Ervin, late of Jackson Co., O, deceased, to me. [Signed] A B Ervin

April 18, 1865

Received of Mary Ervin Admin. of Robert Ervin, deceased, fifty dollars, in full, of a bequest of one hundred dollars from my uncle to myself. [Signed] Robert Ervin