3MISSOURI WILL INSTRUCTIONS Married with Children from Prior Marriage

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1. This Will is designed to be completed on your computer. To do so, use your mouse and click on each field which will be highlighted in gray. This will replace the gray with the words you type.

Example:	[1] will become	JOHN DOE.

If you ordered and received this Will in hard copy, you may also use these instructions to complete the Will, leaving the reference numbers, and placing the names, etc. you desire next to the field numbers.

- 2. The Will contains Articles which cover various matters. The information below is designed to assist you in completing the fields contained in the articles of the Will.
 - 3. Article / Field Completion Instructions

Field [1] - Your name. Field [2] - Your name

Field [3] - Your County of Residence.

ARTICLE ONE

Field [4] - Type the name of person your spouse.

Fields [5] – [10] Type the name(s) and birth date(s) of all children of the prior marriage.

ARTICLE THREE

This article is for you to specify specific property to go to a specific person. If you do not leave any, type none and delete the fields.

Field [11] - Type name.

Field [12] - Type street address.

Field [13] - Additional Address line.

Field [14] - City, State, Zip. Field [15] - Relationship.

Field [16] - Describe the property to go to this person.

Field [17] - Type name.

Field [18] - Type street address.

Field [19] - Additional Address line.

Field [20] - City, State, Zip. Field [21] - Relationship.

Field [22] - Describe the property

Field [23] - Type name.

Field [24] - Type street address.
Field [25] - Additional Address line.

Field [26] - City, State, Zip. Field [27] - Relationship.

Field [28] - Describe the property

ARTICLE FOUR

This article is for you to leave your homestead, if you have one on the date of death to persons designated. Check the appropriate box to indicate your selection.

Field [29] - Type name of your spouse if this option is chosen.

Field [30] - Type name(s) of child(ren) if this option is chosen.

Fields [31-32] Omitted

If the children option is chosen, check the box which indicates whether the spouse is to have a life estate in the property.

Note: If your home is jointly owned with another and held as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, the home will pass to the survivor and will not be controlled by your will. If this is the case, name the joint tenant in field 29.

ARTICLE FIVE

This article is for you to leave all the rest and remainder of your property except your homestead and any special items you listed in Article Three. Check the appropriate box to indicate your selection.

Field [33] - Type name of children to receive all other property if this

option is chosen

Field [34-35] Omitted

Field [36] - Type the name of your spouse if this option is chosen.

ARTICLE SIX

This article is to provide an alternate distribution of the rest and remainder of your property should your spouse predecease you and the provisions for distribution contained in Article Five cannot be carried out. Check the appropriate box to indicate your selection.

Field [37] - Type the name of children to receive all other property if

this provision is to be enacted.

Fields [38-39] Omitted

ARTICLE SEVEN

This article is for you establish a trust on behalf of minor beneficiaries until they reach an age determined by you, at which time their share of the estate may be distributed to them.

Field [40] Enter the age, below which you desire property be placed

in trust for minor beneficiaries.

Fields [41-44] Enter age at which children will receive property from the

trust.

ARTICLE NINE

This article provides for the appointment of a Trustee and Successor Trustee.

Field [45] Type the name of the Trustee

Field [46] Type the name of the Successor Trustee.

ARTICLE TEN

This article provides for the appointment of a guardian of any minor children.

Field [47] Type the age below which you desire a guardian to be

appointed

Field [48] Type the name of the Guardian.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

This article is for you to name your personal representative. This must be an adult and can be the person with whom you live.

Field [49] - Type name of Personal Representative.

Field [50] - Type name of successor Personal Representative.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

This article provides instructions relating to the interpretation of your will.

Field [51] Type the name of your spouse.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

All parts of Article 15 are optional. Complete as desired. Be sure to write your initials for any of these items you desire to apply.

Field [52] - Type name of Cemetery. Field [53] - Type County.

Field [54] - Type State.

ENDING AND SIGNATURE

Field [55] - Your name.
Field [56] - Your name.
Field [57] - Your name.
Field [58] - Your name.
Field [59] - Your name.
Field [60] - Your name.
Field [61] - Your name.

All other blanks in the Will are typically completed by hand, such as the names of the witnesses, day, month and year executed, etc.

Once you have completed the Will, double check all entries and then print. The Will should be signed by you in front of two witnesses, not related to you. Please sign all pages of the Will in the places designated.

The self-proving affidavit is used to prove the Will and make the Will subject to probate. If the affidavit is not completed now, someone will have to locate the witnesses after your death and obtain an affidavit. Therefore, it is best to sign the Will in the presence of two witnesses AND a notary public so that the affidavit can be completed by the Notary.

You should keep your Will in a safe place once executed. It is also recommended that you give a copy to your executor or other person as additional proof of execution.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WILL FORM

This section will briefly explain some of the articles of your will and provide other information. Articles of the Will which are basically self explanatory are not discussed here. In addition, information which is already provided in the instructions above is not repeated.

First Paragraph: The first paragraph of the Will, provides your name, residence information and provides that all prior Wills, if any, are revoked since you have now made a new Will.

Article Three: Some people have specific property that they desire to leave to a specific person, such as a ring or antique. This Article is for you to leave such property. You do not have to name specific property and may simply state none if no property is to be left under this Article.

Article Eleven: This Article is for you to name a personal representative, also called executor or executrix. The person named should be an adult and may be your spouse or relative.

Article Twelve: If not waived, some Courts will require your Personal Representative post a bond, and file an inventory, accounting and/or appraisal. All can be costly and time consuming. This Article states your intention that your Personal Representative not be required to post a bond or file an inventory or accounting.

Article Thirteen: This Article sets forth powers of your Personal Representative and is designed to give broad powers without the requirement that Court approval be sought for action by the Representative to the extent permitted by the laws of your State.

Article Fourteen: This article sets forth some legal construction intentions to clarify some of the issues which may arise. It also contains a common disaster clause which provides that if you and your spouse die in a common disaster, your Will is to have precedence. In cases where you and your wife are making Wills, you would only include this paragraph in one Will, or state in both which Will is to control.

BASIC INFORMATION
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What is a Will? A Will is document which provides who is to receive your property death. at will who administer your estate, the appointment of trustees and guardians, if applicable, and other provisions.

Who may make a Will?

Generally, any person 18 years or older of sound mind may make a Will. (Some states allow persons under 18 to make a Will)

What happens if I die without a Will? lf you die without a will you are an intestate. In such a case, state laws govern who receives your property. These laws called are "intestate succession laws". If you die without a Will. the Court

decides who will administer your estate. Generally, it more expensive to administer an estate of а person who died without а Will, than a person who dies with a Will.

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need to consider who will he named as vour personal representativ e or executor to administer your estate, who you will name quardian and trustee of minor children if your spouse does not survive you and who will receive your property. You should also consider tax issues. The person appointed as executor or administrator is often your spouse, but should vou name also an alternate, in case your spouse predeceases

you. The person you name should be a person you can trust and who will get along with the beneficiaries named in the Will.

In the event your spouse predeceases you, the guardian you name will have actual custody of your minor children unless а court appoints someone else. The trustee you appoint to administer a trust you established will be in charge of the assets of the trust for the benefit of the minor beneficiaries.

Generally, a Will must be signed in the presence of at least two witnesses (three for Vermont) who also sign the Will. notary Α public will also need to sian if the Will contains selfproving affidavit.

Generally, a self-proving affidavit allows the Will to be admitted to probate without other evidence of execution.

Joint Property:

Many people do not understand that joint property may pass outside your Will and also sometimes assume that it will pass through their Will. Thev do not understand the significance of joint ownership. The issue is common the following areas. provided as examples:

(a) Real Estate:

Often, husband and wife will own real estate as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. If one party dies. the surviving party receives the property regardless of what the Will

provides. This is common and generally acceptable. However, if this is not your desire you should change the ownership of the property to tenants in common or other form of ownership. If you own real estate as tenants in common. then you may designate who will receive your share of the property at your death. This issue can be a problem when uninformed persons take title to real estate as joint tenants with rights of survivorship but really intended to leave their share to, for example, children of a prior marriage.

(b) Ban k
Accounts/C ertificates of Deposit, Stock, Retirement Plans, IRA's and other type

of is

Property: The same ownership as estate real can be made these investments. In fact, many **Banks** routinely Bank place accounts and Certificates of Deposit in the joint with tenant right of survivorship form of ownership if more than one person the on account or CD, without advising you of the consequenc e of same. In situations where the persons are husband and wife and there is no issue or concern over divorce or children from previous marriages, this may be best the course of action. However, with divorce on the rise, premarital agreements and multiple marriages being common, the

parties may

doing

be

something that was not their intent. Another common problematic situation is where а parent has than more one child but only one child resides in the home town of the parent. The parent may the place name of the child who resides there all on accounts. CD's and other investments for convenience reasons and establish а joint tenant with right of survivorship situation without realizing that only that child will be entitled to those assets the at parent's death. Simply put, should you be aware when you acquire an asset or investment exactly how it is titled.

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Your Will starts on the next page.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

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BE IT KNOWN THIS DAY THAT,					
I,[2], of[3] County, Missouri, being of legal age and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, menace, fraud, or undue influence of any person, do make, declare and publish this to be my Will and hereby revoke any Will or Codicil I may have made.					
M	ARTICLE arriage and				
I am married to from a prior marriage:		[4] and have	the following child(ren)		
Name: Name:	[7]	Date of Birth:	[8]		
D	ARTICLE Debts and E	_			
I direct my Personal Representative to pay all costs and expenses of my last illness and funeral expenses. I further direct my Personal Representative to pay all of my just debts that may be probated, registered and allowed against my estate. However, this provision shall not extend the statute of limitations for the payment of debts, or enlarge upon my legal obligation or any statutory duty of my Personal Representative to pay debts.					
Specific Beques	ARTICLE ts of Real a	THREE Ind/or Personal Pro	perty		
I will, give and bequeath unto	the persons	s named below, if he o	or she survives me, the		
[11] [1 [1	ddress .2] .3] .4]		Relationship [15]		
Property: [16]	_				
[17] [1 [1	ddress .8] .9] .0]		Relationship [21]		

[23]		Address [24] [25] [26]	Relationship [27]	
Prop	perty: [28]			
[LIST	OR STATE NO PROPERTY	LEFT UNDER THIS ARTICLE]		
Will.	est to such person shall lapse	erson in this Article and said person e and the property shall pass under the possess or own any property listed al or shall lapse.	e other provisions of this	
	Home	ARTICLE FOUR estead or Primary Residence		
	a homestead or primary re- to my spouse, or she does not survive me the residuary clause of this	all my interest in my homestead or pri sidence on the date of my death that p [29], if he or e, then my homestead or primary resi Will.	passes through this Will, she survives me. If he	
OR				
	a homestead or primary reto my child(ren),have more than one child per stirpes. If I select this be subject to a life estate in	all my interest in my homestead or prisidence on the date of my death that particle and name them here, they shall receip option the interest to my child(ren) my spouse so long as my spouse of e for at least 8 months of every year.	passes through this Will, [30]. If I we my property equally, shall be or shall not	
	All Remai	ARTICLE FIVE ning Property – Residuary Claus	e	
I will, devise, bequeath and give all the rest and remainder of my property and estate of every kind and character, including, but not limited to, real and personal property in which I may have an interest at the date of my death and which is not otherwise effectively disposed of, to I will, devise, bequeath and give all the rest and remainder of my property and estate of every kind and character, including, but not limited to, real and personal property in which I may have an interest at the date of my death and which is not otherwise effectively disposed of, to				
		and name them here, they shall receiv ren to receive residuary estate. F		

Signed by Testator/Testatrix:

	predecease you] Signed if Selected:
OR	
	My spouse named[36]. Signed if Selected:
	ARTICLE SIX Contingent - All Remaining Property – Residuary Clause
	Not applicable because I named my child(ren) in article Five. Signed if Selected:
OR	
	In the event that my spouse shall predecease me, I will, devise, bequeath and give all the rest and remainder of my property and estate of every kind and character, including, but not limited to, real and personal property in which I may have an interest at the date of my death and which is not otherwise effectively disposed of, to my children [37]. If I have more than one child and name them here, they shall receive my property equally, per stirpes. Signed if Selected:
	ARTICLE SEVEN
	Property To Vest In Trustee for Child Beneficiary
Repre benef	In the event that my spouse predeceases me as provided in Article Six, and any of my en are under the age of[40] years of age, then I direct that my Personal esentative shall transfer, assign and deliver over to my Trustee, named below, such iciary's share of my estate and the objects of property described herein. I direct my see to hold said Beneficiaries share of my estate on the following terms and conditions:
	Α.
accor	The Trustee shall hold and administer the assets of the Trust for the use and benefit of eneficiaries for the purpose of providing for their health, education and general welfare in dance with their accustomed standard of living as much as is possible, considering the of the Trust property and their other sources of income.
	В.
sole of Truste or her	The Trustee, may in his or her discretion, distribute to or for the benefit of the named riciaries, such portions of the income and principal of the Trust as he or she in his or her discretion shall determine to be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Trust. The ee may make such distributions as often or as seldom as he or she may determine in his r sole discretion without the necessity of any court authority or approval, this being a e trust.

C.

As each Beneficiary herein reaches the age of	[41] years, the Trustee shall
distribute to said beneficiary his or her share of the	trust principal and income as of the
distribution date. When the youngest Beneficiary reach	nes the age of $_{}$ [42] years, the
Trustee shall distribute all of the remaining Trust propert	ty including principal and accumulated
income to the Beneficiary and this Trust shall termina	te. In making said distributions, the
Trustee may make distributions in kind and shall have th	e sole discretion as to valuation of the
Trust property in determining and apportioning distribution	ns among the Beneficiaries.

D.

In the event of the death of any of the above named Beneficiary prior to the final date of distribution, and said deceased Beneficiary shall leave living issue, the Trustee shall hold only that portion of the Trust property attributable to said deceased Beneficiary beyond the distribution dates as provided in Subparagraph C above, and administer said Trust property for the use and benefit of said living issue. When said youngest living issue reaches the age of _____[43] years, the Trust as to said living issue shall terminate and the Trustee shall distribute all of the remaining Trust property in equal shares to said living issue. In the event of the death of any of the above named Beneficiaries prior to the final date of distribution and said deceased Beneficiaries leave no living issue, then that portion of the Trust property to be distributed to the deceased Beneficiaries as provided for in Subparagraph C above, shall instead be distributed to the surviving Beneficiaries in equal shares.

E.

Personal and real property may be maintained for my Beneficiaries or converted to cash as my Trustee shall determine. I direct that my Trustee administer hereunder any funds coming into the hands of my Beneficiaries pursuant to any life insurance policy insuring my life.

F.

In the event that on the date of my death, my spouse shall have predeceased me and my youngest Beneficiary is over _____[44] years of age, then this Trust shall be inoperative and my entire estate shall be distributed to said Beneficiaries as provided in Article Six.

ARTICLE EIGHT Creditors of Beneficiaries

Neither the principal nor the income of any Trust provision contained in this Will nor any part of same shall be liable for the debts of any Beneficiary hereunder, nor shall the same be subject to seizure by any Creditor of any Beneficiary, and no Beneficiary therein shall have any power to sell, assign, transfer, encumber, or in any manner to anticipate or dispose of his or her interest in the Trust fund, nor any part of same nor the income produced from said fund nor any part of same.

ARTICLE NINE Appointment of Trustee

appoint	[45], or if	the appointee	fails to	qualify	0
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cease to act, I appoint
ARTICLE TEN
Appointment of Guardian
In the event that a guardian is necessary for any of my children that may be under the age of[47] years, then on the date of my death, I appoint[48], as Guardian of said children.
ARTICLE ELEVEN
Appointment of Personal Representative, Executor or Executrix
I hereby appoint[49], as Personal Representative of my estate and this Will. In the event my Personal Representative shall predecease me, or, for any reason, shall fail to qualify or cease to act as my Personal Representative, then I hereby appoint[50] to serve as successor Personal Representative of my estate and Will.

The term "Personal Representative", as used in this Will, shall be deemed to mean and include "Personal Representative", "Executor" or "Executrix".

ARTICLE TWELVE Waiver of Bond, Inventory, Accounting, Reporting and Approval

My Personal Representative and successor Personal Representative shall serve without any bond, and I hereby waive the necessity of preparing or filing any inventory, accounting, appraisal, reporting, approvals or final appraisement of my estate.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN Powers of Personal Representative, Executor and Executrix

I direct that my Personal Representative shall have broad discretion in the administration of my Estate, without the necessity of Court approval. I grant unto my Personal Representative, all powers that are allowed to be exercised by Personal Representatives by the laws of the State of Missouri and to the extent not prohibited by the laws of Missouri, the following additional powers:

- 1. To exercise all of the powers, rights and discretions granted by virtue of any "Uniform Trustees' Powers Law," and/or "Probate Code" adopted by the State of Missouri.
- 2. To compromise claims and to abandon property which, in my Executor's opinion is of little or no value.
 - 3. To purchase or otherwise acquire and to retain any and all stocks, bonds, notes

or other securities, or shares or interests in investment trusts and common trust funds, or in any other property, real, personal or mixed, as my Personal Representative may deem advisable, whether or not such investments or property be of the character permissible by fiduciaries, without being liable to any person for such retention or investment.

- 4. To settle, adjust, dissolve, windup or continue any partnership or other entity in which I may own a partnership or equity interest at the time of my death, subject, however, to the terms of any partnership or other agreement to which I am a party at the time of my death. I authorize my Personal Representative to continue in any partnership or other entity for such periods and upon such terms as they shall determine. My Personal Representative shall not be disqualified by reason of being a partner, equity owner or title holder in such firm from participating on behalf of my estate in any dealings herein authorized to be carried on between my Personal Representative and the partners or equity owners of any such partnership or other entity.
- 5. To lease, sell, or offer on a lease purchase, any real or personal property for such time and upon such terms and conditions in such manner as may be deemed advisable by my Personal Representative, all without court approval.
- 6. To sell, exchange, assign, transfer and convey any security or property, real or personal, held in my estate, or in any trust, at public or private sale, at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions (including credit) as my Personal Representative may deem advisable and for the best interest of my estate, or any trust. I hereby waive any requirement of issuing summons, giving notice of any hearing, conducting or holding any such hearing, filing bond or other security, or in any way obtaining court authority or approval for any such sale, exchange, assignment, transfer or conveyance of any real or personal property.
- 7. To pay all necessary expenses of administering the estate and any trust including taxes, trustees' fees, fees for the services of accountants, agents and attorneys, and to reimburse said parties for expenses incurred on behalf of the estate or any trust hereunder.
- 8. Unless otherwise specifically provided, to make distributions (including the satisfaction of any pecuniary bequest) in cash or in specific property, real or personal, or in an undivided interest therein, or partly in cash and partly in other property, and to do so with or without regard to the income tax basis of specific property allocated to any beneficiary and without making pro rata distributions of specific assets.
- 9. To determine what is principal and what is income with respect to all receipts and disbursements; to establish and maintain reserves for depreciation, depletion, obsolescence, taxes, insurance premiums, and any other purpose deemed necessary and proper by them and to partite and to distribute property of the estate or trust in kind or in undivided interests, and to determine the value of such property.
- 10. To participate in any plan of reorganization, consolidation, dissolution, redemption, or similar proceedings involving assets comprising my estate or any trust created hereunder, and to deposit or withdraw securities under any such proceedings.
- 11. To perform such acts, to participate in such proceedings and to exercise such other rights and privileges in respect to any property, as if she or he were the absolute owner thereof, and in connection therewith to enter into and execute any and all agreements binding my estate and any trust created hereunder.

- 12. To compromise, settle or adjust any claim or demand by or against my estate, or any trust, to litigate any such claims, including, without limitation, any claims relating to estate or income taxes, or agree to rescind or modify any contract or agreement.
- 13. To borrow money from such source or sources and upon such terms and conditions as my Personal Representative shall determine, and to give such security therefore as my Personal Representative may determine.

All authorities and powers hereinabove granted unto my Personal Representative shall be exercised from time to time in her or his sole and absolute discretion and without prior authority or approval of any Court, and I intend that such powers be construed in the broadest possible extent.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Construction Intentions

It is my intent that this Will be interpreted according to the following provisions:

- 1. The masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine as well as the neuter, and vice versa, as to each of them; the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa.
- 2. The term "testator" as used herein is deemed to include me as Testator or Testatrix.
- 3. This Will is not a result of a contract between myself and any beneficiary, fiduciary or third party and I may revoke this Will at any time.
- 4. If any part of this Will shall be declared invalid, illegal, or inoperative for any reason, it is my expressed intent that the remaining parts shall be effective and fully operative and it is my intent that any Court so interpreting same construct this Will and any provision in favor of survival.
- 5. In the event that my spouse, _______[51], and I die under circumstances where it is difficult to determine who died first, I direct that I be deemed to have survived her/him and the terms of my Will shall take precedence over any Will or Codicil that he/she may have made, notwithstanding any provisions of the law to the contrary.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN Misc. Provisions

	I direct that	this Will	and the	construction	thereof	shall I	be g	overned	by the	e Laws	of th	ìе
State of	f Missouri.											

(I have placed my initials next to the provisions below that I desire to adopt. Unmarked provisions are not adopted by me and are not a part of this Will)

 If any person named herein is indebted to me at the time of my death and s	such
indebtedness be evidenced by a valid Promissory Note payable to me, then s	such

	person's portion of my estate shall be diminished by the amount of such debt.					
	Any and all debts of my estate shall first be paid from my residuary estate. debts on any real property left herein shall be assumed by the person to recount real property and not paid by my Personal Representative.					
	I desire to be buried in the[53] Coul	nty,	[52] cemetery in[54].			
	I direct that my remains be according to the wishes of my E		ne ashes be disposed of			
I, presence of _ who attested	it at my request on this the	[55], having and e day of	signed this Will in the			
	ast Will and Testament.		(address), declare			
		Testator/Testatrix	[56] <			
	pove and foregoing Will of	in the view and prese	[57] was declared to be his/her Will and was [59] in our view and w and presence of nce of each other, we, the			
undersigned,	witnessed and attested [61] on thi	the due execut	ion of the Will of			
Witness Signa Print Name: Address:	ature	Witness Signature Print Name: Address:				
City, State, Zi Phone:	D:	City, State, Zip: Phone:				

Missouri Self Proving Affidavit

THE STATE OF MISSOURI	
COUNTY OF	
witnesses, whose names are signed to the attatogether before me and having been first duly Testator/Testatrix of the Will signed and execushe or he had willingly signed, and that she or for the purposes therein expressed; and that e of the Testator/Testatrix of the Will, signed the knowledge the Testator/Testatrix of the Will was sound mind, and under no constraint or undue	the Testator/Testatrix of the Will, and the ached or foregoing instrument, having appeared sworn, each then declared to me that the sted the instrument as her or his last Will, and that he executed it as her or his free and voluntary ach of the witnesses, in the presence and hearing Will as witness and that to the best of her or his as at that time eighteen or more years of age, of influence.
(Seal)	NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:	