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debts & funeral expenses be paid & give & bequeath all this residue of my money & estate of every kind to my loving wife Elizabeth Tracy to have & to hold during her life time and to dispose of as she in her discretion may think proper - & I desire no administration having all my worldly estate in the hands of my loving wife to transact business for me as she I was here in person, heretofore, revoking all other & former wills or testaments by me heretofore made - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27th of March 1830

Amos Dorr

Deputy Clerk published & declared at the Court with & testaments of the above named Amos Dorr in the presence of

his
Erasmus & Tracy, Esq
Mark

William Ellis

John Clayton

Rivers County, 1st November Term 1840

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Erasmus Tracy dec^d was produced in Court and proven in due form of law by the oath of William Ellis, a subscriber thereto and the signature & seal of James Clayton another subscribing witness thereto proved by the oath of John H. to Ellis. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said Tracy

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In the name of God Amen I William H. Hinds being low in body but of sound mind and knowing life to be uncertain and death certain make this my last will & testament - I leave first I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally Hinds the farm on which I now reside during her natural life, at her death I want said tract of land equally divided between my children Samuel H. Hinds, William H. Hinds, Henry H. Hinds, Thomas H. Hinds, James H. Hinds and Joseph H. Hinds - I leave second I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally Hinds two of my choice horses, four of my choice cattle, two peaches my house, my household & kitchen furniture - all the rest of my property I wish my wife to dispose of as she may think best for the benefit of the family - I leave third I wish all my just debts paid - I leave fourth I wish my wife to have a choice best cow & above the above named things four cattle - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2nd day of Nov. 1840

Witness John W. Beachamp

George Slatts

William H. Hinds

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Rivers County 1st December Term 1840

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Willis H. Hinds dec^d was produced in Court and proven in due form of law by the oath of John W. Beachamp and George Slatts subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said Hinds

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De Sonan I David C. Sonan being low in body but of sound mind & disposing memory do constitute & declare in my last will and testament to be - I say my will and desire that after my death my body be interred in a decent manner - It is my desire that my wife Elizabeth select such property to at least one third of all my estate both real & personal as she may desire to keep for her use, and that she & my executor hereunto named or either of them may sell & convey the residue and remainder of my estate upon such terms as they or either of them may think best, and apply the proceeds in such way as may be deemed by them most advisable & best calculated to advance the interest of the estate and the education of my children - I also will that my executor endeavor to give to each of my sons John, Sonan, William and David C. as good an education as the circumstances of my estate will admit, and my executor may think advisable; and that when either of my sons become of age or marries that an equal portion of my estate not willed to my wife be made between my children and that the child which shall have become of age or may have married receive its proportion; and that in each of my other sons becoming of age or may marry that they also receive their equal proportion of my said estate - It is also my will and desire that in the event of my wife dying before either of my children arrive of age or may marry that the child which has become of age or married shall also receive their equal share of the estate willed to my wife; and in the event of my wife dying without all my children becoming of age she is to retain possession of the estate willed to her during her life, and at her death the estate willed to her and which may not have been used for her support and maintenance be equally divided between my sons - It is my will & desire that in the event any of the property returned by my wife not suiting her, she or my executor hereunto named be authorized to sell said property and buy such as may suit her convenience and interest - I further witnessed that my executor be at liberty to

reinvest any money that they may think proper in lands
negroes or other property at their discretion for the use and
benefit of my children when they may conceive it to be the
interest of the estate to do so - I hereby authorize my executor
to convey the said to any lands I may have hereafter sold
and which has not been previously conveyed from, upon
the payment of the purchase money - I hereby constitute
and appoint my wife Elizabeth executrix and my friend
Levi Harret executor of this my last will and testament,
and desire that neither of them be required by the Court to
give security - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this 21st day of March 1841

Signed sealed and acknowledged David C. ^{his} Leonard ^{mark}
in the presence of
J. P. Wood

J. A. Adams
Charles Stealy
John A. Leonard
Freeman Leonard
J. McDonald

Ransom County Set April Term 1841

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of David C. Leonard dec^d was produced in
Court and given in due form of law by the oath of Thomas
A. Adams and Freeman Leonard both subscribing witnesses
therein. Whereupon the Court was ordered to be recorded in
the true last will and testament of said David C. Leonard
dec^d

J. P. Nelson 1841

July 21st 1840

I, Isaac Mansfield County of Ransom and State of Kentucky
have this day left this as my last will and testament to be
all of my estate to my beloved wife for the affection and
good will I have for her Emily Mansfield wife of Isaac
Mansfield, all of my house hold and kitchen furniture
and all of my stock after all of just debts and funeral
expenses is paid, and all of my negroes or any negroes
that shall come hereafter, namely Mourning Barrett
Mary Scott and Louisa, these is the Slaves that I have
at this time, this shall be for benefit of her as long as she
lives; and at her death my estate shall be equally divided

among my wives children the heirs of her body, namely
Elizabeth Mansfield William Mansfield Henry Mansfield
Rachel Mansfield Mary Mansfield John Mansfield John
Mansfield Nancy Mansfield and Isaac Mansfield, these
is the children of my wife Emily Mansfield, this I have
done for the love I have for her and my legal children as
I am this day in my full mind and senses. Whereas I have
this day set my hand and fixed my seal on the will above
mentioned

Test Charles Strope
Samuel Strope
Benjamin Luffy
Stephen A. Luffy

Isaac ^{his} Mansfield ^{mark}

Ransom County Set April Term 1841

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will & testament
of Isaac Mansfield dec^d was produced in Court and
given in due form of law by the oath of Charles Strope
Samuel Strope and Benjamin Luffy all subscribing
witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court was ordered to be
recorded as the true last will of said Isaac Mansfield
dec^d

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Isaac Mansfield

will

I, Nelson T. Emerson of the State of Kentucky & County of Ransom
being of sound memory & mind but weak in body and well
knowing that according to the inevitable dispensation of divine
providence I am well as all the rest of mankind must soon
die and anxious to make a just distribution and disposition of
such earthly estate as the almighty Father of the Universe has
blessed me with do make and ordain this as my last will
& testament in the manner & form following to-wit: my will
and desire is that all my estate both real & personal shall at
my death after paying my just debts and decent funeral
expenses defrayed descend, go to and be enjoyed during her
natural life by my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Emerson
and at her death to go to William Henry Emerson & Frederick
Joseph Emerson sons of John C. Emerson my said wife
son each to have an equal part, and if they or either of them
should die without heirs and my said wife should be living
that she should have & enjoy it during her natural life, and
that then it should descend to said John C. Emerson & his
heirs love his own children but not to any other of his