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Here is the James Rafferty (the senior) will.

Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa, Block A, 2nd Avenue, Lot 5. They were probably purchased in 1873 at the time of the first burial there4.

Last Will of James Rafferty Dec'd  
State of Iowa, Clinton county

I James Rafferty of the City of Clinton, County of Clinton and State of Iowa, being infirm in health, but of sound and discoerning (?) mind and memory do hereby make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

First, I wish that all my just debts, -which are but few, - be paid. I will and bequeath unto my six children, named Owen Rafferty, James Rafferty, Mrs. Mary Mannion, Mrs. Peter Scanlan, Dennis Rafferty, and Peter Rafferty, all my real estate, whichever situated, including my two lots on the southwest corner of Twelfth avenue and Second street in the City of Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa, (being the lots 23 and 24 in Block No. 9 in South Clinton, and my lot on the West side of 3rd street between 14th and 15th avenues, being 35 feet of lots 23 and 24 in Block 17 (South Clinton). Said properto to be share and share alike. And as the property itself may not be divided easily, my executors are authorized to sell said property, and to divide the proceeds thereof equally among my said children, share and share alike. All my household furniture and personal property, contained in the old homestead, I give and bequeath to my two daughters, Mrs. Peter Scanlan and Mrs. Mary Mannion, to be divided equally between them share and share alike.

And all other personal property belonging to me, including notes and accounts, including a note against John Bosch, I will and bequeath unto my said six children, to each share and share alike. And I hereby appoint as sole executors of this my last Will and Testament, my son, Dennis Rafferty, and my son in-law, Peter Scanlan.

Witness my hand this 5th day of July, 1879. James "x" (his mark) Rafferty

Thomas Keeffer, witnesses

State of Iowa, Clinton County

J. W. B. Scoffingwell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that on this day at the September term, AD, 1879, of said Court the will and instrument in writing, hereunto annexed, and bearing date on the 5th day of July, 1879, was duly proved before and allowed by said Court as and for the last Will and Testament of the real and property of James Rafferty, late of said County, deceased and was by said court ordered to be XXXXXXXX as his last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto at my hand and affixed the seal of said County to my office in Clinton, in said County this 8th day of Sept. 1879. A.D. XXXXXXXX

According to the mortality schedules, James Rafferty, age 57, and his wife Elizabeth, age 60, died of Typhoid Fever in July 1879.