

October 1853

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of
Thomas Green
John Adams.

Catharine A. Gillett & Co.

Barnes County, Neb.

The foregoing execution of the Will of M^r. P. Gillett do
by Catharine A. Gillett his widow was on this day.
Proven before me by the Oath of John Adams a Subscribing
Witness thereto (who also proved the attestation of Thomas
Green the other Subscribing Witness in due form of Law)
to be the last and true Will of said Catharine. Whereupon the
same has been recorded in my office, given under my
hand the 28th Oct. 1853

David Crockett Clerk

B. Wood
Will

Life being uncertain at all times & I having been in a
feeble state of health for many months, and having
a wish to make a disposition of my property amongst my
my wife & children I do make & publish the following as
my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all
others by me heretofore made

First I desire my last debt and funeral Expenses
paid by the Executors hereinafter named out of
any moneys I may have on hand, or by the sale of
so much property as may be necessary for that pur-
pose

2^d I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances
B. Wood the following property viz. Negroes John, Susan
Selas Sampkins Amy, Nancy, Nancy, Sarah, Betty, Chely
Milly & Malinda also the Two Hundred and Eight acres
of land where I now live & I desire here during her
Natural Life, or at least for the term of 10 years to
much of my said tract of land as may embrace
in the following Boundary "commencing on the creek at
the old mill dam thence up the creek a mile & a half to the
first branch thence up the branch in a westerly direction
including the cleared land & thence west to the back road
line of said said tract of land and thence back to
the original corner of the East boundary on the land tract

to the Beginning. I also give her my Carriage & har-
ness for her head of Horses or mules as she may select
my household & Kitchen Furniture (dining table and
of the same she will give to each of our children as
they arrive of age or get married a bed & Furniture)

I also give my said wife Eight cows 2 yokes of Oxen
my or waggons my best and my stock of sheep & my
stock of Stock Hogs which may be left on hand
after fattening this fall - Eight pair of Geese 4 Large
or double ploughs & small ploughs and Harrows -

I Cradles & Nursing blades & Stocks & axes (best) my wife
has the right to use & dispose of the property hereby given
as she may think proper during her life or at her death
with the following exception viz. at her death the said
Land is to went back to my children, and the one
third of the value of the negroes hereby given as well as
the third of the future increase, should the woman give
my wife have children

3^d I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth
I took and the skin of her body the following Negroes -
Sack Polly, Caroline, Anthony, Jos. Edward & one Horse and
Bridle and saddle to be charged to her in a general division
Settlement amongst my children at the sum of three
Hundred and Twenty five dollars.

4th I give and bequeath unto my son William I took
the following Negroes viz. Ben. Edmund, Sam. Josephine &
Ellen to be charged to him at the sum of Twenty five
Hundred and Fifty dollars in a Settlement & division
amongst my children

5th I give and bequeath to my son John James Wood
the following Negroes viz. Daniel, Anathy, Chris & Dick
to be charged to him in a division & Settlement amongst
my children at the sum of Two Thousand dollars

6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary
M. Wood the skin of her body the following
Negroes viz. David, Lind, Melissa & Emily to be charged
to her in a division & Settlement amongst my chil-
dren at the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred
dollars (\$2300)

7th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Virginia
Wood and to the skin of her body the following Negroes
viz. George, Malinda, Margaret & black Jim & James
Robert to be charged to her at the sum of Three

of my son John James

2nd My Brother Mr. J. Wood, Jr. is hereby appointed Guardian of my sons Mr. J. Wood and The Buford Wood and is authorized if in his own Judgment it is prudent to do so to give up to my son Mr. J. his property & money whenever the said Mr. J. shall arrive at 20 years of age, and if my said Brother shall deem it prudent to do so, when my said son Mr. J. shall arrive at the age of 25 years the Guardianship of our son Mr. Buford may be transferred to said Mr. J. and the property & money belonging to said Mr. J. shall be handed over to said Mr. J. Wood.

3rd My wife shall have the right to sell any of the negroes given her altho she can think it expedient to go back to my Children at the death of my wife and she shall vest the proceeds of such sale in another negro or other property for herself & benefit of my Children.

4th And lastly I hereby appoint my wife James & Wood and my Brother William J. Wood Jr. Executors & Guardians of this my Last will and testament & having full confidence in the prudence & fidelity of said Guardians of my Children as the Executors & Guardians appointed in this will, I direct that the County Court grant them administration without security in testimony of all which I have hereunto set hand and seal this 9th day of May A. D. 1853.

Witness my hand & seal

Buford Wood (Seal)

Witness
James Buford
Mr. J. Wood
Clement Davis
John M. Bates

(Council)

Some changes having taken place since the making of the foregoing will I have thought proper to, and do make the following Council to the same (viz)

First. Having sold the negro woman Nancy given to my wife in this will, I do hereby give and bequeath to my said wife a negro girl Jane and a boy Washington in the same and place of said Nancy.

2nd Having sold the negro man Josephus and Ellen killed to my son William J. Wood I hereby give and bequeath to him a negro Boy Dick given by the Original will to my son John James and direct that he (Mr. J. Wood) pay, etc. by my Executors the sum of \$400 (four hundred

and fifty) dollars in money arising from the sale of personal Estate Lands or any money left by me at my death 3rd Having by the said will given to my son John James a negro Boy Dick and given the same to my son William J. I hereby give & bequeath the sum of \$400 to said John James in lieu of said Boy Dick and direct my Executors to pay the same to him or his guardians out of any money arising from the sale of any Lands, personal Estate or money left on hand at my death.

4th Lastly I hereby by my will appointed guardians to my son John James, on mature consideration I have thought it best to change said appointments, and do hereby revoke & change the same, and hereby appoint my Brother Mr. Wood as guardian of said John James, declaring the change to be made from no want of confidence in said Brother's honesty & integrity. No security is to be required of said Mr. Wood as guardian of said John James.

5th I do hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Mary M. Wood having died since the making of this will I hereby give and bequeath to said Mary M. the sum of \$300 in money in the place of said negro girl to be paid by my said son or his guardians out of any money arising from the sale of any Lands, personal Estate, or money left by me at my death.

6th My wife shall have the right to keep for one year from my death the girl Susan willed to my daughter Elizabeth free of hire, as also to have for the second year from my death in the same way the negro girl Melinda willed to my daughter Mary M. and for the third year my said wife shall have & keep free of hire the negro girl Margareth willed to my daughter Virginia.

7th Having since the making of my will given to my daughter Elizabeth a Gold Watch worth \$100 I direct that the same be charged against her by my Executors. Or a settlement amongst my children.

In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of December 1853.

Witness
John M. Bates
Clement Davis
Mr. J. Wood

Buford Wood (Seal)

Barren County Feb February Term 1854

The foregoing writing purporting to be the Last will & Testament of Buford Wood died & the said will & Testament, was produced in Court and the said will & Testament were proven in due form of Law by the Oaths of John M. Bates & Wm. A. Brown two of the Subscribing witnesses to said will & Testament whom the Court then ordered to be recorded as the said Last will & Testament of said Buford Wood & which is accordingly done

At

Francis Hookrell ckbk

H. M. Johnson
will

In the name of God Amen, I Hugh M. Johnson being of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, do make this my Last will and Testament in form following to wit:

1. My will and desire is that all of my Just debts be paid out of any funds or means that may be on hand at my death

2. It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Jane have the use and benefit of all of my Estate during her life, and at her death she is to have the liberty of disposing of one half of my Estate as she may wish and desire, the other half I wish divided equally between my two nieces Joanna Johnson & Eunice Johnson and my nephew John A. Johnson the son of my Brother John Johnson

3. It is my will and desire that my Executors and Executors hereafter to be appointed to dispose of my stock of goods on hand as may seem best to them for the benefit of my Estate

4. I will and desire that my Friend Mr. R. M. Toman & Jane Johnson my wife be appointed my Executors & Executors to this my Last will and Testament with full Power to carry out the provisions of my will as above written

Witness
My A. Allen
H. J. Hughes

Hugh M. Johnson Seal

Barren County Feb April Term 1854

The foregoing writing purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Hugh M. Johnson died was produced in Court & shown in due form of Law by the Oaths of Wm. A. Allen & H. J. Hughes Subscribing witnesses whom the Court then ordered to be recorded as the said Last will & Testament of said Hugh M. Johnson &

At

Francis Hookrell ckbk

H. M. Johnson
will

In the name of God Amen, I Edward Bates of the County of Barren and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in the following manner to wit:

1st. I give to my wife Jane Bates one third part of my Estate during her life, and at her death I give my said Daughter Elizabeth Jane Allison two hundred dollars in money, and the remainder of said one third to be equally divided between my three Daughters hereinafter mentioned

2nd. I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Smith and her children one Negro Girl named Martha

3rd. I give to my Daughter Sally Fisher and her children one Negro Boy named Polk

4th. I give to my Daughter Anne Hiltz and her children one Negro Girl named Sally, and I hereby appoint Isaac Smith Jr. to act as Trustee and to hold and manage the property as aforesaid to my Daughter Sally Fisher and children and Anne Hiltz and children

5th. It is my desire after my wife's third is set apart out of my Estate, which I desire should be made up of a Negro Woman named Clarissa and boy named Lewis & Girl named and said Woman increase if any after being apart two hundred dollars for my grand Daughter Elizabeth Jane Allison as above named shall be divided between my three Daughters above named

And Lastly I appoint my grand son Isaac Smith my Executor to this my last will and Testament shown in due form of Law and seal this the 11th day of January