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JOHN S. BANKS

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Apr, 27, 1851

July 28, 1851

I, John S. Banks of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky do here by make this my last will in the manner of form following that is to say:

1st, I desire that all my estate both real and personal be sold as soon as it is convenient after my decease and all my just debts and funeral expenses he paid out of the money arising thereof.

2nd After payment of just debts and funeral expenses I desire that the residue of the money arising from such sale be given to the following:

3rd I give my sister Mary Ann Crabtree the sum of ten dollars

4th I give my brother James F. Banks one half of said money.

5th I give my sister Mrs. Julit C. Barber and the heirs of her body the other half of said money.

I hereby constitute and appoint my brother James F. Banks and Edward Barber my brother in law executors of this my last will.

John S. Banks

Witnesses:

Elias B. Banks

John N. Banks



MARY BANKS

Book 3, page 256

June 20, 1850

Feb. 1855

In the name of God Amen, I Mary Banks being sick and Weak in body but of Sound mind and disposing memory.

First I give the same in the manner following: That is I give all my estate both real and personal to my six surviving children here after named to be equally divided between them namely: John V. Banks, Rachael G. King, Ruhania L. Lyneau, Mary E. Moore, Elias Battler Banks and Elizabeth W. Stinson (decd). It is also my will that my daughter Elizabeth W. Stinson part of my estate be divided between her four children namely Madison O. Stinson, Crawford, Mary O. and Elizabeth M. Stinson.

And it is my will that my son Clement P. Banks decd. two surviving children be allowed \$5.00 each that is to say I give to James F. Banks \$5.00 I also give to Mary Ann Crabtree \$5.00 both to be paid out of my estate by my executor here in after named and lastly I do here by constitute and appoint my son John V. Banks my. executor of this my last will.

Mary Banks

Witnesses:

Wm. R. Duncan

John G. Bozarth



GEORGE BEARD

Book 4, page 27

June 26, 1860

July 23, 1860

I George Beard of Hancock County and state of Kentucky being of feeble health but of sound mind do make this my last will.

1st is soon after my death as my executrix here after named may deem desireable I wish all my personal property sold on such terms as she may desire. And the money as is due me collected and all my just debts payed. I wish all my slaves sold on such terms and in such manner as my executrix and executor may deem best and the money arising from this sale to be used if necessary in payment of debts. But I desire my beloved wife before selling my personal property to select such notions and articles of personal property as she may think fit and necessary for the benefit of herself and family to be kept and held by her without charge. I desire my wife to live on the farm where I now live and keep the family together so long as my children and grand children chose to live with her.

3rd I desire a comfortable dwelling house to be erected on that portion of my farm which may be set apart by my wife out of the money belonging to my estate and no charge is to be made against my wife for the cost of such home. I have already procured the materials to build a house and they are to be used for the purpose.

4th After the payment of all my just debts and the building of the dwelling house above provided for I give unto my wife one third of the remaining money arising from the sale of the property and slaves and the collection of debts to be used and disposed of as she may see fit, The other two thirds I wish equally divided between my children and my two grand children George

W. Beard and William P. Beard each of my said children and grand children taking share and share alike.

5th I give to my beloved wife one third of all my land to have and to hold during her life and the rest and residue of my land I give to my children and grand children, share and share alike.

But where as I have raised my said grand children and desire them to be raised and educated with out charge and whereas my estate would be charagable with the proceeds of money and property received from the fathers of said grand children, I make the foregoing bequestes to them in full discharge of any sum of money for which I am accountable to them in consequence of what I have received from the estate of their fathers either of them. My intention is to let the education of my said grand children set off the amount received by me from their fathers estate and to make them equal with my own children in the remaining of my estate.

6th I desire that my grand children to be raised and educated by my wife I wish them to receive as good an education as the schools of this county may enable them to acquire. This injunction on my wife is based upon the supposition that they will remain with their mother and assist with the business of the family when not at school. Should they leave her she should be under no further obligation to comply with the bequest.

Should my executor and executrix deem it best for my family they are at liberty to reinvest any part of the money arising from the sale of the slaves in other slaves more suitable to the wants of the family in which case the title is to vest in them and the other devices under the will my wife taking life interest only in such slaves.

Finally I do constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elenden Beard and my son James G. Beard executrix and executor of this my last will.

George Beard

Witnesses:

B. H. Graham

F. Hawes

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NATHANIEL BLANFORD

Book 3, page 176

Jan. 23, 1854

In the name of God Amen. I, Nathaniel Blanford of Hancock County and state of Kentucky being afflicted but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will.

1st I will that all my funeral expenses and legal debts be paid.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Blanford two negroes viz John and Mahala the third part of all the rest of my estate both real and personal.

3rd I bequeath to my grandsons David Blanford and George Blanford each fifty dollars and no more of my estate either personal or real.

4th I bequeath to my daughter Eliza Long my slave Sarah during her life and descend to her heirs of her body at her death.

5th I will and bequeath to my daughter Lucretia Monarch my female slave Ellen during her natural life and then to descend to the heirs of her body.

6th I bequeath to my son Wm. Blanford my negro boy Henry and to hold him during his natural life and then to descend to his heirs.

7th I bequeath to my daughter Tracy Long my slave Charity to have and to hold during her life and then at her death to descend to the heirs of her body.

8th I will that the remainder of my slaves not above named be hired until the death of my wife and then the proceeds thereof equally divided among all my lawful children of my body until the death of my wife when those two willed to her with the remaining not named slaves be sold and the proceeds and money divided equally between my bodily heirs.

9th I will that my wife have one third of my land and that she chooses and the balance of my land and town lots be rented out until the death of my wife which after they shall be sold and the money equally divided between the heirs of my body and after their death to descend to the heirs of their body but where as I have given unto my daughters Eliza Long and Tracy Long each one hundred acres of land for which they have a deed I will that the value of the land above named will make all my children equal in money arising from my lands and town lots. I also will the lands I have bequeathed to my wife to be sold and the money equally divided between my body heirs.

10th I will that all my stock, crop and movable property of any kind be sold and the money equally divided between my lawful heirs except such portion as my wife may choose to keep as her third of personal property as above willed but after her death to be sold and divided as above.

11th I will that my son Wm. A. Blanford be appointed my executor.

Nathaniel Blanford

Witnesses:

F. D. Lewis

Wm. Stapp

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WILLIAM BROWN

Book 3, page 224

June 30, 1854

Aug. 1854

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Brown being on sick bed but being of sound mind and disposing memory do here by make this my last will.

Item 1st I will that all my legal and just debts be paid out of my estate.

Item 2nd I will to my beloved wife Frances Brown the home and farm upon which we now live consisting of 200 acres of land one half of which is improved including fixtures of every discription together with a sufficiency of the house hold and kitchen furniture farm utensils and stock to carry on the farm in a proper way and in a plain adequate to the raising and educating of our children who are still living with us and all the surplus of every description of property shall be sold by my executor here in after mentioned but should my wife Frances marry again then on that event she is to have her dower of the above named real estate and that only.

Item 3rd I give unto my heirs George M, Joel Asbury, Elias G. and Wm. Morris and Lewis Scott Brown my 1000 acre tract of land more or less lying and being on the horse fork of Blackford Creek the said tract of land to be divided according to quality and quantity by commissioner appointed by the court when George W Brown arrives at age George W. Brown, Joel Asbury Brown has each received a bed and bedding valued \$25.00 each out of my estate which I give and bequeath to them, but George W. Brown has received from my estate \$1,112 which he must refund back to the estate.

Item 4th I will unto the heirs of my son John Brown deceased ten dollars unto James Brown fifteen dollars, Elizabeth McFerson ten dollars Rhoda Voils ten dollars Harriet Brown one hundred dollars and Mary Ann Brown one hundred dollars they having each received portion out of my estate here to fore.

both my children and have the use of all the land to enable her to raise and school said children but if there should be a surplus I want it equally divided between all there of and the children's part put in on interest if the children either of them lives to become of age then I want all my land to be equally divided according to qualify and equally. It is further me will that my wife have two cows of her own choice, the mare and colt of her choice, two sows of her choice seven hogs for her meat this year and small ones for next year with the house hold and kitchen furniture, two plows, one shovel, one hoe, all bacon and corn now on hand to take care of stock and rest to be sold with the other stock.

It is my will that the interest I have in the lands of the estate of James Rusher deceased should come to my daughter Armelida and the stock not here in reserved I want sold at twelve months and the oats also, but the tobacco crop I want my executor to sell to the best advantage and for this purpose do constitute and appoint my sole executor W. Snider my friend.

George L. Bruner

Witnesses:

Benjamin Rowe

John Sinclair



POLLY BRUNER

Book 3, page 25

Oct. 23, .1851

Nov. 1, 1851

I, Polly Bruner of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

1st I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid of my personal property left to me by my husband and all that is over paying my debts except one bed, bedding and bedstead which I have given Horris Bruner for his special care he has taken of me and the balance of the property I want equally divided among all of my children by my late husband.

2nd I give all the money arising from the sale of the land in Hardin County left to me by my grandfather equally divided between them to wit: Sally Snider, Jno. Bruner, Sam Bruner, Ruthy Hale, Horris Bruner, Lettica Bruner and Charles Moorman him of my daughter deceased Maria Moorman.

3rd I constitute and approve my here by friend Harris Bruner executor of this my last will.

Polly Bruner

Witnesses:

John Snider

G. C. P. Baker



EBINEZER P. CAREY

Book 2, page 212

Sept. 5, 1845

Nov. 1845

I, Ebinezer C. Carey of Hancock County and state of Kentucky being in common health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do constitute and declare this to be my last will and testament.

1st it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

2nd It is my wish and desire that my beloved wife Lucinda Carey shall have all my property of what so ever kind it may be.

3rd I hereby appoint my beloved wife the executor of this my last will and testament and request that the county Court will not require any security from her when she applies to be qualified as such.

Ebinezer P. Carey

Witnesses:

W.P. D. Bush

D.S. Adair



ELIJAH CASSMAN (?Cannon) Book 4, page 72

Apr. 6, 1855

Mar. 15, 1865

The state of Louisiana City New Orleans Be it remembered that on this day that I Elijah Cassman do here by will and bequeath with my three sisters Mary Cassman, Ann Cassman, Lucretia Cassman and John W. Cassman all of Hancock County state of Kentucky. To wit After my death a certain tract of land known as our home stead as will appear in the act of sale from my father John H. Cassman to me. Se number of acres the title on record in Hardinsburg Breckinridge County court and also in Hancock. This tract is to be divided equally between my three sisters Mary, Ann, Lucretia and John Cassman for their full use and benefit to have and to hold forever. In case of death of either of the heirs above named the division is to be made between the surviving heirs. If I do not dispose of the property in state of Delaware I will and bequeath the whole to my sister Elizabeth of Baltimore.

I do by these present appoint my brother John W. Cassman my administrator with full power to settle all my unsettled business and close up my incesson and keep it out of court. For his trouble I give him five thousand dollars out of my estate real or personal to have and to hold for him self and his heirs.

E. Cassman

Witnesses:

Chas. Levasdy

Joseph Caslten



JOHN L. CHAMBERS

Book 3, page 267

Oct. 4, 1854

Apr. 23, 1855

In the name of God Amen. I, John L. Chambers of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being of sound and disposing memory in view of the uncertainty of life do make this my last will.

1st It is my will as soon after my decease it can be conveniently done that all my property of every kind what so ever shall be disposed of in such manner and upon such credit as my executor may decide most proper and that all my debts due me or my estate may be collected by her.

2nd After all the payments of just debts and funeral expenses it is my will that my wife Evaline Chambers shall have in her possession one third of my estate and the proceeds to be held used and disposed of as she pleases that the remainder two thirds be held loaned out and used for

the benefit of my two children Mary Ann & John James or the surviving of them until they are twenty one years of age that the interest arising on the said two thirds to be used for the benefit of my said children in their rearing and education or if either one of them, each entitled one third and the arising proceeds and the survivors of either one should die before the age assigned to have the full benefit of the whole two thirds and in the event they should both die before arriving at the age assigned my said beloved wife shall have and be entitled to their said entire interests in my said estate. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Evaline my executrix to carry out the time intent here of and to execute this my last will.

J. L. Chambers

Witnesses:
Wm. Williams
W. P. D. Bush

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W. D. DALE

Book 3, page 229

Aug. 9, 1854

Aug. 28, 1854

In the name of God Amen. I, make this my last will.

1st I will all my just debts be paid out of the proceeds of my estate and that my administrator proceed to sell all of my personable or perishable property.

2nd I will that so soon as a title can be possessed that my administrator go on and have my house in Lewisport completed provided he can do so as to stop expense and as soon as it is completed I want him to sell it.

3rd I will my home farm to my wife Elizabeth to have and hold the same during her life and at her death is to go to my daughter Mary Elizabeth Dale but provided my wife Elizabeth should marry then when Mary E. arrives at the age of twenty I want my farm sold and one half of the proceeds to go to her and the balance to my wife during her natural life then at her death to go to Mary E. Dale.

4th I will that as it relates to my negroes that they belong to my wife until Mary E. shall arrive at the age of twenty or marry then an equal division of them shall be made and go to each of them and at the death of my wife her to return them to Mary E. Dale.

5th I will that in the event my wife and daughter should both die with out any heirs or children then my entire estate is to go to Oliva Tyler, Richard Cave and Holly Cave my niece and nephews, equally except one fourth which is to go to my brother George H. Dale.

6th I here by appoint John M. Robinson as my administrator to have full power to carry into force this my last will.

7th I hereby empower my administrator to make the best arrangements he can as it regards a lease that Caleb Givens now holds on some ten acres of the Morton Farm.

8th Now if my wife should become dissatisfied and wish to dispose of my farm and purchase another farm I here by empower her to convey title to it this 9th Aug.

W. D. Dale

Witnesses:
U. Johnson
Jas. G. Smith



PHILAMON DAVISON

Book 2, page 202

June 1, 1843

Aug. 1845

I Philamon Davison being in good health and of sound mind do make my last will and testament in manner and form to wit.

1st It is my will that all my just debts be paid out of my personal estate,

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine Davidson all my estate both real and personal during her life and widowhood by her to be disposed of at her death as she may choose among our children except the land which I here by devise to my two sons Larnar B. Davison and David Davison and also further with this exception as I believe I have given to my son in law James Gibson and wife as much of my property as they would be entitled to on an equal division. It is my wish that my wife dispose of what ever of my own personal property may be remaining at my death or that ever she may choose to distribute upon her death that she distribute among our other daughters and further I hereby appoint my wife Guardian for such of our children as may be under age at the time of my death and further if my said wife should marry it is my wish that she take such part of my estate as she would be entitled to by law and that her power both as executor of this my last will and testament and as guardian to my children cease for although I have full confidence in my wife doing my children full justice so long as she would have a right to act for herself but as soon as she would marry her husband would have the right to control her and then I wish her power to cease for I do not wish a stepfather to have any control of my children or their property. I hereby appoint my wife Catherine Davidson whole and sole executor of this my last will. As I am not in debt to any one worth mention and know of nothing that can come against my estate here after where by the rights of any creditor would be 16isinterest by this request being granted do request the county Court of Hancock County not to require surety of my wife when she applies to qualify as executor under this will.

N. B. It is my wish upon further consideration that my two sons L. B. and David Davison have at the death of my wife one black girl named Fanny and her increase to be equally divided between them.

P. Davison

Witnesses:

B. Steritt

James E. Stone



J. H. DAVISON

Book 2, page 357

Sept. 10, 1848

Nov. 1848

I, J. H. Davison of Hawesville, Ky. Considering the uncertainty-of life do in the name of God make and ordain the following as my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my mother Clyde Davison all and everything which I now own except one fourth of lot no. 10 in the town of Hawesville which I give and bequeath to the children of Samuel Lot, beginning with Samuel Lot as the oldest then William Lot, Laura Lot and Susan Lot, any other children which the

said S. K. Lot may have by his present wife and the said one fourth lot no. 10 shall be equally divided among them.

It is my will and testament that my brother N.C. Davison shall have the management of the property as my executor and at the death of my mother that the same property which I now bequeath to my mother or any part thereof remaining shall be divided between my brother Hester and sister Laura Hester conceiving two thirds there of Laura's one third. My brother N. C. Davison has paid me for one fourth of lot no. 10 for which he has not received a deed. It is therefore my will that a deed be made to him for so property.

J. H. Davison

Witnesses:

H. Asbury

John Clark

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JOHN DRISKELL

Book 4, page 24

Jan. 20, 1851

Apr. 24, 1860

In the name of God Amen. I, John Driskell knowing the uncertainty of life and being old and infirm do make publish and ordain this as my last will.

1st I give to my daughters Mary Springate, Martha Ann Bruner, Nancy Stanaford and Susan Bivins and my sons John K. Driskell and James F. Driskell in addition to what I have heretofore given them one dollar each to be paid to them out of my estate by my executrix. Each of them having received from me by gift as much as I deem they ought to receive from my estate.

2nd after my just debts and funeral expenses are payed I give all the rest of and residue of my estate both real and personal of every description consisting of the farm and tract of land upon which I now live containing 101% acres to my beloved wife Nancy Driskell during her natural life authorizing her to sell or dispose of at her pleasure any of the personal property she may deem advisable to dispose of for her benefit but not to sell the tract of land.

3rd at the death of my said wife Nancy I give devise and bequeath unto my son Dennis W. Driskell the said farm and tract of land also all the personal property she may not have disposed of 4th I hereby appoint my beloved wife and my said son Dennis Driskell executrix and executor of this my last will.

John Driskell

Witnesses:

W. P. D. Rush

James E. Stone

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WILLIAM DRISKELL

Book 4, page 22

May 25, 1847

Mar. 11, 1860

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Driskell of Hancock County and state of Kentucky being blessed with seasonable health and of disposing mind and memory etc. First I wish all my just debts to be payed if at my death I should owe any.

Second, I give unto my beloved wife Rebecca all the money, real estate and property of every description confuring upon her full power and authority to dispose of amongst her children

in such manner as she may. deem proper or to dispose of at any other way she may deem best or wish to do. She having labored faithfully with me to acquire what property I possess I wish her to enjoy it unmolasted after my death. Desiring that her children should be dependent upon her for any estate than that she should be in any degree dependent upon them and hoping that such a cause may make them more dutiful and kind to her than they might be if they had no favor or property to expect at her hands. I here by constitute and appoint my said wife Rebecca executor of this my last will.

William Driskell

Witnesses:
George Williams
William P. D. Bush.



ALEXANDER EDWARDS

Book 4, page 7

Mar. 3, 1857

Sept. 1, 1857

In the name of God, Amen. I, Alexander Edwards of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being weak in body but sound in mind do make this my last will and testament.

Item My main desire is to provide for my daughters Martha Sue, Catherine Emma, Margaret and Celia a home and comfortable living during their natural lives. It is my will and desire that everything here in devised to become shall be considered subordinate to this first wish of my life and with that view it is my will that all my property of every description be kept together so it may be fair and peaceable in the opinion of my executor here in after named and that all my said property or the proceeds of it under the management of my said executor to be enjoyed and used for the benefit of my said daughters first and in conjunction with my three sons John William, Alexander Mills, Dental and my other daughter Elizabeth Julia.

Item and it is further my will and desire that if at any time during the natural lives of my said daughter first named they shall desire disposition of any part of my property and my said executor shall approve of the same he is at liberty to do with the same as may be best in order to the fair and equalable execution of my will and desire as here mentioned.

Third But if it shall be best my said executor and my first four daughters named as afore said shall all my property be kept together and used as before recited during their natural lives there upon the death of the last of my said daughters it is my will and desire that all of the property which may be left shall be equally divided between their survivors of all my children here in named.

Item I hereby appoint my friend John G. Moore executor of my last will. I desire that he may not be required to give any security as my executor and when either of my sons shall come of age it is my will and desire that he shall become my executor of this my last will in place of my executor here in named.

Alexander Edwards

Witnesses:
James Prentis
Y. J. Moore
Edward G. Maxey



JACOB EMMICK

Book 4, page 29

Nov. 20, 1858

Aug. 18, 1860

In the name of God Amen. My last will and testament.

1st It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2nd I order that after my wife Elizabeth has taken her third that my son George Emmick shall the balance of the house and farm. At her death he is to have the whole farm and one hundred dollars extra.

3rd I order that my son Felix shall have fifty dollars for his whole residue.

4th I order that the rest of my estate shall be equally divided between Sarah Hogg and Mary Eminick.

1st I order that my wife Elizabeth shall have the negro girl Caroline. 2nd that George Emmick shall have the negro boy Henry and negro girl Genny.

3rd I order the rest of the negroes be equally divided between Sarah and May Emmick.

The negro girl Caroline shall go to George Emmick after the death of my wife.

2nd I allow the brown horse that he rides to go to him also, This being my last will.

Jacob Emmick

Witnesses:

William Greathouse

William Monarch

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NICKOLAS EMMICK

Book 1, page 173

Aug. 21, 1835

Aug. 1836

Being sick of body, etc.

1st I give to my son Jacob Emmick, all that tract or parcel of land that I purchased of Nicholas Minor containing 1371/2 acres to have and to hold the same for ever.

2nd I give to my son in law Dave Turham the quarter of land that goes by the name of the Hares Sheer track. The same being in the County of Spencer and state of Indiana to have and hold the same to him and the heirs of Elizabeth Turnham to have and hold the same forever.

3rd I give to my son in law Vincent Rust, the quarter section of land patend to me on the 1st day of March 1819 also one quarter of land lying in the same boundry on the Waters Litle Sandy Creek about one mile from the Ohio river to hold the same to him and his heirs for ever.

4th I give to my son in law William Rust the quarter section of land being in Spencer County state of Indiana and adjoining to Vincent Rust upper track the same to him and his heirs for ever.

5th It is my will and desire that my son in law David Turham pay to the heirs of James Henderson thirty dollars of his own part simply to be equally divided among said heirs as they come of age.

6th I give unto my son George Emmick after my death all the track or part of land that I now live on containing one hundred and fifty acres bending on the Ohio river to have forever. It is also my will and desire that George Emmick pay to the heirs of James Henderson dew thirty dollars of his own part simply to be equally divided among said heirs as they become of age.

8th I give to my daughter Nancy Emmick a half quarter section of land lying in the county of Spencer in state of Indiana lying on the waters of Little Sandy Creek, also another half quarter

section of land in the county and state afore said, also one bed one secretary desk to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs for ever

9th It is my will and desire that my four children that I had by my first wife namely Nicholas Emmick, Betsy Emmick, Sale Emmick, and Ann Emmick have ten dollars each to be paid out of my estate.

10th it is my desire that immediately after my death that all the persable parts of my property not here in disposed of be immediately sold and all my just debts and funeral expenses paid. And after paying the affore said expenses that balance of the money arising from the sale be equally divided among my own daughters Three of whom are alive and the other three are dead. It is my desire that the children of the three that are dead have their mother's part from money arising from the sale of said property. And lastly there by I constitute and appoint my two sons Jacob Emmick and George Emmick my sole executors.

Nicholas Emmick

Witnesses:

Eli Thrasher

Joseph Christler



STEPHEN FISHER

Book 2, page 412

Aug. 29, 1849

Nov. 1849

In the name of God Amen. I, Stephen Fisher of the County of Hancock and state of Kentucky Being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such estate as it has pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say:

1st after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give my wife Thurja Fisher both my real and personal estate for and during the term of her natural life time or as long as she remains my widow. And after she decease or marriage I give the same to my children here in after mentioned equally to be divided among them and to be enjoyed by them for ever.

2nd I give my son Edmund Fisher fifty acres of land on the south west corner of the same tract of land I now live on and to be valued to him by two good 20is disinterested persons.

3rd I give my son Daniel Fisher sixty acres of land on the south east corner of the same tract of land above mentioned to be valued to him in like manner above mentioned.

4th to my daughter and Harry S. Fisher my son I give to them an equal proportion both of my real and personal estate of what nature or kind what so ever not here mentioned before which I give to them and their heirs and lastly I do here by constitute and appoint my wife Thurja Fisher, Daniel Fisher and Wm. Schoeler my executors of my last will and testament.

Stephen Fisher

Witnesses:

Wm. Stapp

Wm. Estes



JOHN HUNTER FONTLEROY

Book 3, page 347

Dec. 5, 1846

Jan. 4, 1847

Knowing that I, John Hunter Fontleroy of the state of Kentucky but late of Missouri in the presence of Almighty God, Amen. Make this my last will. That there be a public sale of all my property and that all of my notes and just claims be collected out of which funds all of my just claims either by note or otherwise, against me be satisfied after the payment of all just debts that the effects or money remaining of my estate be invested in a piece of land for my sister Eliza Davis the deed which is to be given in her own name.

John Hunter Fontleroy

Witnesses:

J. B. Shearer

A. N. Reece



ELIZABETH FRANK

Book 3, page 4

Sept. 14, 1854

June 22, 1857

Of Breckinridge County, Ky. In the name of God Amen, I make this my last will and testament here by revoking all others.

1st It is my will and wish that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as means for the payment of my just debts.

It is my will that my negro man Ambros shall be hired out until his chores will amount to the sum sufficient to pay those debts should any come against me but in the event said negro shall not live that his hire shall pay my debts then and in that case my executor shall and are here by empowered to call upon. I, require Miles Hughes to pay rent on the place sufficient to pay them and further I have in my house the same is now occupied by Miles Hughes two feather beds and furniture one of which I gave to Margaret R. Hughes and the other to George Hughes children of Miles Hughes and Sarah his wife and my tract of land lying and being in the county of Hancock, KY. the same of record in the Clerks office of said county and deeded to me for 350 acres and now occupied by Miles Hughes. It is my will that said Hughes shall have the priviledge of living upon and occupying until the year of our Lord 1865 unless the executor shall call on him for some money to pay my debts but he shall not have the priviledge of selling or using the timber on said land and further then is necessary for the place and family and if there should be coal or mineral of any kind he shall not have the priviledge of selling or using it in any way what so ever out side of the place and in event that said Hughes shall die and in that case it is my will that surviving children of Miles Hughes by his first wife Sarah H. Laslee shall take possession of the said tract of land but if Miles Hughes shall live to enjoy the priviledge of occupying it up to the date 1865 then his children above shall heir the same to be equally divided among them or their bodily heirs and as to my negro man Ambros I wish him after my debts shall be paid to be placed in the hands of Samuel G. Hughes as trustee for himself and his brothers and sisters as mentioned above to wit: W. F. Hughes, John Hughes, Margaret R. Hughes, James G. Hughes and George Hughes. To be hired out and the heirs to be equally divided among them any other property that may have at any other time been in my hands and placed in the hands of others it is to remain where it is.

I do here by appoint Daniel Lane my executor to carry out the requestion of this will to all of which I do here by set my hand.

Elizabeth Frank

Witnesses:

Richard Skillman
A. B. Skillman



JOHN GATES

Book 2, page 4

Sept. 30, 1837
Jan. 1840

Being weak in body, etc.

1st it is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of my estate lying in Hancock County and if necessary such of my personal property may be sold for that purpose as my executors here in after named may judge best.

2nd It is also my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my real and personal estate lying in Hancock county remain together on the farm on which I now live until my youngest child becomes of the full age of twenty one years old for the support & maintainance and raising of all my children and to be their home.

4th It is also my will and desire that my executors herein after named have the control, management and superintendence of the property and estate and manage it to the best advantage for the purpose of supporting and raising my children and it is my will there be no appraisement or sale of any property for the purpose of paying my debts and funeral expenses until my youngest child becomes to the age of twenty one years.

5th It is also my will and desire that when my youngest child becomes to the full age of twenty one years that all my personal property together with the profits if any arising from the management of my estate by my executors be equally divided amongst all my children now living and the children of such of them as may here after die leaving lawful heirs. And that this division if possible be made amongst them selves with out any sale. But if my children cannot make an equal division amongst themselves of my property, than it is the duty of my executors to sell the property as such as cannot be divided and divide the proceeds of the sale.

7th It is also my will and desire that when my youngest child become of full age that the tract of land on which I now live be sold by my executors in such manner and on such credit as they may believe most expedient and the proceeds arising from such sale be equally divided amongst my children.

8th It is my will and desire that should any of my children marry before my youngest child becomes of age of twenty one years, such child may take such of the property as the majority of the remaining children may think can be spared from the farm and such property my executors shall have such property so taken valued by two disinterested persons and the amount of the valuation be charged to such child and in the general division to be deducted from the share of that child.

9th Where as the estate of my father, which is now in the possession of my step mother living in Mercer County remains unsettled. There will be coming to me at the death of my step mother part of said estate. And I am the only remaining executor of said estate. Therefore it is my will and desire that my executors here inafter named attend to the settling up of the said estate, collect and receive my part thereof. If any of it should be in either real or personal estate it is my desire that my executors sell and dispose of the same.

10th It is my will and desire that when my executors have collected and received my share of my fathers estate and converted the property into money they pay to my grand son James Lillard the sum of fifty dollars which I do hereby give and bequeath to him. And the rest and residue of

the same be divided equally among my children now living and the heirs of such of them as may here after die. My executors are hereby directed to pay to each child their portion of my part of my fathers estate as they arrive to the age of twenty and they my said executors keep the part of the younger children out on interest until they arrive to the age of twenty Therefore said legacy of fifty dollars is to be paid to the said James Lillard or to his guardian when ever my part is received.

11th It is also my will and desire that my executors are here by authorized to convey to the purchaser such lands or real estate that they may sell in conformity with the directions of this my will.

12th That in the division to be made amongst my children herein directed if any of them die before said division are made leaving no heirs the children living are to be entitled to equal portions of the share of such child. But if any of them die leaving lawful heirs then the children of such are to take the shares of their parents.

13th I do hereby nominate and constitute and appoint my nephew Chesly Gates and my son Charles Gates Executors and my daughter Auranda Executrix of this my last will. It is my will and desire that my executors should not be required to give bond or security or to return any appraisement of the property.

John Gates

Witness:

James B. Gates

C. Adams

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JOHN H. GREATHOUSE

Book 3, page 61

Nov. 22, 1851

Apr. 26, 1852

I, John H. Greathouse of the county of Hancock in the state of Kentucky being mindful of my mortality do make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following:

1st It is my will that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be fully paid.

2nd I give devise and bequeath to my brother William S. Greathouse all my right title and interest of the farm I have been living on containing one hundred and five acres situated in Lewis Bottom and in the county of Hancock in the state of Kentucky and to his heirs and assigns forever.

3rd I give devise and bequeath to my brother Joseph S. Greathouse my black woman Mary and to his heirs and assigns forever.

4th I give devise and bequeath to my youngest brother Isaac N. Greathouse my black boy Archy and to his heirs and assigns forever.

5th It is my desire that my executor will cause to be sold all my rights and title of all my real estate that is not willed and bequeathed to the greatest benefit of my brothers also to sell all of my personal property that is not bequeathed in like manner to the real estate.

6th It is my will and request that my executor have disinterested persons appointed as commissioners to appraise the property that I have willed and bequeathed to my three beloved brothers namely William S., Joseph S., and Isaac N. Greathouse and then divide the requested to be sold so that all three will be equal.

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my brother William S. Greathouse to be the executor to this my last will and testament.

John H. Greathouse

Witnesses:

6th In case my wife should marry again she is to restore to any administrator or any child if of age or married two thirds of all my personal estate and real estate there remaining. The slaves and land retained by her to be agreeably divided between my children at her death.

7th It is also my will that at the death or marriage of my wife all the residue of my estate remaining undisposed of shall be equally divided between all my children living and the children of those that might be dead.

8th It is also my will that any slave or real estate that may by virtue of this will be divided to my children except the five hundred dollars shall be held and used by them for and during their natural lives but not to be sold or disposed by them.

9th I here by appoint my wife Sarah sole executrix of this my last will.

C. C. Hawley

Witnesses:

P. D. Bush

James E. Stone

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THOMAS HENDRICKS

Book 2, page 346

Sept. 28, 1847

I, Thomas Hendricks having volunteered and being about to embark for the scene of war in Moscow, Mexico do make and constitute this my last will and testament. To wit: I give and bequeath to my two sisters Eliza Jane and Rebecca Isabelle all my right title estate and interest in and to a certain tract of land lying and being in Breckinridge County, Ky. On the waters of Little Black Creek which descended at my father's death to myself my sister named and my half brother M. Hendricks and my own Sister Mary Ann Hendricks since died.

I give and bequeath also my interest in the estate of my said sister Mary Ann deceased to my sisters named Eliza Jane and Rebecca Isabelle. I last give to my last named sister all the money that I may have about my person, all claims grants of land and I give or which may be given or granted and allowed to me as a volunteer soldier and the right to draw any pay or dues to me as such that may be in arrears at my death.

Thomas Hendricks

Witnesses:

WP.D. Bush

James E. Stone

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JOHN M. HOGG

Book 2, page 179

Sept. 30, 1844

Nov. 25, 1844

In the name of God Amen. I, John M. Hogg of Hancock County, Kentucky being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made to wit.

1st It is my will and desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

2nd It is my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my estate after the payment of my just debts remain with and under the control of my beloved wife Elizabeth for her to use, occupy and enjoy for the support of her and all my children during her life or widowhood. The personal property to dispose of use or sell just as she may see, fit to do. My real estate not to be

sold but she has the priviledge of using occupying and enjoying the same for the purpose above mentioned, during her life or widowhood.

3rd That at the death or marriage of my wife Elizabeth it is my will and desire that the balance of my estate remaining is to be equally divided among my children to wit Amanda, Sarah Ann, Oran S. and Margaret.

4th I appoint William Steritt my executor of this my last will and testament and in case he should not wish to qualify then I appoint my brother Robert Hogg executor.

John M. Hogg

Witnesses:

David Davison

Michael Hogg

James E. Stone



ROBERT HOGG, SR.

Book 4, page 1

Sept. 18, 1846

Apr. 7, 1857

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Hogg Senior being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

1st It is my will and desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

2nd I give and devise and bequeath unto each of my children James L. Hogg, Polly Weller and Robert Hogg Jr. two dollars and to each of the children of my deceased son John M. Hogg one dollar. In addition to what I have here to fore given to my said son and daughter they having been lawfully provided for by me.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son Kennedy M. C. Hogg in addition to what I have here to fore given him the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to him as follows the note on Wm. G. Boyd which I hold for land sold him is to be paid to said Kennedy by my executor or if the money is collected either by myself before my death or my executor said Kennedy is to have the amount of it and if the amount there of \$201.09 should be paid said Kennedy by me or anyone for me before my death then it is in satisfaction of that much of this legacy and the balance of the above sum of five hundred dollars after deducting the above amount of the Boyd note said Kennedy is to receive one half of my son Michael Hogg and one half of my son Wm. Hogg and the said Mitchell and Wm. are to pay the same to said Kennedy in five years from my death in consideration of them getting by this will the land here in after devised to them.

4th I give and bequeath to my son Mitchel Hogg all that part of my tract of land and farm in which I now live on which lies below the road leading from my landing to William Pate to have the said Mitchel and his heirs forever in consideration of him paying within five years from my death to his brother Kennedy M. C. Hogg the sum of ninety nine dollars and forty five cents as provided in the third item above and in case said Mitchell accepts of this devise the said Kennedy is to have the claim on him for said sum.

5th I give and bequeath to my son Wm. Hogg all of that tract of land on which I now live that lies above the road leading from my landing to Wm. Pates and adjoining Steretts to him and his heirs forever upon the condition however of the said Wm. Hogg paying to my son Kennedy M .C. Hogg the sum of ninety nine dollars and forty five cents as provided in the third item above and in case said Wm. accepts of this devise then he becomes endebted to my son Kennedy in the said sum payable in five years from my death.

6th It is my will and desire that my wife Elizabeth shall have and take such part of my tract of land on which I now live or the law allows to her to use and occupy during her life and after her death the said Michael and Wm. Hogg shall have the right to take possession of and hold the same equally to the fourth and fifth devices above. They shall immediately upon my death be entitled to take possession of their part of the two thirds of the said tract not retained by my wife as her dower. It is also my will that my executor pay to my said wife such part of my personal estate as she is by law entitled to.

7th It is my desire that all the rest and residue of my personal property after the payment of my debts, funeral expenses the devise of Wm. Hogg and the one third that my wife is entitled to by law or above is to be equally divided between my two sons Michael and Wm. except the cord wood cut on that part of my land devised to my son Wm. or that may be cut by these persons employed by me between the time and the 1st day of March next which cord wood cut and to be cut I give and bequeath to my son Mitchell Hogg.

8th It is my will and desire that my son Mitchell Hogg qualify and act as my executor of this my last will and testament and I here by appoint him executor as above and request that the County Court should not require security of him in his bond.

Robert Hogg Sr.

Witnesses:

George M. Younger

James E. Stone

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JOHN G. HOWLEY

Book 3, page 205

Jan. 20, 1849

Apr. 1854

In the name of God Amen. I, John G. Howley being of sound mind and health and disposing memory of knowledge do constitute and appoint this my last will.

1st I wish all my just debts to be paid out of the justice owing to me if they are sufficient. (I owe \$30.00 to C. C. Howley which is the only debt I remember.)

2nd my tract of land below Hawesville I wish my brother Lyman to have provided he pays my executor \$300 in three annual installments and for which tract of land should he comply his promise I wish my executor to make him a good deed.

3rd I desire that as soon as the funds come to his hands my executor pay over to the treasure or board of American Indian Mission assigned one hundred dollars.

4th Likewise I desire that fifty dollars be appropriated toward purchasing a library for the baptist church in Hawesville and for a Sunday School under the directions of the said church provided the sum of three hundred dollars inclusive be raised for that purpose with in three years. (J. E. Stone being one of the three to select the books). My books I wish divided between my brothers and sisters Lucy Rowley, Rosina Davidson and James E. Stone and a few of my intimate friends none however to receive any which they will not carefully use and to preserve with in a reasonable time and if James E. Stone thinks it is proper to volumes be sent to Georgetown College properly inscribed and the remainder of my property after paying expenses of administrator to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters.

I hereby constitute and appoint James E. Stone my true and lawful executor to do in all things as I could do if living.

John G. Howley



SAMUEL HUFF

Book 2, page 249

Apr. 25, 1846

May 4, 1846

Memorandum that on the 25th day of April in the year 1846 Samuel Huff of the county of Hancock, state of Kentucky being sick of the sickness whereof he died on the 24th at the house of Thomas Richards in said County where he had resided for ten days preceeding did make and declare his last will and testament nuncupative in these words! I will my colt to Isabelle Richards I will my brother John Huff one dollar. I will my mother one dollar. I will that the balance of my property be sold by Thomas Richards Jr. and pay my debts and if any surplus appropriate to his own use. I will that also Thomas Richards Jr. collect my notes and accounts. May 4th, 1846.

Samuel Huff

Witnesses:

Humphre Roberts

Milton Lander



HENRY W. HUGHES

Book 4, page 12

Mar. 15, 1854

Sept. 27, 1858

I, Henry Hughes being of sound mind and of disposing memory and in the enjoyment of reasonable health, I wish to make this arrangement in reference to my property. First it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second after the payment of all my just debts I desire that the rest and residue of my property both real and personal be equally divided between all my children except my daughter Nancy V. Dabney to whom I give nothing except such amount as I may think proper to give her during her life time.

The equal division above named is however subject to the following conditions. Towit the property that is to be equally divided is subject to the life estate of my wife. And one third of my estate both real and personal I hereby give to my wife Martha Hughes to have to hold the same during her natural life. It is to be further understood that I have sold a tract of land in Jefferson County belonging to my children John W. Hughes, Henry Hughes and the above named Nancy V. Dabney. Now in case I shall pay to the said John W. Hughes or Henry Hughes or either of them during my life time this I have of the proceeds of the sale of said land or in case my personal speculator shall pay it after my death or my estate be charged with the same than and in that case the amount so claimed or payed by the said John W. Hughes or Henry Hughes is to be divided from the said equal part of my estate. My intention being to make all my said children the said Nancy Dabney excepted a equal representative in my estate treating the amount so received for sale of land in Jefferson county as part of my estate.

It is further my desire that the value of any other property which the said John WI. Hughes or Henry Hughes have or shall receive from their mother by inheritance be deducted from the said equal share.

My motive for excluding my daughter Nancy Dabney from sharing in my estate under this will is that her marriage is entirely unacceptable to me and I regard her husband as a very

unprovident man. I have therefore decided it most proper to give or not to give to her during my lifetime as circumstances may seem to justify. Acknowledged and signed this day.

H. W. Hughes

Witnesses:

Hancock County, Kentucky Wills 19

C. W. Williams

P. Baker

HUGHES, HENRY W. by H.D. Davison Book 4 page 14 Aug. 10, 1855

Sept. 1858

I, Henry Hughes do make the following codicil to my last will here to fore made. I will that my beloved wife Martha Hughes have all the slaves which I now possess. My reason for this is that I have disposed of other slaves which I acquired by her of greater value than the slaves here by divided to her and I think it right and just that she should have the slaves. I now possess to dispose of as she chooses I wish my debts payed out of other property.

Henry W Hughes

Witnesses:

W. F. Howes

Frank Landers

C.P. Howes

J. C. Jackson

Mike Hogg

D. Adams



RACHEL HUGHES

Book 3 page 45

Dec. 29, 1807

Mar. 1852

In the name of God Amen. I, Rachel Hughes of the county of Hancock, formerly of Spencer County, Indiana being at this time bf sound mind and disposing memory but being weak and feeble of body, I do make this my last will and testament. To wit I will and bequeath unto my beloved brother Miles Hughes at whose house I am now living all earthly goods chattels and real estate to which I am now entitled consisting of my interests in the money in the hands of the administrator of Wm. L. Hughes dec. the money now due or to become due to the said Administrator from the sale of the Hughes farm in Spencer Co. Ind. In which I hold one third undivided interest. Said farm was left to my self my brother and sister by Dec. brother Wm. S. Hughes. Also I give and bequeath to my said brother Miles Hughes my interest in all money arising from the sale of the personal property distributed to me from my mothers estate and all others interest to which I am and may become entitled. Given under my hand this day.

P.S. I make and constitute Miles Hughes my executor with out bond.

Rachel Hughes

Witnesses:

James Burnett

Jefferson Richey

W. D. Mayhall



ELISHA F. JOHNSON

Book 4, page 65

May 5, 1858

Dec. 4, 1863

In the name of God Amen. I Elisha F. Johnson Sr in county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing memory and mind, etc.

After my debts and funeral expenses are payed I will to my beloved wife Ruth Johnson my farm on which I now live for to live on her natural life hold and support her but not to sell it. She may rent the same at the death of said Ruth Johnson It is to go to my son George Johnson. All the rest of the land I hold is to go to Graybrough Johnson except one hundred acres. The place occupied at present by John Johnson which I will to my daughter Virginia Ann Johnson and the heirs if the tract does not hold out one hundred acres it is to be made up out of the field on the right hand side of the lane.

My wife is to have the choice of one horse and two cows. The meat and corn is not to be distributed from her this year. All the rest of the property is to be sold.

My black man Keah is to stay on the farm this years. If my son Graybrough takes the farm said Keah is to stay on the farm altogether I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Jane Johnson fifty dollars. The proceeds of the sale is to be distributed equally amongst my wife, my son Graybrough and my daughter Virginia Ann. My wife is to have sufficient house hold goods to make her comfortable her lifetime. Lastly I hereby appoint my son Graybrough Johnson to be my soul executor of this my last will.

Elisha Johnson

Witnesses:

Henry Poul

Adam Puliner



WILLIAM Q. JOHNSON

Book 4, page 131

Sept. 19,1872

July 27,1874

I William Q. Johnson of Hancock County, Kentucky do make this my last will.

1st I will that my executrix here after named shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my three youngest children Elenora P. Johnson, Redmond Johnson and Mary Caroline Johnson all of my property both real and personal to be equally divided between them when they severally arrive at the age of twenty one years of age. Should either one of the above, named children marry before they arrive at that age they shall be entitled to their proporation part to be allotted to them by my executrix.

4th I now constitute my wife Nichel Johnson my executrix and guardian of the said above named children and of this my last will and testament. I desire that she have no public sale of my property after my death. I desire that the court allow her to qualify as executrix and guardian with out giving security. I desire that my executrix have full control of my property both real and personal as long as she lives and that she dispose of the same as above directed. I desire that she be empowered to sell and dispose of any of my personal property or the property in Hawesville or Lewisport which she may think necessary for the support and education of the children here in named.

William Q. Johnson

Witnesses:
Russel G. Tift
William Thrasher

Codicil I W. Q. Johnson do here by make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament in manner following viz: I give and bequeath to my five first children Namely Jane Neugent, W. W, Johnson, George Johnson, Thomas A. Johnson and Richard F. Johnson one hundred dollars to be equally divided between those five children. Lastly it is my desire that this my present codicil be and made part of this my last Will.

W. Q. Johnson

Witnesses:
Green Sterett



CHARLES V. LANDERS

Book 1, page 341

Oct. 23, 1832
Aug. 1835

Being of sound mind, etc.

First I do will that in the first place my funeral expense and all of my just debts shall be paid.

Second I will and hereby give to my beloved wife Rebecca P. Landers all the residue of my estate of every description what ever to her exclusive use and to dispose of as she may think fit during her widowhood and no longer. But should my said wife marry again it is then my will that my estate be divided into three equal parts. One of which shall go to my said wife and the other two parts to be disposed of among my children as here in directed regarding as I do the allowment of knowledge as a primary object. I will that my executors or either of them who shall act do dispose of that portion of my estate appraprated to my children in the manner here in after mentioned. That is to say I will that my daughter Eliza receive a good English education and to that end I enjoin it on my executor to appropriate out of my estate money enough to accomplish that object provided the amount necessary do not exceed the one third part of the two thirds of my estate above allotted to my children. I also wish and request my executors appropriate so much as will make my two sons John and Franklin good English schoolars having in view the difference in their literary advancement so as to make the expeditive on each the same. I repose the most profound confidence in the executors whom I shall hereafter name and as I know them to be apprised of great anxiety for the education of my children. In after the above object shall have been accomplished there shall be a residue of my estate, I leave it entirely discretionary with them to apply what remains of the two thirds of the portion above allotted to my children to the further literary advancement of my two sons equally to each or so much there of as will liberally educate them and for the accomplishment of the above object. I here by empower my executors in case of my wife's death or marriage to dispose of saleable or any part of my property if such a step should be necessary. Reposing special confidence in John Stinett and Philip Lightfoot. I hereby appoint them my executors or either of them in case one should refuse to act or carry into effect this my last will.

Charles V. Landers

Witnesses:
William Mitchel
James H. Hughes



ELISHA LEWIS

Book 4, page 20

Jan. 20, 1860

Jan. 28, 1860

I Elisha Lewis of Hancock County and state of Kentucky being very weak in body but of sound and disposing mind do make and ordain this my last will.

First I wish my just debts and funeral expenses to be payed out of my personal estate.

Second I will to my beloved wife Johanna all my real estate for her use and benefit during her natural life. This includes the land I own with the improvements, mill and all appliance thereto belonging. But she has no right to sell it but may lease it and enjoy the profit for her benefit.

Third As to my personal estate it may be sold as may be thought best by my wife or if she can pay and discharge my debts with out selling it she may do so. I hereby will and devise all the said personal estate or that remaining after payments of my debts to her for her use and benefit during her life. She may sell any and use for her benefit. Any balance remaining at her death is to be divided amongst my children as hereafter designated.

Fourth It is my will that my slaves be retained by my wife and to be for her use and benefit during her life and at her death be divided as here after mentioned.

Fifth At the death of my wife it is my will that my land and slaves and any of my personal property remaining or proceeds of what may be sold and which may remain to be equally divided amongst all my children. But in making this division such amounts as I have advanced to each hereto fore and which I have charged them with and any amount that my wife may choose to advance any of them during her lifetime to be taken into account and all made equal. My wife may advance to any of my children such amount in money or property slaves and land excepted and they are to be charged accordingly and taken into account and settlement after her death,

Last I have the utmost confidence in my wife that she will do right amongst all my children. I here by appoint her executor of this my last will.

Elisha Lewis

Witnesses:

Jas. E. Stone

Green Steritt



WILLIAM L. LEWIS

Book 4, page 32

Feb. 1, 1856

Oct. 22, 1860

In the name of God Amen. I, William L. Lewis of Hancock county and state of Kentucky. being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will.

1st It is my will that I give and bequeath to my wife Anna Lewis my home and farm on which we live includes all the tract conveyed to me by William L. Booth the trustee of N. B. Beall except those parts thereof conveyed by me to Joseph D. Lewis and Frederick D. Lewis and except the one hundred acres here in after given to my son George D. Lewis for and during her natural life together with such of the necessary farming utensils, plows, wagon horse, stock of cattle and hogs necessary to carry the farm on. Also such of the house hold and kitchen furniture as she may select as well as the produce of the farm that may be on hands at my death. This devise is for the

use and benefit of my said wife Ann and also for my daughter Elizabeth who is to live with my wife.

3rd it is my will and desire that at the death of my wife, Ann that my daughter Elizabeth shall have the above named tract of land given as above to my said wife and also such of the property and stock and farming utensils house hold and kitchen furniture and etc. remaining at the death of my wife. The said Elizabeth may select the land to be to her and her heirs. If she should die with out heirs than the land is to be equally divided amongst my other children and their heirs as here after named.

4th I give and bequeath to George one hundred acres of land to be laid off on the north east side of the tract of the on which I now live and north east side of the tract conveyed to my sons Joseph D. Lewis and Fred D. Lewis. and the line running from the N. corner of Joseph D. Lewis to the E. corner of Frederick D. Lewis said one hundred acres to be laid off in one body as said George D. Lewis may require so that it be by a line running N.east on S.East to him and his heirs.

5th I have given to my son Joseph D. Lewis one hundred acres of land and to my son Frederick D. Lewis one hundred for deeds executed to them.

6th I give unto my beloved wife Ann Lewis for use and benefit of my daughter Elizabeth D. Lewis to hold govern manage and use as she the said Ann may think best except that she is not to sell during her natural life any of the slaves that I may have Si hands at my decease as she may select and which may be necessary to assist her and Elizabeth to carry on the said home place and farm given to her above.

7th It is my will that my slaves shall remain in the possession of my children if they see fit to keep them. My wife Anna may deliver to the other children to keep such of those slaves as she may want not to keep as above named to hold and use for their benefit until the death of my wife.

8th It is my will that at the death of my wife all of my children and the children of those that may be dead then bring them to have a general division of my real estate and slaves as well that which hath been here to for advanced to each respectively but what may be in this will and all be made to share equal. The children of whose parents may be dead taking the share of theft parents and be charged with the advancement their parents received.

9th As to the personal property that may be taken and necessary to be used for the benefit of my wife and daughter Elizabeth (2nd devise) here in and all other property not here in named to be sold by my executor and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts if not sufficient than such other property as may be best spared.

10th It is my understanding that those of my children who have had the use of any of my slaves or who may have the use of any under the 7th devise and shall not have payed for their service to me during my life are to account in the general settlement for a reasonable value for the service of such and in the equal contemplated in the 8th devise a fair value is to be put on the slaves and land in such way as deemed right by my executors to carry out the intentions therein purposed to make all my children equal.

Lastly I appoint George D. Lewis, Fred D. Lewis my executors of this my last will.

Wm. L. Lewis

Witnesses:

Will S. Bates

Y. P. William

Codicil: In explanation of my intentions respecting the land given to my wife Ann and my daughter Elizabeth if they choose they may have the lines of the home tract extended back from Joseph D. Lewis' north corner and Frederick D. Lewis' east corner as much as twenty poles north

east and then connected by a line parelled to N.E. line of the tract. And than for George D. Lewis to have his 100 acres laid off as in the fore going will as named but giving a right away for my wife, Ann and daughter Elizabeth from the home tract to any part that may not be included in said George D. Lewis' 100 acres which is devised to them. Done and signed this day. .

W. L. Lewis

Witnesses:

Will S. Bates

Thomas Morgan

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THOMAS ST. CLA1R LOWE Book 4, page 15

Sept. 11, 1858

Mar. 1859

This is the last will of me Thomas S.t Clair Lowe of Hawesville, Ky. which I hereby revoke all former wills made by me.

1st It is my wish that all my just debts be paid at once out of the money that I may have on hands or on deposite with parties as shown by my books and notes. I desire that all the money due me be collected as speedily as possible. But there shall be no effort made to collect by force any running merchandice account on my book earlier than the let of Jan. following my death or if I die between 1st of Jan. and 1st of March earlier than the 1st of April following my death providing such running merchandice account has been entirely created in the business year from spring to spring of my death. All notes old unsetled accounts are to be collected at once. My funeral expenses and the expense of settling up my estate are to be payed out of my estate.

2nd I desire my executors to remit to my mother Nancy Lowe in Marion County, Kentucky fifty dollars with in one month from my death and also fifty dollars semiannually until they have been enabled to make an investment for her benefit as here after directed And immediately before making such investment they are to remit her fifty dollars unless they have within sixty days made her a remittance.

3rd I desire that after deducting these remittances to my mother and after deducting my funeral expenses and the expense of settling up my estate from two thirds of the group amount of the estate that my executors invest the remainder of the two thirds in good Kentucky bank stock according to the judgment of my friend David H. Davis of Louisville and that my said executor keep it so invested I will to my mother for the benefit of herself and her infant children two thirds of the dividends coming from said stock and to my father one third of the dividends. My mother and father shall have full power to draw these dividends in propotions above specified.

At my mother's death I bequeath to each living brother one hundred dollars and to each sister three hundred dollars and bequeath the balance of the bath stock to my children by my wife Eliza Lowe. But should my mother die before her youngest child is twenty one years of age I desire that the dividends willed to her as above be applied to the support of my brothers and sisters who have not arrived to the age of twenty one until the youngest child has reached that age provided the entire amount of bath dividends are necessary for that purpose. And any surplus left to go to the support of my children by my wife Eliza Wyatt Lowe. And when the youngest child of my mothers becomes of age I wish the bank stock be disposed of as above stated.

At my fathers death I bequeath the bank stock the dividends of which have been applied to his benefit to my children by my wife Eliza Wyatt Lowe.

4th I desire my said executors to invest the remaining one third of my personal estate in like manner for the benefit of my wife Eliza Wyatt Lowe and her children by me and during her life and at her death for the benefit of said children provided my wife will give her consent in writing to my executors authorizing such investment with written consent. I request her to give. Should she give her written consent to my executors are directed to have it recorded in the clerks office in this county.

5th In the event that my wife will give her consent I desire my executor to sell my tobacco warehouse fixtures and lot in Hawesville for the best price they can get for it provided can get what may be deemed a satisfactory price, And invest the proceeds in the same manner for same purpose. and in same proportion as here to fore directed for my personal estate. Say, one third to be invested in bank stock for my wife and children and two thirds for the benefit of my mother and infant children and for my father in the proportion as hereto fore directed. At the death of my father and mother I bequeath the bank stock held for their benefit to my children by my wife Eliza Wyatt Lowe. But in as much as the warehouse and lot is not surceptable of division if no arrangement is made by which it can be sold my executors Pre directed to dispose of the rents as follows one third to be paid to

It my wife two thirds of the remaining two to be paid to my mother and the remainder to my father and at their death to my children.

6th In the event that my wife refuses her consent to the investment of one third of my personal estate in bank stock for the benefit of herself and her children by me but gives her consent to the sale of the ware house and lot I desire my executors to sell the warehouse and pay one third of the proceeds to my wife together with one third of the proceeds of my personal estate and invest the other two thirds in bank stock for the benefit of my mother her children and my father.

7th In the event that my wife consents to the investment of one third of my personal and real estate or one third of either in bank stock I will that the dividends be subject to her draft.

8th I will and bequeath to my executor as a compinsation for the service which they perform under this will four percent of the amount of the estate collected paid out and invested as here in directed that is to say provided they settle up the whole estate as directed and that the estate amounts to \$9000. Their compinsation is to be not over 310.00 and in like porportion for any part of the same which they may settle.

9th I here by appoint my friend John C. Carder and George W. Williams of Hawesville and David H. Davis of Louisville executor of this my last will.

The requests are made to my father and mother are intended to keep them from want while they live.

The money set apart for their use is to go to my children at their death and those bequests are by no means intended to be constructed into a want of affection for my wife and children.

Tho. S.t Clair Lowe

Witnesses:
James E. Stone
Samuel McAdams

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SOLOMON LYONS

Book 3, page 229

June 2, 1854
Aug. 28, 1854

Knowing all men those present that I Solomon Lyons of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I give the same in manner following that is to say;

I have given to Judy Carter my step daughter internamed with John W. Gabbard eighty dollars and to Martha Lyons my daughter inter-named with Wm. D. Harrison I have given the same amount now it is my will that all my children should be made equal with them when married or of age and further it is my will that Margaret Carter should have paid to her when married or of age the same amount that her sister Judy has received of me and further it is my wish and will that John and James Carter my stepsons should stay with theft mother and work for their support of the family until they are twenty one years of age and if they comply with my request in this case it is my will that my executor pay to them one hundred dollars when of age further if they do not work for the support of the family it is my will they should not receive any thing further it is my will that Silby my black woman should be hired out and not hire in the family until the death of Mary Lyons my mother then I wish her sold.

And after all my debts and expenses are paid and all the children have received as above named it is my will that all my estate both real and personal should be equally divided between my own children and lastly it is my will that Tandy Morrison should be my executor.

Solomon Lyons

Witnesses:

James Boling

Jas. B. Haynes

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WILLIAM MASON

Book 4, page 43

Nov. 1, 1854

Jan. 1862

I, William Mason of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky do make this my last will.

1st It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be payed out of my personal property or estate by my executors here after to be named. It is my will that I here by authorize her to make deeds to any real estate I here have or may here after sell according to my contract the purchasers complying with. It is also my will that my said executrix receive deeds for any other property that I may have bought. And that deed be made so as to make the property so deeded apart of my-estate.

It is my will and desire that my wife Elizabeth Mason receive all my estate both real and personal during her widowhood. I appoint my wife Elizabeth Mason my executrix during her widowhood with full power to do all things that may be required of her to do in law. That she be permitted to administrate with out security by recording upon inventory of all my estate both real and personal which will include debts as well as money on hands. But should my wife every marry it is my will that she render up to my heirs two thirds of my estate that may be in her hands according to the inventory rendered and that she be required to give security so as to prevent waist of the estate left in her hands unless it is secured by a mainaso contract on her part for the benefit of my heirs.

It is my will that Mary C. Brockman grand daughter of my wife receive two thousand dollars put of my estate two thirds out of my money or property. She may choose out of the first two thirds named and one third out of the estate left in her grand mothers hands in case she should

3rd I give, devise and bequeath unto by beloved wife Elizabeth one half of all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs and also one half of all the household and kitchen furniture.

4th I also give to my sons Edward and Joseph one bed and furniture such as their mother may have prepared for them.

5th It is my will and desire that the farm on which I now live in Hancock County shall remain in the possession of my beloved wife Elizabeth and my two sons Edward and Joseph for them to use occupy and enjoy during her life time. It is my will and desire that they should live on said farm together and should assist said wife to make a comfortable living. I give unto my beloved daughter Valeria Thompson one hundred dollars besides what may be in this will devised to her, to be paid to her by my executors either in money or property as she may select.

7th It is my will that all my slaves also remain in the possession of my wife Elizabeth during her life time.

8th It is my will that the other half of my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep and the other half of my house hold and kitchen furniture not given to my wife Elizabeth be sold by my executors have the proceeds to be applied to the payment of my just debts and the balance to be divided among all my children as here in after named.

At the death of my said wife Elizabeth it is my will that all my property real personal and mixed that may remain after paying and discharging the legacies and devices in this will named to be divided among all my children in the following manner. To wit: my son William B. Maxey to get one twelfth part and all the rest of all my children to have an equal share of the balance of my estate. And all my said estate cannot be divided without being sold to the highest bidder by my executors and the proceeds divided among my children in the manner above named.

10th I hereby appoint my sons in law James Dupuy and Henry T. Stowers my executors. But if one only one of them should qualify than that one is hereby authorized to perform all the powers of an executor as if both had qualified.

11th It is also my will that if my executors should sell and dispose of any real estate under the direction of this will that they are hereby authorized to convey the same to the purchases and also to convey the land I have lately sold lying in McCrackin County to the purchares whenever the purchase is fully paid.

Nathaniel Maxey

Witnesses:

Charles Sebastin
Timothy Holmes
James E. Stone



ARCHIBALD McMILLAN

Book 2, page 138

Nov. 1843

Hancock Co., Kentucky. This is to certify that I Archibald McMillan of said County make this my last will and testament.

1st I will that all my just debts be paid.

2nd Aunt Jane shall have a horse and saddle also a decent support.

3rd Brother Alexander shall take care of Aunt as long as he or she lives.

4th I will that brother Alexander shall have the balance of my property both real and personal estate cash notes and effects.

5th I will that if brother Alexander dies with out heirs and before Aunt Jane she shall have enough of my property to support her for her life time.

Sister Nancy or her heirs are to have the balance after brother Alexander's death if he dies before she,

Archibald McMillan

Witnesses:

John Thompson
James H. Jagars
James B. Jagars
John Dill



NEAL MCMILLAN

Book 1 page 84

Nov. 22,1833

Dec. 23,1833

Being weak of body, etc.

First I will that all my just debts shall be discharged.

Second I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Sinanna McMillan one third part of my estate during her natural life.

Third I will and bequeath to my three children Archibald, Alexander and Nancy McMullan each an equal share of the residue of my estate after deducting their schooling which is my will and desire that each shall have a liberal education. At the same time I do appoint my beloved wife Sinanna McMillan and Benoni House my joint executor of this my last will.

Neal McMillan

Witnesses:

Wm. L. Lewis
Thomas P. Williams



JANE McMULLIN

Book 2, page 189

Dec. 17, 1844

Jan. 1845

In the name of God Amen. I, Jane McMullin being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament here by revoking all other wills by me here to fore made and without any undue partiality make the following deposition and distribution of the goods and property and estate that shall remain mine at my decease to wit.

1st I direct that all my debts and funeral charges be paid.

2nd I order and direct that my executor here in after to be named after my debts as afore said be paid deliver all my personal property and goods and convey my real estate to my nephew Neal Alexander McMullin as soon as it can be done conveniently after my decease. Except that I direct my said executor to pay to my niece Nancy Jane Beauchamp formerly Nancy Jane McMullin as a testimony of the love and good will I have to her. Five dollars And I hereby constitute and appoint Samuel Pate, esquire of Hancock County, Kentucky my sole executor to this my last will and testament. Enjoining him to see that all matters and things here in ordered and by me directed-are full and faithfully executed according to the spirit and meaning of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses:
Edwin Howes
John Estes



ANN MUNDY

Book 1 page 158

Oct. 16, 1828
Nov. 23, 1835

Being of sound mind, etc.

1st my will is that in case any disturbance should arise between the present children of James Mundy deceased that is not any that have or may marry in the family of said children but dearly meaning all his daughters and son now living as respects the administration of the estate of James Mundy, deceased and the administratrix of said estate as to the manner the said administration has been conducted. So or in such way that the administratrix should be laid liable to damage on account of her administration than in that case I give to the said administratrix who is now Jane Willain, so much of my estate as will sufficiently discharge and satisfy all such damages that may be recovered against her the said administratrix by the said children. But in case no such difficulty should arise as above named in that case my will is that I give to Susan Mundy one negro girl, named Rachel. Next I give to Redmon Mundy one feather bed with one pair of sheets, one bed cover, figure charriet wheel, two pillows and boater next my will is that at my death the balance of my estate shall be equally divided between all the children of James Mundy deceased (viz) Jane, Elizabeth, Delina, Margaret, Susan, Redmond also Rachel Blincoe my sister. And in case any difficulty should arise between the legatees above named as to an equal division of my estate my will is that my administratrix shall be vested with full power to sell and convey any or all of that part that is to be equally divided and make an equal distribution to the persons above named. And in further case of any of the children of James Mundy Lee, as above named should decease with out first marrying and in that case all that part they have received of my estate, I wish to be equally divided between the surviving legatees above named. In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal.

Ann Mundy

Witnesses:
Pathe Maley
George E. Maley



EDMUND NEWMAN

Book 2, page 441

Oct. 31, 1838

In the name of God Amen. I, Edmund Newman of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being sound of mind and memory do make this my last will and testament after the payments of my just debts I give all of my property of every kind what so ever to my children Obadiah Newman, Edmund and John Newman, Manly Newman, Betsy, Wm., Polly Martine and Mary McQuady the heirs of John Newman and the heirs of Tom Newman and of Wyatt Newman two hundred dollars of the part of the heir of Wyatt Newman deceased is deducted which is to be paid to Manly Newman my said Property to be equally divided among my said living children and the heirs of my deceased children each set of heirs receiving the part which the father would have received if living. But with the reservation in addition the reservation of \$200 for Manly Newman

from the part of the heir of Wyatt Newman deceased that some children have received more than others and that I have kept account of what I have given each child.

How the above division as aforesaid with the reservation aforesaid is to be made after all my children are made equal according to my book of charges against them that is to say that each child and the heirs of those deceased are to receive as much as will make them equal with the child who according to my book of charges has received the most from me and the equal division of the balance is to be made with the above reservation of \$200.00 for Manly Newman as aforesaid. In testimony I set my hand.

Edmund Newman

Witnesses:

M. J. Howes

Wm. Rice

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CHARLES NEWMAN

Book 2, page 189

Feb. 20, 1845

Feb. 1845

In the name of God Amen. I, Charles Newman being in feeble health but sound mind make my last will and testament. I appoint my wife Ellenor E. Newman my executor to act as the law provides in such cases. I desire that the farm on which I now live shall be sold and I give my wife Elicitor power to sell convey and make title to the same. I further desire that the proceeds of said farm shall be vested in land again for the use and benefit of my wife and heirs during my wife's natural life then to the entire use of my heirs. I desire that my personal property shall be sold at public sale except such as would be necessary for my wife and children to keep and the proceeds be applied to the executor of my children. I desire that my slaves to be kept in the family except it should be necessary to dispose of them or any one of them from their getting refractory or other wise their to be disposed of in that which the law directs.

Charles Newman

Witnesses:

T. Holmes

Jacob Williams

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DAVID D. NOEL

Book 2, page 71

Feb. 26, 1841

Mar. 1841

Having been unwell for the last three weeks and seeming to get no better, I sit down this morning to write my will. I give unto my wife all of my estate both personal and real during her life time or so long as she remains my widow. She is not to sell any of the negroes or land. I give to my daughter Mary F. Noel my negro man Andrew and Lavisia his wife and all their children, they have or may have here after to be taken at the death of her mother or at any time she may think proper to give them up. There must be fifteen hundred dollars raised out of my estate with in eleven years either by hiring out the negroes or other wise and if not raised in the life time of my wife the negroes are to be kept hired until it is raised except those given to my daughter. This money I appropriate to the education of my son David D. Noel all of which I leave to the care of my son Charles. In conjunction with his mother.

I give to my son Thomas G. Noel my farm at the death of his mother. The balance of my negroes after the above is complied with. I wish equally divided between my three sons Charles, Thomas and David. I leave my wife and her son Charles T. Noel executors to my last will without being required to give any security.

David D. Noel

Witnesses:
M. C. Pate



HIRAM NUGENT

Book 4, page 9

Feb. 16, 1858

Mar. 15, 1858

In the name of God Amen, I, Hiram Nugent being of sound mind do make this my last will. I desire that the carpenter work to the amount of fifteen dollars on my house to be done by Isaac Lyons for which he has already received pay is to be done by 1st of April joists to be put in window cases and upper floor laid and window shutters made. Mr. Allen Hyde owes me five dollars for mutton, pork and cash that I have let him have.

John Cowley owes me one dollar and sixty cents. The widow Remington, three dollars, Mr. Thomas Masthis owes me two dollars and eighty seven cents.

2nd I wish all my dues collected whether by note or account and the proceeds devoted to discharging my liabilities if there be not enough due me to pay my undebtness I desire a sale to be made of such property as my wife thinks she can do best without and sell until there is enough to pay all my debts my present crop of tobacco I desire to be prepared for market taken to town and sold this spring after all my debts have been paid or a sufficient quantity of property sold to pay them. What ever may be left then on the farm I leave in the hands of my wife Amelia for her use and benefit of all my children. I desire that land which I bought from Barbee heirs shall be arranged so that the title I have may be good. The deed having been made and lodged in the clerks office for me but has not been yet acknowledged by said heirs. Payment for said land having already been made. I leave to my wife Amelia full possession of my land during her life at her death if the youngest child is not yet of age the land shall be sold on one, two or three years credit and the proceeds divided out to those children who are of age as soon as collected and to others as they comes of age. Lastley I will that my wife Amelia and Jas. R. Jarboe shall be administrators of my estate.

Hiram Nugent

Witnesses:
Martin Bruner
Andrew L. Rice

I hereby decline as being administrator of Harem Nugent last will and testament. (decd) Jas. R. Jarboe. Mar. 22, 1858.



CUTHBERT O'BANNON

Book 3, page 182

Feb. 11, 1853

Mar. 17, 1854

In the name of God Amen. I, Cuthbert O'Bannon of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and good health do make this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath my expenses and just debts be paid. I give and bequeath as follows:

1st to James D. O'Bannon, Elias and Wm. my sons also by my first wife, twenty five dollars each and no more to be paid by my executor here in after named out of my money that I may have in possession.

Item 2nd I give unto my beloved wife Almeda B. O'Bannon the use of all land with all that pertaineth thereof also the use of all my negroes slaves and all other effects of which I may die possessed except the part above named to have and to hold the same to her use and benefit during her natural life time and after death to be equally divided among all of our survivors. She being at liberty to give in use or advancement any part of money or item of property to any one or more of those heirs to whom the property may belong after her death that she may choose provided never the less that if my said wife Almeda shall continue my widow during her life time then the directions of this will to be considered in full force. Should it be other wise that she should marry again then this will so far as it is related to her and her children that she may have had by me to be null and void and what ever residue of property that may be the same to be divided between her and her children those spoken of above or the existing laws of the Common wealth may direct.

Lastly I hereby appoint George Smith of the county of Hancock state of Kentucky my executor to this my last will.

March 11, 1854. Be it added to this my last will that I will Narcissa a little negro girl to my daughter Henryetta O'Bannon.

Cuthbert O'Bannon

Witnesses:

Cuth O'Bannon
John C. Thomas
Levi Smith



WILLIAM OBENCHAIN

Book 4, page 95

Feb. 12, 1855

Apr. 26, 1869

In the name of God Amen. I, William Obenchain of the county of Daviess and state of Kentucky being blessed with good health and disposing memory make the following my last will.

1st I desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

2nd It is my will and desire that my wife Susanna shall after my death hold possession and have all the benefit of my estate both real and personal during her natural life.

3rd It is my will and desire that after the death of my wife Susanna all my estate both real and personal be sold and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between mine and my wife's children to wit: Charity Morrison, Mary Ann Skinner, James Obenchain, Solomon Obenchain Francis Jane Boling, Elizabeth Cruze, Catherine Voiles, Eliza Philips, William H. Obenchain and Susanna Obenchain. If any or all the above named children should die before distribution is made and having children of their own their portion should be given to their children.

4th I ordain and appoint my trusty friend Tandy Morrison as my executor to execute this will.

William Obenchain

Witnesses:

John Snider
James Snider



SAMUEL M. PATE

Book 4, page 41

Mar. 12, 1859

Nov. 25, 1861

I, Samuel Pate of county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory but being near the end of life do make and ordain this my last will.

1st I give to my sister Letitia F. Pate my negro boy Joy to be her and her heirs for ever.

2nd I give to my mother Aritta Pate all my real or landed estate also my negro boy Ford to her and her heirs forever.

Samuel M. Pate

Witnesses:

Jas. Prentis

Y. W. Taylor

David W. Blanford



WILLIAM PATE

Book 3, page 121

Feb. 11, 1848

Mar. 28, 1853

I, William Pate of Hancock county in the state of Kentucky being weak and feeble but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament.

1st after my just debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Nancy Pate during her natural life the possession and profit of the farm on which I now live, also so much of my Panther Creek tract that remains unsold at my death and the following named slaves Towit Aasau, Louicy and Laura to serve her during her life all my other slaves my executor will hire out annually until the death of my wife and so much of the hire that is necessary to her comfortable support to be applied in the way. The residue if any to be equally divided between my son Minor E., my daughter Rhoda A. and my four grand daughters by my daughter Virginia Ann.,

2nd I bequeath to my daughter Rhoda A. Wagoner at the death of her mother the Panther Creek tract of land to her and her heirs by her two last husbands to wit: Edward Chapeze and William Wagoner.

3rd I give to my four grand daughters by my daughter Virginia Ann at the death of their grandmother the tract of land which I now reside on being 365 acres.

4th I bequeath to my grand daughter Mary M. McDonnell at the death of her grand mother my negro girl Sarah.

5th All the residue of my estate both real and personal I leave to be equally divided between my son Minor E., my daughter Rhoda A. and my four grand daughters by my daughter Virginia Ann. I request that my son Minor E. Pate to be the executor of this my last will and testament and I hereby nominate him for that purpose.

Wm. Pate Sr.

Witnesses:

Henry Paul

Elias Lyons



JOHN PATTERSON Book 2, page 137 Sept. 25, 1843

In the name of God Amen. I, John Patterson being weak of body and of strong mind do make this my last will and testament.

It is my will that all my just debts be paid and the following disposition be made of the balance. Having already given to Benjamin, David and John their portion of my estate I give now to Isaac my only surviving son of the following tract of land beginning at the corner of the Scad Creek mill and running with the old Thompson road to the Hawesville road and from thence with the line of Edwin Hayes to the line of the survey of Curtis thence with Curtis line to Mill track and thence with the Mill track to the beginning.

I give my daughters Jan, Lucretia, Rebecca and Eliza the tract of land upon which I not live. And it is my will that it remain undivided until they get married or until they are all willing for it to be sold or divided so that the last one shall not be disturbed if any or all of the others should wish to sell or divide. I appoint Edwin Hawes and Isaac Patterson the executors of this my last will and testament.

John Patterson Sr.

Witnesses:

Edwin Hawes
Barrie Patterson
L. M. Pedigo



DANIEL Mc PAYNE Book 4, page 285 Aug. 22, 1863
Apr. 13, 1866

1st Marion J. Smith now Marian J. Payne for life my estate in Hancock County, Ky. all my estate in Indiana my bonds bank stock, rail road and turn pike stock also my land in Thimble Co, Kentucky on the left hand side of the public road as you go from John Prestons to Miltons to include the places where John Samuel Young now live and no more above 300 acres and at her death to go to my children by her she will raise and educate them.

2nd I devise the balance of my estate to pay my debts and than to be equally divided among my children by Mrs. Felirda A. Payne each charged with advances made to them so as to inherit my estate equally. Mrs. Felirda A. Payne to have one half under 2nd devise a clause out side and all my estate in Fayette County, Kentucky during her life and not to interfer with the division to Marian J. Payne. I appoint my son John B. Payne Jr. my executor. I annex a list of advantages to my children to this date and the amount to be charged to each. Should after this August 1863 make other advances they must be taken inti account.

Daniel Mc Payne

Witnesses:

D. Jas. Ply
B. J. Ray
I. S. Fisher

See list of advances

I owe it to my sell to record with my will that I by deed of trust hay given her Mrs. Felirda A. Payne all the property her father gave he and other property besides which added to what I now give her is libers on my part as I wish her well provided for.

Daniel Mc Payne

List of advances to my children

1st To my son John B. Payne Jr 400 acres of land in Harrison County, 100 acres in Grant County my law office in Lexington and negro boy Austin for their advances he is to be charged six thousand dollars.

2nd To my son Walter S. Payne two hundred acres of land in Fayette County and five negroes he is charged with advances to him fourteen thousand dollars.

3rd To my son Willington Payne 200 acres of land in Owen County, 100 acres in Grant county one lot in Lexington.

4th I leave in trust to Richard Payne for his support and not liable to his debts Negro Fannie and her increase and the in Lexington where the post office is kept for these advances I charge him six thousand dollars.

To my son Richard Payne about 375 acres in Harrison and Grant County one lot in Lexington negro Fanny and two hundred acres of land in Fayette County. He is to be charged with fifteen thousand dollars as advances to him.

5th To my daughter Mary F. Payne one piano two girls about 100 acres of land in Owen County two houses and lots in Lexington one known as the Fisher house and the other where the free negroes live on the hill adjoining John B. Payne's lot one half of the house on Water street owned by John B. Payne. I also give her my residence in Lexington and the lots attached and furniture at her mother's death. For all these advances she is to be charged seven thousand dollars.

6th To my son Edward Payne about 350 acres of land in Grant County on the pike and also four hundred in Grant County on the left hand side of the public road going from Calemousville to Williamstown beginning at Ridenhouse and with his back line to my back line and the road to Williamstown so as to include 500 acres. He is to be charged with eight thousand dollars.

7th To my son David Mc Payne 275 acres in Scott and Grant county one negro girl Huedohs child and part of the tract of my land lying in Trimble County on the Ohio river beginning at John Prestons and Marelands and back with said Marelands John Beans and through my land and back with Prestons line until they intersect and make a corner in Prestons line. This boundry will include 600 acres more or less and also 20 acres included is here divided to him and he will be charged with ten thousand dollars. Aug. 25, 1863

Daniel Mc Payne

Witnesses:

Dr. Jas. Ply

B. Y. Ray

J. S. Fisker

I devise to my son Daniel the 20 acres of land I bought of Joseph on Bradford road in Trimble County. The devise to my son Daniel are my first on the Ohio river and includes the house at the farm and the houses on the hill where Mr. Roy lock land and Adams line and bounded as follows: beginning on the Ohio river at John Moreland and my corner thence with Morelands and John Beans line and through my land the same corner next to John Preston's line here making a corner. Thence with Preston's and my line to the Ohio River. Thence up the river to the beginning.

Daniel Mc Payne



WILLIAM RICHEY

Book 1, Page 374

Apr. 8, 1839

June 24, 1839

Being very sick, etc.

1st I wish all my just debts paid and I will the plantation I now live on supposed to be about one hundred and sixty acres to my son Jefferson Richey with this condition that he maintains my wife Phebe Richey comfortably and plantifully during her life and that he also assists my daughter Eliza Hardin and her child until such time as she may alter or change her present home. It is my wish that Jefferson and his mother keep all my stock of every kind all my household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils of every kind except two cows and one bed and fixture that I have here fore given to my daughter Eliza Hardin and which I now give her and after the death of my wife it is my wish and will that all the property above named remains the property of my son Jefferson unless my wife should wish to give her bed to her daughter. I leave her at liberty to do it. I wish my son in law James Burnett and his wife Catherine to have the plantation he now lives on agreeable to the courses and distances here to fore made by John Sterett. And it is further my wish that my son Daviess Richey shall have his plantation that he now lives on agreeable to a deed I here fore made him both which deed has not been recorded at present time. I give and bequeath unto my sons John and William Richey two dollars each out of my estate and for the purpose of carrying this will into effect. I appoint my friends William Mason my executor and ask him to convey the above named tracts of land and it shall be as binding on my heirs as if I did it my self.

William Richey

Witnesses:

John Stinitt

Hyman Asbury



William S. ROBERTS

Book 3, page 21

July 22, 1851

Oct. 27, 1851

In the name of God Amen. I, William S. Roberts of sound mind and disposing memory but weak in body and knowing that all must die make this my last will and testament. In the 1st place I will that all my just debts be paid.

2nd I give to my brother George H. Roberts all of my property of every description land, negroes money notes of every kind I own specifying the same except one hundred and fifty dollars which I will and desire shall be applied as follows: I will that my executor shall when Mary Francis Chileby arrives at the age of eight years old commence and expend the above amount of one hundred and fifty dollars upon her education. I desire the amount to be expended between the years of eight and sixteen. If the child dies before she arrives at the age of eight years then the bequest is at end and if she should die before the whole amount is expended there the bequest ceases- This I do because I was compelled in self defence to kill her father and think I should give her as good education as her father would have probably done if he had lived.

I hereby appoint my brother George H. Roberts my executor of this my last will.

W. S. Roberts

Witnesses:

? Steritt
G. T. McAdams
H. Asbury



WILLIAM ROBINSON

Book 2, page 213

May 29, 1842
Nov. 1845

This my last will and testament made and done in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty two in the presence of Almighty God Whose care I place myself under and pray for the help. in the proper and just distribution of my property to my children and their heirs towit: I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny the wife of Joseph Eskridge one negro girl Selah which Eskridge have sold with my consent also one hundred acres of land more or less where they now live also one negro woman Mary and negro girl Polly. The last negro and land last named is not to be sold nor disposed of in any way what ever but to keep for her use during her life and at her death to be equally divided between the children.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Kitty the wife of Henderson Mason one negro girl Eliza negro boy Elms and one hundred and sixty dollars all of which she has received for her benefit during her life and at her death to be equally divided between her children.

I give and bequeath to my son Elijah N. Robinson a tract of land he now lives on which he has a deed for, also one negro boy Henry negro boy Harrison and negro girl Eliza, all of which he has received for his benefit and at his death to be equally divided between his children.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of William Davison one negro girl Rachel negro Harriet and negro boy John all of which she has received for her benefit during her life and at her death to be equally divided between her children.

I give and bequeath to my son William H. Robinson three hundred and fifty dollars also negro boy Elias which boy to be sold to me and received payments also four hundred and ten dollars which he has received for his benefit and his children at his death.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann, the wife of John Brockman one negro girl Jane negro girl Mahala and negro boy Thomas also two hundred and ten dollars all of which she has received for her benefit during her life and at her death to be equally divided between her children.

After my death all my property real and personal to be sold at public sale and the amount thereof with all money due me or on hand after paying my just debts to be equally divided between my before said children or their heirs. Fanny Eskridge excepted and the aforesaid Fanny Eskridge's part to be paid over to my son Elijah N. Robinson and he the Elijah N. Robinson to pay to her as she may need it or to her children at her death with out interest and without charges for services done by him.

And now that I well know I owe nothing of debt to any of my children sons or my daughters husbands I enjoin on my executor that if any one of them should present claim of debts or any way other than named above they forfeit all their claims to the amount of such claims which shall be deducted out of theft legacy above given. Interlined before assigned.

William Robinson



ISAAC C. SMART

Book 1, page 318

Sept. 28, 1838
Nov. 1838

Being in proper mind, etc.

1st that all my debts be paid.

2nd that my sister Malinda E. Gardner, my sister Eliza Smart brother Granville G. Smart shall have one hundred dollars each of my estate and that my brother John S. G. Smart shall have my colt and so much of my estate as will make one hundred dollars. And I also bequeath to him my saddle and bridle. Lastly it is my will that my father have all the rest of my estate his lifetime. Than for it to be divided equally between all my brothers and sisters.

Isaac C. Smart

Witnesses:

Davis Vaughn

Cynew Lindsey

Stephen Burdild



JOHN SNIDER

Book 4, page 61

Mar. 8, 1853
June 22, 1863

In the name of God Amen. I, John Snider of County of Hancock and state of Kentucky being blessed with good health and disposing memory I do make and ordain the follows as my last will.

1st I desire that all the perishable parts of my estate be immediately sold after my decease and out of the money arising all my just debts and funeral expenses paid.

2nd I give to my son James W. Snider 104 acres of land including the larger part of the farm he now lives on which I consider to be worth \$300.00 in its natural state and I have executed a deed of gift to him for the same March 2, 1853.

3rd I give to my son George B. Snider about 145 acres of land including the farm he now lives on and bounded by the following lines Peter Hiber on the west Daniels on the south Wm. H. Bruner on the east and John S. and Horrice Bruner on the north west boundry, which I consider to be worth \$300.00 in its natural state. And I have executed a deed of gift for the same to him March 2, 1853.

4th I give to my daughter Charity Barnett 80 acres of land lying in Fayette county Illinois and in section 5 township 3 east which was formerly claimed by Win. Helm but now in the possession of Wm. Barnett and Charity B. Burnett his wife which I consider to be worth \$200.00 and in addition to the 80 acres of land I give to Charity N. Barnett 47 acres of land lying in the same county and state and is the north west quarter of the south west fractioned quarter of section six in township five north three east which I consider to be worth 100 dollars and will make Charity Barnett with the ballance of my lawful heirs.

5th I give to Thomas N. and Theophilus G. Snider heirs of W. H. Snider deceased \$300.00 to be equally divided between them by my executors if they both live the other is entitled to the whole.

6th I give to Letitia Ann Hide, Wm. A. Hides and Marie S. Taber heirs of my daughter Maria S. Taber deceased \$300.00 to be equally divided between them.

7th I give to Augustus Newton, Hester Ann Newton, and John Thomas Newton heirs of my daughter Margaret E. Newton deceased to be equally divided between them.

8th I give to my daughter Sidney Jane Newton or her heirs \$300.00 as soon as the money can be collected by my executors after my decease.

9th I give to Robert M. Snider now living in the state of Indiana one hundred dollars.

10th I give to Nancy Shaffer now living in Clark County state of Ohio one hundred dollars provided she is alive and be found by my executors after my decease.

11th It is my wish and desire that my executors after my decease do sell and convey to the purchasers all the balance of my lands not named in this will lying in Hancock County, Ky and Fayette County, Illinois either for cash on hand or on a credit of one or two years as they may think best using their own descretion and the money arising there from after paying all the legates named in this will all just debts and necessary expenses are payed I desire the balance to be equally divided among my lawful heirs.

12th I ordain and appoint my trusty friends James E. Stone and James W. Snider my executors.

John Snider

Witnesses:

William P. D. Bush

George McAdams

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JOHN STERETT

Book 4, page 37

Feb. 2, 1860

Apr. 8, 1861

In the name of God Amen, I, John Sterett of Hancock County, Ky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will.

I will to my wife Polly Sterett my negro man Bob and negro woman Kitty to be held by her in her service as slaves during her natural life or widow hood and at her death or marriage to be delivered up to my executor. The said slaves are given as above in place of negro woman Anyone whom my said wife was to have inconsideration of her agreeing to relinquish all claims upon my slaves in the way of dower or other wise and whom she is to deliver to my executor in the excepts of this devise.

I also will to my grand daughter Patsy Soyez wife of Dr. C.S. Soyez all of that part of corner lot in the town of Hawesville on the corner of Main cross Street and Water street opposite of C. C. Hawleys hotel property which I now own. And all the part of lot no. 75 in said town fronting about 22 ft on Water Street and running back to first alley being all the tract of land on the water of Indian Creek adjoining the land of W. Wheatleys heirs and Fred Sniders heirs being all of the land I now own there. The said lots and land to be held and used by said Patsy Soyez as her separate property during her natural life and at her death to go absolutely to her heirs if any. If she has no living heirs the said lot and land are to go to my five children Viz: William Sterett, Rebecca Lander, Green Sterett, Eliza Adams and Margarett Ashby to be equally divided among them. The above devise to Patsy Soyez is intended as her full and equal portion of my estate to which I consider she is entitled.

I give to John S. Ashby my two years old filly. I give to John S. Adams my saddle. I give to my son Wm. Sterett the old rifle I will and bequeath to my grand son John Harden Sterett the tract of land.

I give to my son Barid Sterett my mowing and reaping machine also hay preparations.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Ashby my slave George for which she is to pay six hundred and fifty dollars; In the devision of any other estate if she see proper not to take him she may decline.

I will to my grand son Chantey I. Sterett a piece of land containing about fifty acres which I own in Breckinridge County being the mill seat tract of land on Jewel Creek adjoining Abram McClelland old place deeded to me by Blackwell which deed is recorded in the Breckinridge Court clerks office I will to my five children afore said Viz William Sterett, Rebecca Lander, Green Sterett, Eliza Adams and Margaret Ashby all the rest and residue of my property and estate and every thing real and personal which shall come into the hands of my executor at my death or at any time here after. to be equally divided among them after first equalizing the advancement of which I have here fore made them and with which they are charged as follows: I have charged against Wm. Sterett \$1450.00 to R. P. Lander \$1250.00 to Green Sterett \$1450.00, to Eliza Adams \$1300.00 to Margaret Ashby \$1300.00 If she takes George \$650.00 more is to be charged to her. I appoint Green Sterett executor of this my last will. I desire that no security shall be requested of him.

John Sterett

Witnesses:
David Davison
Jacob Swears

Codicil I desire that my woman Kitty shall serve my wife during natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I wish her to go to Band Sterett. My negro boy Bob is to be delivered up to my executor after her death or marriage.

John Sterett

Witnesses:
David Dawson
Jacob Swears

Codicil: It is the intention of the above codicil that the negro woman Kitty shall go to my wife as above stated on condition that she-first gives to my executor all claims she on negro woman Angeline if she does not do so than Kitty is to go unto the hands of my executor to be distributed with my other estate.

John Sterett

Witnesses:
David Dawson
Jacob Swears



GEORGE WASHINGTON STOWERS Book 2, page 203 Mar. 6, 1844
Aug. 1845

In the name of God Amen. I, George Washington Stowers of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky being at present of sound mind but afflicted in body do ordain this my last will and testament.

It is my desire that all my estate real and personal of what ever description except my servant Edward shall be sold as soon as may be convenient after my decease and the proceeds equally divided among all my surviving brothers and sisters and certain children of my deceased brother and sister William C. Stowers and Julitt Ann Banks except my sister Sarah Ann B.

Beauchamp to whom I bequeathed only fifty dollars as follows to wit. To my niece and nephew Elizabeth Ann Stowers and John Chapman Stowers I bequeath one part I bequeath one part to my nephew Samuel Thompson Banks son of my sister Julitt Ann Banks. One part to my sister Catherine Mary Stowers. To my brother Alexander Harrison Stowers one part. To my brother James Berkley Stowers one part. And to my brother John Stowers in addition to one part I bequeath my servant Edward. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

George W. Stowers

Witnesses
John G. Moore
Lamb Davis
Raphael I. Blandford



NANCY THOMAS

Book 4, page 11

Oct. 26, 1856
May 24, 1858

In the name of God, I, Nancy Thomas being in bad health but sound in mind do make this my last will. I do will and bequeath to Rutha Powers all my interest in my brothers Nedds Willets estate in Union County; Kentucky consisting of land money or what other property he was in possession of at the time of his death.

Nancy Thomas

Witnesses:
A. B. Lindsey
William Osleon
William Mason
Done Mason



ELIZA J. THOMPSON

Book 4, page 36

Sept. 10, 1856
June 28, 1861

I, Eliza Jane Thompson of the County of Hancock and state of Kentucky being of sound mind do make this my last will.

My will is that the property I die possessed with be equally divided between my niece and nephew Catherine Jane Dill and Thompson Dill both being the children of my sister Maria Dill. In testimony where of I have set my hand.

Eliza J. Thompson

Witnesses:
James Mann
Wm. M. Blincoe



ELI THRASHER

Book 3, page 325

Oct. 10, 1846

Feb. 25, 1856

In the name of God Amen, I, Eli Thrasher of Hancock County and state of Kentucky being weak in body but of disposing memory and mind do make this my last will.

1st and after my funeral expenses and charges are paid I bequeath to my son Win. T. Thrasher my negro man John.

2nd my will and desire that all the rest of my property shall be equally divided among my heirs as named Amanda Thrasher, the daughter of Matilda Thrasher the children of my daughter Martha, the children of my deceased daughter Elizabeth my son Thomas Thrasher the daughter of my son Eli Thrasher decd. The children of my daughter Henrietta Pate so that the children of each of my daughters and the daughter of my son Eli shall have each set of them an equal portion with any other of my heirs with the exception of the gift of my man John who is to belong to my son Win. Thrasher. It is hereby understood that I give away my six silver spoons as follows: two to my grand daughter Henrietta Black, two to my grand daughter Margaret Pate and two to my grand daughter Caroline Thrasher and it is hereby understood that the spoons above named are not to be reckoned as part of the property to be divided among them who are named before the disposition of my spoons.

I do appoint my son William T. Thrasher my sole executor in testimony whereof I have set my hand.

Eli Thrasher

Witnesses:

Wm. L. Lewis

Fred D. Lewis



GEORGE TUCKER

Book 2, page 101

Feb. 25, 1842

June 1842

I do make this my last will and testament. To my wife Catherine to have and hold all my personal property consisting of land and negroes together with all I possess after all my personal debts are settled. After the death of my wife I wish it divided between my two children Mary M. Tucker and Lucy A. Black and their heirs for ever. As given under my hand and seal.

George Tucker

Witnesses:

George C. P. Baker

Alocy H. Baker



ABSLOM VAWTER

Book 4, page 24

May 7, 1854

July 16, 1860

I, Absolom G. Vawter of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky do hereby make this my last will in manner and form following.

1st I will to my mother Frances A. Nichols ten dollars cash.

2nd I will to my brother and sister as follows: David Vawter, John Vawter, William H. H. Vawter, Nancy Hayden and Elizabeth Albert each one dollar to be payed out of the proceeds of my personal estate.

3rd I will to my wife Anna C. all the balance of my estate real and personal that may remain after my debts are payed and the foregoing bequests are reserved.

4th It is my will that my wife Anne Caroline be appointed my executrix without bond.

A. G. Vawter

Witnesses:

W. G. Payne

J. J. Bye

A. G. VAWTER

Book 4, page 52

May 7, 1854

Aug. 30, 1862

I Absolom G. Vawter of the county of Hancock and state of Kentucky do here by make this my last will.

1st I will to my mother Frances Nickols ten dollars in cash.

2nd I will to my brother and sister as follows David P. Vawter, John Vawter, William H. Vawter, Nancy Hayden and Elizabeth Albert each one dollar to be payed out of my personal estate.

3rd I will and bequeath to my wife Ann all the balance of my estate real and personal that may remain after my debts are paid and the foregoing first and second bequests are reserved.

4th It is further my will that my wife Ann Caroline be appointed my executrix with out bond and that she may hold or dispose of any or all my property real and personal and control the same in her own right as soon as my debts are paid.

A. G. Vawter

Witnesses:

W. L. Payne

J. J. Bye



ARCHER WEBBER

Book 1 page 70

Mar. 4, 1833

Mar. 1833

In the name of God Amen. I, Archer Webber, being weak in body, etc. Item I wish my funeral expenses and my just debts to be paid. Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Peggy H. Webber one third of house hold and kitchen furniture also one third of my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. Also one third of my farming utensils during her natural life. And at her death to be equal divided between my daughter Sarah Elizabeth Webber and John Francis Webber.

And in case she should have another that it believed she now is pregnant, it is my wish that it have an equal share with my other children. My beloved wife, I wish her to dispose of any part or all of the horses, cattle, sheep or hogs as she thinks sufficient to raise and educate my heirs, meaning the property above mentioned. I appoint my beloved wife Peggy H. Webber, as my sole administrator. As witnesses my hand and seal this 4th day of March, 1833.

Archer Webber

Witnesses:

George T. Hadden

John Petty



AMOS WILLIAMS

Book 1, page 68

Oct. 28, 1827

Dec. 1827

I, Amos of Breckinridge County, Ky. Do ordain this my last will. It is my desire that all of my just debts be paid out of my estate.

Item I give to my son William one negro girl, named Jenney to him and his heirs forever, this said girl and her future increase, I give to my fore said son William this girl as a consideration for money he hath paid for me and services rendered. I also give to said son William one negro boy name Willis to him and his heirs forever.

Item I lone one negro boy by the name of Parrott to my son Hugh Williams during his natural life and in case the so said Hugh should have a heir then I give the foresaid Parrott to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son James Williams one negro boy named Washington him and his heirs forever. I give to my son Otho Williams, one negro girl named Permily to him and his heirs forever. I give to my son George Williams one negro girl named Nancy to him and his heirs forever. It is my desire that my executors shall pay unto said son George the sum of thirty dollars as I think the girl I gave him not of equal value to those I gave the rest of the children

I give my son Henry Williams the tract of land I now live on at the decease of my wife Dorcas Williams. I also give my son Henry one negro boy named Ben.

Item I give to my beloved wife Dorcas during her natural life the plantation I now live on with all the appurtenances and benefits there unto belonging. I also give my wife all my household and kitchen furniture to her for her use during her natural life.

I also give to my said wife one negro man named Sip a negro man named Moses and one negro woman named Dinah with her three children Harriet, Berun and Jodan with her future increase for the benefit of my said wife during her life. It is my desire that my man Sip at the death of my wife shall be given set at liberty with an injunction on my said executors to so that he may not suffer for diet and clothing. It is my further wish and desire that my man Martin shall have the liberty of choosing his master amongst my said children on their paying his value to the rest of the children in two annual installments he resueruing his proportion. It is my further will and desire that my woman Dinah with her present and future increase that are not here to fore bequeathed I give to my said son Henry on his paying the valuation by two disinterested appraisers on two annual installments to the rest of my children on his reserving to himself his proportion.

I give to my daughter Sarah Carter one negro girl named Emeline This girl I give to my said Daughter Sarah as a compensation for services. She assisting to raise my family more faithful than any of the rest. I also give my daughter Sarah Carter one negro girl named Harriet I give to my daughter Velender Martin one Negro girl named Betty I give to my grand daughter Dorcas Comstock one negro girl named Peg, one bed and furniture one horse and saddle of sixty dollars value. I also appoint and constitute my son Henry, in trust to retain and hold the said property in possession until my said Grand daughter may arrive to the age of twenty years or marry. The balance of my estate personally and real I leave to be equally divided between all my children.

Item I hereby appoint and constitute my wife Dorcas and my son Henry my executors of this my last will and Testament.

Amos Williams

Witnesses:

Edward Newman
Amos Riley
C. Snider



OTHO WILLIAMS

Book 1, page 304

June 9, 1832
Dec. 1838

Being in good health, etc.

I appoint my son Hugh T. Williams my executor to sell and settle all my business. It is my will that my land and town property stock, farming utintials, house hole and kitchen furniture be sold to the best advantage by my executor and my just debts paid. The balance I give to my son H. T. Williams and my son George W. Williams and my wife Mildred Williams. My will is that my executor provide for the comfortable maintaniance of his mother and that he shall give out of the above proceeds one hundred dollars to my son Jo. R. Williams for the trouble and care he has had with his mother. That he shall give to my son Nathan A. Williams one dollar for his ingratitude to me. That he shall give Sarah B. Anderson one side saddle. That my colored people shall be disposed of in the following manner: that my man David shall have his freedom and my executor protect him in his rights, that Sarah B. Anderson shall have my girl Hannah for which she holds a bill of sales for money lent to me and service rendered my family. I give Julian and Landon to my sons H. F. and G. W. Williams to be divided between them according to their value. But this is to be understood that my wife Mildred Williams shall have the benefit of them if it shall be needed for her support during her life or so much as is necessary. I give the best of my wearing appearal to be divided between my three sons H. T. Williams, Jo. R. Williams and George W. Williams. I give my silver watch to my son George. In testimony I have set my hand.

Otho Williams

Witnesses:

James Mnades
Thomas Halmer



THOMAS WILLIAN

Book 2, page 113

Jan. 28, 1841
Jan. 23, 1843

In the name of God Amen. I, Thomas Willian Sr. being weak in body and memory do make this my last will and testament. Revoking all other wills made by me.

1st my will and desire is that all my just debts shall be payed.

2nd my will and desire is that my two oldest sons Thos and Jacob shall have the farm where I reside both the first and last purchase. Thomas to have the lower end to be equally divided between them.

3rd my will is that the fractional section nineteen town ship six south range three west lying and being on the river Ohio above Troy, Indiana as it divided my son Isaac to take the upper end, Polly Worthington to join him, Nancy Pierce to join her, James H. Willian to join her and Lydia Bates to join him.

4th It is my will and desire that my three daughters (to wit) Elizabeth Bates to have my negro boy Henry, negro girl Bettie and negro boy Nat, Levina Graner to have negro woman Mary

her child and negro boy Tom. Theresa Phillips to have negro boy Jack negro boy Albert and negro girl Ann. Fifthly, I will and bequeath to my grand son William Willian two certificates for land lying in Indiana for one hundred and sixty acres the other for eighty acres and disignated thus no 25488 north last quarter section No 5 township 6 of range No 4 west no 25419 W ½ quarter of section no 4 in township. It is firther my will that the certificates for half section of land in Ind. South half section no 32 in township no 5 S. of range no 4 West containing three hundred and twenty acres shall be equally divided between (towit) Elizabeth Bates, Levine Graner and Theresa Phillips.

It is firther my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my estate to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the whole of my represenatines with the exception of my two sons Thomas and Jacob and my grand son William Willian.

Lastly I appoint my two sons Thomas and Jacob to be my executors and that no security shall be required of them.

Thomas Willian

Witnesses:

William L. Lewis
John H. Beauchamp

As a codicil to the foregoing will, I having lately purchased a negro girl named Dinah. I will and bequeath the said negro girl to my daughter Nancy Pierce. The first living child the said girl may have I will to Lidia Bates. The second child should she have I will to my son Isaac and all the balance of her increase should there be any I will to Nancy Pierce. In testimony whereof I here unto set my hand.

Thomas Willian

Witnesses:

Wm. L. Lewis
Thos. Blincoe



PRESLEY WILSON

Book 2, page 92

Feb. 25, 1841

Dec. 1841

In the name of God Amen. I Presley Wilson of Co. of Hancock and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do by these present make this my last will and Testament in the following manner.

Viz: After all of my just debts are payed I make my brother Wood Wilson my sole executor and sole hire bequeathing all my property both personal and real. It is my wish that the Court will not exact of my executor security. If when I decease I am solvent. My dear brother I wish you to present brother A.A.W. two hundred dollars when you make it out of the personal property, If I should end my caner before Sept. 1842 You will favour M. C. Barkwell when he wishes to attend the University. This last request you will be governed by informing yourselves in regard to what may be done for him by me. This Testament may appear partial to the uniformed but suffice it to be regarded with Justice. In witness I set my hand.

Presley Wilson

Witnesses:

Thomas Blincoe
Timothy Holmes

Samuel Pate



UPTON WILSON

Book 1, page 319

Sept. 21, 1838

Nov. 1838

Being weak in body, etc.

1st I do will that all my just debts shall be paid.

2nd I will and bequeath to my brother Jonathan Wood Wilson the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid within two years. I will and bequeath to my brother Prissly Wilson all the balance of my estate both real and personal what, ever name and nature. Lastly I leave my beloved brother Prissly Wilson executor.

Upton Wilson

Witnesses:

William L. Lewis

Thomas Blincoe

Samuel Henderson



SHEPHERD WOOD

Book 1, page 84

Aug. 20, 1841

June 1841

I wish my will which I left with David Garland of Winstow, Kenebec co., State of Main to be my last will and Testamony with this addition that after debts are payed here, with all my expenses that the remainder of me effect shall go to my two sisters as specified in the will I left with Dave Garland when I left home. All of which we do certify to be the last will and testament of Shepherd Wood of Hancock County, Kentucky which he requested us to attend to in proper form. We firther certify that the deceased who died on the 16th was at the time he made his will of sound mind and disposed memory. All of which we respectively submit to the County Court of Hancock County, Kentucky.

Witnesses:

H. W. Hughes

Layman C. Hawley



THOMAS WROE

Book 2, page 164

Feb. 21, 1844

My mind being about as good as common. I make use of it by making my last will and testament. In the name of God Amen.

Item 1st after paying my just debts the balance to go to my beloved wife Elizabeth Wroe during her natural life, with no security. If she cannot pay the debts she has the right to sell any part of the property. Let it be understood that Thos. Wroe and Kitty Gibbs are to have no future claim on my property.

Thomas Wroe

Witnesses:

James P. Munroe
George Dejarnett



The following Hancock County wills were abstracted in the various issues of the periodical, Forgotten Pathways of Hancock County, KY, Quarterly of the Genealogical Society of Hancock County, Hawesville, KY:

Blanford, Nathaniel
Bruner, Polly
Greathouse, Harmon

Hayden, James
Miller, James A.
Newman, Edmund

NATHANIEL BLANFORD

Book 3, p176

In the name of God Amen, I Nathaniel Blanford of Hancock County & State of Kentucky being (?) but of sound mind & disposing memory, Do make this my last will & testament here-by annulling & revoking all former wills codicil's.

And 1st I will that all my funeral expenses & legal debts be paid.

I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Blanford, two Negroes viz John & Mahala & the third part of all the rest of my estate both real & personal.

I bequeath to my grand sons David Blanford & George Blanford each fifty dollars and no more of my estate either personal or real

I bequeath to my Daughter Eliza Long my Slave Sarah, living her life & to descend to the heirs of her body at her death.

I will & bequeath to my daughter Lucretia Monarch my female slave Ellen during her life (Lucretia) & then to descend to the heirs of her body.

I bequeath to my son William A, Blanford my Negro boy Henry & to hold him during his William Blanford, lifetime & then to descend to his heirs

I bequeath to my daughter Tracy Long my slave Charity, to have & hold during her life and at her (Tracy) death to descend to the heirs of her body.

I will that the remainder of my slaves not above named be hired until the death of my wife. The proceeds, thereof equally divided between all of my lawful children of my body until the death of my wife, when those two willed to her with the remainder not named slaves be sold and the proceeds and money divided equally between my bodily heirs.

I will that my wife have one third of my land when she chooses it, and the balance of my land and town lots be rented out until her (my wife's) death after which they shall be sold and the money divided equally between the heirs of my body and after their deaths to be descended to the heirs of their bodies; but where as I have given unto my daughters Eliza Long and Tracy Long each one hundred acres of land for which they have deed I will that the value of the land w even to them by me be taken from the land above named so as to make all of my children equal in money arising from my land and town lots I also will that the land I have bequeathed to my w&, be after her death sold and the money equally divided between my bodily heirs

I will that all my stock, crops, & non-valuable property of every kind be sold and money arising tine from equally divided between my bodily heirs, except such part as my wife may choose

to keep as her third of the personal property (as above willed) but after her death to be sold and divided as chosen.

I will that my son William A. Blanford be appointed my executor.

Nathaniel Blanford

Wit. Fr. D Lewis, Wm. Stapp. Recorded 23 January 1854

POLLY BRUNER

Book 3, page 25

I Polly Bruner, of the County of Hancock and state of Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I desire that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be paid out my personal property, left to me by my husband, and all that is over paying my debts, except one bed, bedding, & bedsted which I have given Horris Bruner for his special care he has taken of me, and the balance of the property I want equally divided between all the children of my late husband.

Second, I give and bequeath all the money arising from the State of the land in Harden County left to me, by my grandfather to my own children to be equally divided between them, to wit, Sally Snider, Jas. Bruner, Samuel Bruner, Ruthy Hale, Horris Bruner, Letitia Bruner, and Charles Moorman heir of my daughter Maria Moorman deceased.

Third, I constitute and appoint, my trusty friend Horris Bruner executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23rd day of October 1851. Signed sealed published and declared, as & for the last will and testament of the above named Polly Bruner in presence of us John Snider, G.C.P. Baker.

Her mark, Polly Bruner

Kentucky Hancock County Court, November 1 term 1851. This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Polly Bruner deceased was produced in Court and duly proved to be such by the oaths of John Snider & George C. P. Baker the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon I have truly recorded the same in my office. Attest James E. Stone Clk. H. C. C.

HARMON GREATHOUSE

Book 4, page 325

I Harmon B. Greathouse of Hancock County, Kentucky, being of sound and disposing mind, do make this my last will and testament, revoking all others.

I will and bequeath to Cattie E. Boker, my daughter, two lots (a house on one) in Macon City, Missouri, to hold during her natural life, and then to the heirs of her body if she leaves no heirs of her body, then the said two lots shall revert to my other children or their heirs.

I will and bequeath to Harmon, Berty, William and James Smeathers, children of Ann Eliza Smeathers, my daughter (now deceased) each one fifth (1/5) of forty four (44) acres of land lying between Joe L. Greathouse Sr. and W.L. Greathouse, being the same land that I inherited from my mother's estate, and in the event of the death of any of the children of Ann Eliza before reaching the age of twenty one (21) years the share, or shares of such shall go to his, or their brothers if such one die without issue.

I will and bequeath to Hallie Henderson, daughter, daughter of Amand L. Henderson (now deceased) one fifth (1/5) of the above described 44 acres of land, and in the event of her death without issue before she arrives at 21 years of age, her 1/5 shall go to the children of Ann Eliza Smeathers (now deceased) in equal parts.

I will and bequeath to Mattie H. Henderson, my daughter, and to Isaac N. Greathouse, my son, my farm on which I now reside. Said farm is on the waters of Yellow Creek and contains 130 acres.

The Insurance Policy on my life which is for the benefit of Mattie H. Henderson and Isaac N. Greathouse. I wish used to pay Joe L. Greathouse Jr. what I owe him.

I want my personal property sold to pay my debts and the remainder, if any, divided equally between my children and their heirs.

I hereby appoint Isaac N. Greathouse and Thomas B. Henderson my executors to carry out the provisions of this my will signed in presence of (H. B. Greathouse, Harmon B. Greathouse in presence of each other this day by both of us at the request of Harman B. Greathouse who is of sound and disposing mind. This September 19, 1889. Witnesses J. H. Smith, T. J. Perkins

State of Kentucky, Hancock County Court, Dec. Term 23rd 1889. I N.B. Chambers Clerk of the Hancock Court do certify that this Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Harman B. Greathouse Dec. was this day produced in Court and was duly by T. J. Perkins one of the subscribing witnesses to said Instrument and also by John P.M. Jett who after being duly sworn stated that they were present and saw testator sign his name to said Instrument & heard him declare the same to be his last will & Testament and that he was at the time of so of sound mind & disposing memory. Said Perkins states that he signed said Instrument and at said Testators request in his presence and in the presence of Joseph S. Smith the other subscribing witness to said Instrument and said Jets stated that he wrote the will of said testator and that the said is in his hand writing. Whereupon the same is declared by the Court to be the last Will & Testament of H. B. Greathouse Dec. and ordered to be recorded which is now done accordingly. Witness my hand this Dec 23, 1889: N.B. Chambers Clerk

JAMES HAYDEN

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Know all men by these presents that I James Hayden of the County of Hancock and State of Kentucky being in Ill health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at anytime heretofore made- and as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal and mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devise bequeth and dispose of in the manner following to wit

All my just debts and funeral expenes shall be first paid out of my estate by my executor as soon after my decease as may be convenient. I give bequeth and devise unto my beloved wife Mahala Hayden all my property real personal and mixed of which I may die, seized and possessed for her use enjoyment and benefit for and during her natural life. I invest her with authority to sell and dispose of such personally as may be on hand at my death wherein in her judgement her needs require the proceeds thereof. At the death of my beloved wife after the payment of all bills incurred by her during life for sickness, burial, and support. I desire to dispose of the property remaining as follows.

I give bequeth and desire unto my daughters Roberta Mitchell and her children one third or 26 2/3 acres of the tract supposed to contain 80 acres purchased by me of James Williams, it being the first purchase made by me from said Williams and lies South of the present Hawesville and Owensboro road Reference is made to the deed of record therefore in County Court Clerks Office for more complete description

I give bequeath and desire unto my daughter Susetta Hayden and her heirs one third of 26 2/3 acres of the tract above described. Supposed to contain 80 acres in the whole as stated.

I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Marietta Hayden one third or 26 2/3 acres of the 80 acre tract of land above described. If either or both of my two last named daughters should die without issue their one third interest in the 80 acres above described shall be divided equally between the surviving sister, or declared to the survivor.

I bequeath and desire to my son Phineas Hayden and his heirs for their use and benefit and behalf the last tract of land bought by me of James Williams containing about 50 acres more or less and in addition thereto the small tract of seven acres more or less bought by me of Tyler. Reference is made to deed of record for a more complete description.

I give bequeath and devise to my son Rufus Hayden 20 acres of land or one third of the 46 acre tract bought by me of Tyler excepting from the whole of said tract the 7 acres heretofore given my son Phinies.

I give and bequeath to my son James Hayden and his children for their respective use and benefit 20 acres or the remaining one half of the Tyler tract above described. The Coal privileges under my homestead farm I desire to be for the common use and benefit of my children towit. Rufus, Phineas, Roberta, Susetta and Marietta-they are authorized to sell or lease the Coal and Mineral rights under the whole of my land the proceeds of rental or sale to be enjoyed equally between them, during the life of their mother, however I desire that she have the privilege of obtaining frill upon the payment by her of the cost of minning. I have omitted from my will herein the children of my deceased sons. John and Nehemiah not because I fail to entertain an affectional regard and interest for them, but for the reason that I have made advances to said John and Nehemiah in sums that are in excess of the value of the bequest to either of my children named herein, and I feel that I would be doing my living children an injustice by giving further in that direction I appoint as Executor, of this my last will and testament my friend John J. Carder and my Son Phineas Hayden and request that the County Court require no bond of them or either of them.

At die death of my beloved wife I desire that my Executors give of personal property On hand to my daughters Marietta and Susetta each a Milk cow and also give to them jointly one horse-and they may sell the balance of the personally for payment of debts and division among my several- children named herein in equal parts In Testimony whereof! have signed my name this 18 Jun 1888 James Hayden

Signed sealed published and declared by the said James Hayden as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses hereto. Attest, Wittnessed E. V. McAdams, John C. Wheatley, John Hale.

Codicil-to my will made on the 18 June 1888

It is my desire that my wife Mahala Hayden have one third of my real estate of which I may die seized and possessed instead of the entire ammount of said property as provided in my Will of June 18 1888. She shall have use and enjoy as a home if she desires to dwell thereon or the rent profit of said 1/3 int. She shall be previlidged to select her said interest from any portion of my land. At her death this said land shall revert to such of my children as were invested thereto by my Will of 18 June 1888, it is my desire that my two daughters Marrieta and Susetta remain during their unmanned portion of their lives with their mother and assist her in her old age and helplessness.

I desire further that my children select one acre of ground belonging to my estate for the purpose of a family burying ground such lot of ground is to be devoted to use forever and is to be exempted from sale, and the coal or other minerals thereunder is not to be mined or disturbed.

It is my further desire that the mineral under my real estate be invalid to this keeping in repair of my lands and if the proceeds of sale or rent of said minerals amount to a sum that will more than meet the requirements of said purpose such excess is to be divided among my children named in my Will of June 18, 1888 equally.

It is my further desire that should my son Phineas desire to sell this land given him under my will He is authorized to so do & if it would facilitate a sale for him to offer in conjunction with his tract. The 20 acres adjoining his left by me to my son Rufus. Phineas can make sale of the whole and secure my son Rufus in the proceeds of his tract.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of August 1888 James Hayden

Signed sealed published and disclared by the said James Hayden as and for a Codicil to his last will and testament and his wishes in regard to his estate request and in his presence of us who at his request and in the presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as wittnesses hereto. E. P. McAdams, S. L. McAdams, F. P. Oldham. State of Kentucky Hancock County Court January 27th 1890

I N. B. Chambers do certify that this instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Hayden deed was this day produced in Court and duly proven by E. P. McAdams one of the subscribing wittnesses thereto who after being duly sworn testified that the testator James Hayden signed the said will in his presence and in the presence of John C. Wheatley and John Hale the other two subscribing wittnesses thereto and that he and the said Wheatley and Hale in the presence and at the request of said Testator subscribed their names as wittnesses thereto, and the said Testator in their presence declared the same to be the last Will and testament and that he was at the time of so doing of sound mind and memory. Frank P. Oldham after, being duly sworn testified that the said testator, James Hayden signed the said Codicile to said will in his presence and in the presence of E. P. McAdams & S. L. McAdams the other subscribing wittnesses thereto and that he was at the time of so doing of sound mind and memory. R. E. Duncan after being duly sworn testified that the testator James Hayden signed the said Codicile in his presence and in the presence of C.N. Buchanan the other subscribing wittness thereto and at his request they signed the same as wittnesses and heard him declare the same to be his last Codicile to said will and that he was of sound mind and memory. Whereupon the same was declared by the Court to be the last Will and Testament of James Hayden deceased and ordered to be recorded. Which is now done accordingly. Witness my hand this 27th January 1890. N. B. Chambers Clerk. by W .L. Sterett, D.C.

Know all men by these presents that I James Hayden do hereby make this my last Codicil to my will heretofore made.

First: I desire that all my funeral expenses & all my just debts be paid out of my estate.

Second: I hereby will and bequeth to my three sons theft heirs and assigers-viz; James Hayden of State of Missouri. Rufus Hayden of the State of Kansas and Phinnies Hayden of Hancock County, Kentucky all the stone & other Coals & Minerals of all descriptions lying in or upon or under the 80 Acres of land 1 sold and conveyed to my wife Mahala Hayden & in said conveyance reserved the minerals of said .80 acres lying in Hancock County, Kentucky adjoining and being part of my old home tract of land on the Hawesville & Owensboro road about west or south west of Hawesville and about 3 1/2 miles from said town of Hawesville.. James Hayden.

Signed and acknowledged to son James Hayden in our presence and we signed the same in his presence at his request as wittnesses, after he declared the same to an addition to or a codicil to his will heretofore made. R. E. Duncan, C. Buchanan

JAMES A. MILLER

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I James A. Miller of Pellville in Hancock County, Kentucky do hereby make this my last will and testament in the manner as following. That is to say.

As I am not in debt to any person I desire that my funeral expenses are to be paid.

I desire and hereby set apart fifty dollars to furnish tombstone to my grave and suggest that they be purchased at Owensboro, Kentucky.

I give to the widow of my son Charles N. Miller and her heirs if any five dollars.

I give to my son William F Miller my watch, my fine pocket knife and my bead tobacco sack and trunk which I inherited To my son Robert E Miller my shaving glass all of my clothes that he may want and my large testament and three thousand dollars in money.

All the rest of my estate of what nature or kind so ever it may be not herein before particularly disposed of and after the payment of all expenses attending the settlement of my estate I give to my daughter Mollie E Brown for her own use and benefit and to be enjoyed by her during her natural life.

I desire and hereby order that my son William F Miller receive and hold in trust all the financial part herein devised to My daughter Mollie B. Brown, deposit and keep the same in the Bank and pay to her annually only the interest that may accumulate unless she becomes a widow and in destitute circumstances And in case the bank in which said money is deposited should fail he shall not be liable for any loss sustained and should he survive her any money that might be remaining unpaid over to her at her death I will and bequeath the same to her bodily heirs if any living and if not I give and bequeath the same to him, my son William F Miller for his own use and benefit and to be enjoyed by him forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Dr. Frank Chambers whom I deem honest and my son William F Miller executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others or forever wills or testament by One heretofore made.

Written by and given under my own hand this 20thday of January 1892 Sign: James A. Miller

EDMUND NEWMAN

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In the name of God Amen I Edmund Newman of the County of Hancock & State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory. Do make this my last will and testament after the payment of my just debts. I give all my property of every kind whatsoever to my children. Obadiah Newman, Edmund St. John Newman, Manly Newman, Betsey Wroe, Sally Martin, Mary McQuady the heirs of John Newman the heirs of John Newman and the heirs Wyatt Newman two hundred dollars of the part of the heirs of Wyatt Newman deceased is deducted which is to be paid to Manly Newman. My said property to be equally divided among my said living children & the heirs of my deceased children each set of hefts. Receiving the part which their fathers would have received if living, but with this reservation in addition to the reservation of \$200.00 for Manly Newman from the part of the hefts of Wyatt Newman deceased that some children have received from me more than others and that I have kept on account of what I have given each child. Now the above equal divisions as of with the reservations of so is to be made after all my children are made equal according to my book of charges against them that is to say that each child and the hefts of those deceased are to receive as much as will make them equal with the child who according to my book of charges has received the most from me and then to equal division of the balance is to be made with the above reservation of \$200.00 for Manly Newman. In testimony

whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal to this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all others this 31st October 1838.

Edmund Newman

In presence of A. Hawes, B. William Rial

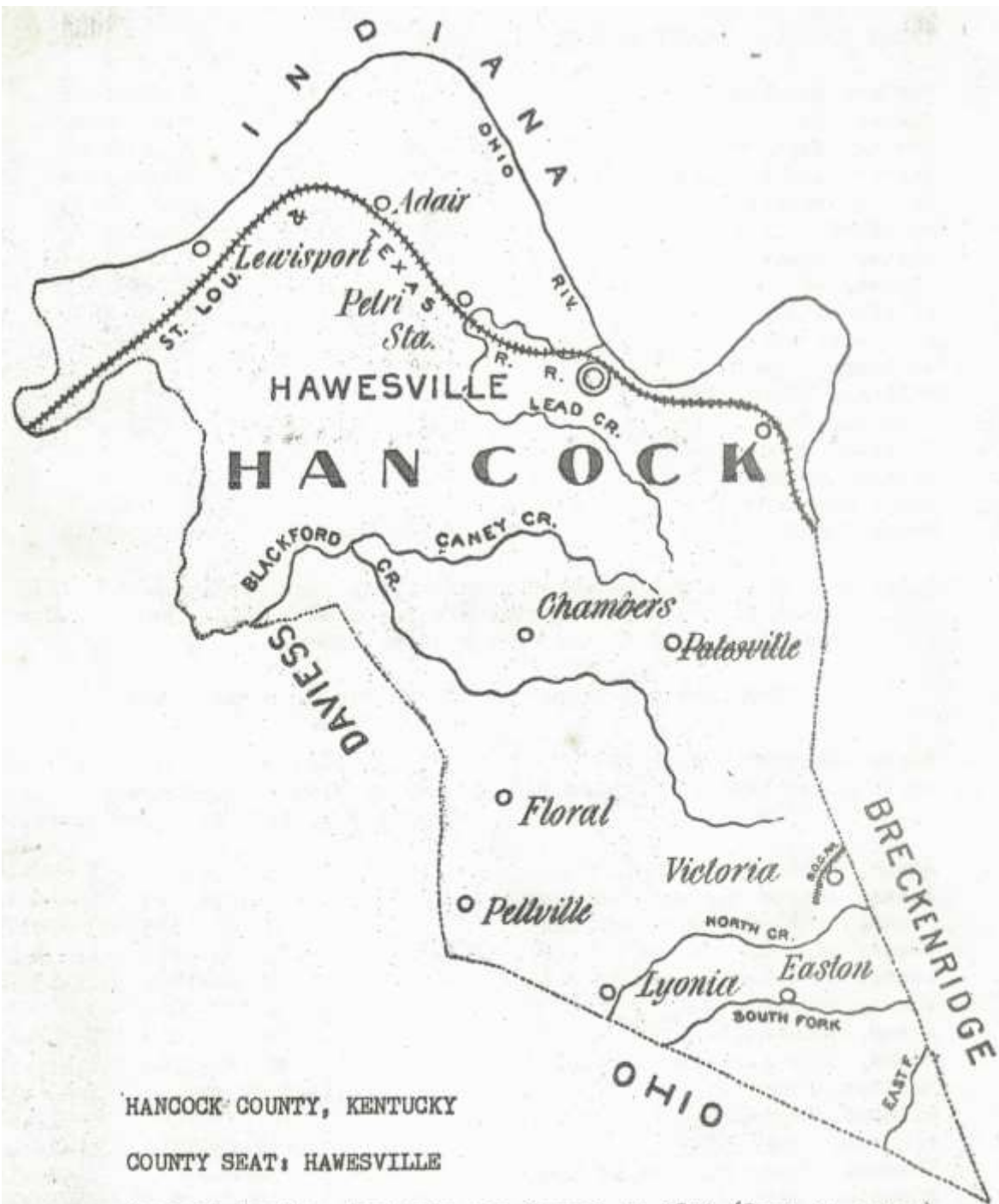
Codicil to the above will made & executed on the 18th day of October 1845, Whereas, the tract of land on which I now live containing one hundred acres more or less which I have purchased of Robert Triplett was purchased since the above and foregoing Will was made and published. Now therefore I give and deliver the said tract of land to the heirs of my deceased son John Newman who live in Virginia towit John Newman & Mary Ann Edwards to them and their heirs forever and if either of them depart this life before my death then theft hefts to take the part that theft parent would be entitled to if living. The above land I will charge to the said hefts of St. John Newman on my book of charges against my children and in the final Settlement & Division of my estate as contemplated in the foregoing Will. The hefts of said John Newman are only to be made equal with my other Children, the above land to be included in theft part. In Testimony whereof I have hereunder set my hand and seal and hereby publish & declare this a Codicil & addition to the forgoing Will & to be considered as a part and to be taken in connection with it the date last above written.

Done in presence of Edmund Newman, D. L. Adair, Thomas McGavock, James E. Stone State of Kentucky Hancock County Ct.

I James E. Stone Clerk of the County Court in and for the County aforesaid do certify that at a County Court began and held in and for the County of Hancock at the Courthouse in Hawesville on Monday the 26th day of August 1850. The within Instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Edmund Newman deceased with the Codicil thereunder written and agreeably to law was produced in Court and the Will was proven by the oath of William Rial one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and the Codicil was proven agreeably to law by the oaths of D. L. Adair & James E. Stone two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the said last Will & Testament with the Codicil thereunder written was established, ordered to be recorded whereupon I have truly recorded the same the date above. Witness my hand. James E. Stone Clerk, Hancock County Court.

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HANCOCK COUNTY, KENTUCKY

COUNTY SEAT: HAWESVILLE

Hancock County, Kentucky was formed in 1829 (83rd in order) out of parts of Breckinridge, Daviess and Ohio Counties. It was named in honor of John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Hawesville, the county seat, was named after Richard Hawes, the Original Proprietor and was incorporated in 1836.

(Map: Tenth Biennial Report, Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, State of Kentucky, 1894)