

So some of the information will be indexed, I have made a print copy of this email and uploaded and linked to it from within the Brady Trilog website. All emails have been masked with spaces.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~bradytrilogy/kinfolk/last%20wills%20testaments.html>

Once I received copies of the actual scanned documents, may I have permission to load them on the webserver for future review?

Thanks for the efforts and work on everyone's parts.

Robert

----- Original Message -----

From: brian brady <babrady @ shaw.ca>

To: h brady <hbrady1@cfl.rr.com>; Robert Brady <bradytrilogy @ yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2007 10:15:48 AM

Subject: FW: Brady Family

Hello Howard and Robert

Here are transcripts of the 1824 Marriage Contract and the Will of Samuel Brady, as done by Debbra (3rd cousin brady from William Henry Brady line).

Note that the X in the will is Samuel's mark...he was incapable of signing his name at the time, definitely a deathbed will, as he was able to sign his name when he was married.

the red (request) was inserted by Debbra, the () in blue are what I could make out. Will send you both the original scan once we find out which relative has the best copy to reproduce. Will likely be mid Feb before everyone is contacted.

Also we have cleared up a mystery regarding John Allen Brady jr...have a probate of a will of a John Brady dec 15 Jul 1915, and it was in a file with an 1874 probate of John Allen Brady Sr from Osawatomie Kansas regarding a 40 acre parcel disposition...after careful checking the second document is not JAB jr, but another John Brady born much earlier...his widow (Mercy Elizabeth Hart maiden name) is a second wife married in 1907 and all the children are from his first wife. Unfortunately this means we are still looking for John Allen Brady jr born 1874 Osawatomie Kansas...rumor is he also remarried after 1905 return to the US to a woman named Winnie (no last), and possibly died in Texas. I will continue to search.

Getting ready to move next month...

Sincerely,

Brian Brady

From: Richard Brown [mailto: rbrown11082 @ earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 10:39 PM

To: Brian Brady

Subject: re: Brady Family

Hi Brian! Thanks for the information on Samuel's parent's and siblings. My copies of the marriage contract and the will aren't too bad. I can read them. I'll get copies to you. I thought that Samuel's father was John Brady! Aunt Myrtle had copies of military records in her book for John Brady. I'll have to check and see if they could be the same John Brady...

I'll see if I can scan them to you. If not, do you have an address that I can send them to?

Marriage Contract

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE (Samuel Brady and Andrew Yeager)

do hold and firmly bound unto James Pleasant Jr. Esquire, Governor or the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the time being, and his successors, for the use of the said Commonwealth, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars; to with payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these pre(sent)-? sealed with our seals, and dated the 17 day of March 1824.

WHEREAS, a Marriage is suddenly intended to be had and solemnized between Samuel Brady and Pheby Yeager

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if there be no willful cause, or just impediment to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Legal and acknowledged in Samuel Brady (seal)
the presence of Andrew Yeager (seal)

Josiah Beard, Clk.

(The Will)

Know all men by these presence that I Samuel Brady of the County of Pocahontas and state of Virginia . Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death make this as my last will and testament. And by this revoke all former wills and conveyances, having before made a will and special contract conveying to my son Wm H. Brady the land on which I now reside with the understanding (which deed or title form sets forth) that he preform certain obligations which he has utterly failed in doing and still continues to do. I therefore make this my last will and (request)? is and expect is to be enforced by those coming after me. I will to my children after all my legal and just debts are paid my property as hereafter named . I will to my son or to Gustavas L. Brady and Saml A. Moore as trustee for my son Jas. W. Brady support and maintenance 100 acres off of the East End of the place and at the death of my son Jas. W. Brady any thing that may be left of said 100 acres to be the property of G.L. Brady and S.A. Moore after he has been provided for his during his life time to Wm H. Brady, G.L. Brady, Cristine M. Moore, Margaret G., Grimes shall distribute and divide equally between them and the legal representatives for the faithful performances of the above I hereby appoint J.W. Marshall as my executor to carry this will into effect . (and) ?to further that if the 100 acres set apart for my son James will not be taken charge of by G.L. Brady and S.A. Moore said executor

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shall sell (said) cd? land and appropriate said proceeding from sale to support of Jas. W. Brady but if they or either of them obligate themselves or give Brady, J.W. his support they to take and ? appr(opr)iate to their use at my death said 100 acres of ? this 100 acres to include the houses and the improvements on the bottom.

For the faithful performance of the above I enjoin on all to ? and sign and seal in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Witnesses
John Ligan
Wm. M. Boyd
J.W. Marshall

(his mark)
Samuel X Brady

County Clerks Office for the County of ? on the 29th day of April 1879.

This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Brady, deed late of County aforesaid was this day presented in the clerks office and proven in the oaths of John Ligan and J.W. Marshall subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to recorded - which is accordingly done.

John J. Beard Clk

(They had Wm. M. Boyd's name included in the statement above but they crossed it out.)

Let me know if any of this makes any sense to you. Some of that will was pretty hard to read on page two. Not to mention that the sentences seemed not to make a lot of sense in some parts of it. Did you know that James W. Brady was retarded? That's why they wanted him cared for.

Until I hear from you,

Cousin Debbra

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