

Died  
1869

The Last Will and Testament of James  
Mc Hamilton of the County of Mason  
and State of Illinois.

Considering the  
uncertainty of human life, and being  
of sound mind and memory, do make  
and publish this my last Will and testa-  
ment in manner and form following  
and as to my worldly estate and all the  
property of which I shall die seized  
and possessed or to which I shall  
be entitled to at my decease I devise  
bequeath, and dispose thereof in the manner  
following to wit

Impressed by Will is that all my  
just debts and funeral charges  
shall by my executors hereinafter named  
be paid out of my Estate, as soon after  
my decease as shall be found by them  
convenient.

Then I give devise and bequeath to  
my Brother Wm Mc Hamilton Four head  
of Horses one Span of Mules Six Yearling  
Colts, one two Horse Wagon and harness  
and all of my farming utensils

I also give and bequeath to J. P. Hamilton  
J. P. Hamilton H. P. Hamilton, and the  
Heirs of Mary Jones - Heirs of Roxie Cross  
Elizabeth McCann. Hiram Hamilton or



beis the Sum of five dollars each -  
and I further give and bequeath  
to my Brother Wm. M. Hamilton his  
heir, and assigns, all that tract of  
land situated in Mason County,  
and State of Illinois as follows  
that piece of parcel of Land Conting  
~~one hundred and forty acres of Land~~  
and five acres in the Grove -  
all in Section - nineteen, twenty,  
and twenty two - now rented by  
Jas. & Geo. Stevenson on which  
they reside are the making of this  
instrument, -  
all the rest of my real and personal  
estate or mixed which I shall die  
seized and possessed of I devise  
bequeath to my brother Wm. M. Hamilton  
Lastly I do nominate and appoint my  
brother Wm. M. Hamilton to be my  
Executor of this my last Will and Testament  
in Testimony whereof I the said  
James M. Hamilton have to this my  
last Will and Testament in witness  
an one sheet of paper subscribed by  
name and affixed my seal this twenty  
day of February A.D. 1869

{Seal}

at test  
W. C. McQuinn  
A. M. C. C.

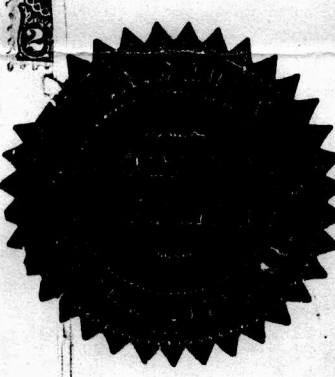
H. Mitchell  
James A. Stephenson Notary

This is to Certify that the Marks above  
is the Signature of James W. Hamilton  
made by his free will and Consent and  
dictated by the said James W. Hamilton  
as his last will and testament. and  
for the purposes herein mentioned  
that he was in sound mind and  
Memory. that he was roused up on  
his bed. and directed to put  
a book on his knee after the above  
will was written. but he came so weak  
that he could not finish writing his  
name. he remained conscious until  
the last and did not wish to retract  
anything done and we on our Oaths  
believe that the property left by him  
was for the sole use and purposes  
herein mentioned.

Dated at Mason City this 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
A. D. 1869.

R. C. Deane  
S. A. Martin.  
J. W. Whitmore  
John J. Barnham  
H. H. Mitchell

James A. Stephenson  
Subscribed and Sworn to before J. R.  
Brown a Notary public in and for the  
County of Mason the date and Year herein  
written  
J. R. Brown N. P.



above