

28 Give Miles Her & one half of what I have got you
 Give Adams take the Balance.
 I. C. Claiborne
 State of Mississippi
 Adams County
 5th Feb'y 1810

At an Onphane Court holden in the County of Adams
 at the Court house on the second ^{Monday} October 1810 Personally
 appeared John Smith within named- who made oath
 that the within named Testator requested him this deponent
 to read the within Writing which having done, the Testator
 requested him to sign it as a witness, that in case of his
 (the Testator's) Decease he (the Witness) might testify that the
 contents was his wish further that at the same time of his
 Subscribing the within as a Witness, he saw the Testator deliver
 it to Christa Adams desiring him to keep it and that in case
 of his Decease, Smith could always testify that it contained
 what he wished. And the Testator acknowledged the within
 to be his hand writing further that this deponent believes the
 Testator at the time of making the said Acknowledgement
 and request was of Sound and disposing mind and memory
 Sworn to in open Court
 John Smith

Subscribed
 I G. Claiborne

State of Mississippi
 Adams County

I Woodson Wren Clerk of the County of Adams
 do certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the last
 Will and Testament of Leonard Claiborne deceased and of
 the probate of the same which is on record and filed in my
 Office.
 Given under my hand and the seal of my
 Office at the City of Natchez this 18th day of
 March 1819
 Woodson Wren Clerk

State of Mississippi
 Adams County

I Elijah Smith Chief Justice of the County
 Court of said County do certify that the above named Woodson
 Wren is the Clerk of our said Court & that his acts as such are
 entitled to full faith and Credit Witness my hand this 25th
 March 1819
 Elijah Smith

29 David Holmes Governor of the State of Mississippi to all who
 shall see this presents Be it known that Elijah Smith was on the
 5th day of March Eight hundred and nineteen Chief Justice of the
 County Court in and for the County of Adams and that full faith
 and Credit is due to all his acts as such



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State
 at the City of Natchez the 25th day of March 1819

David Holmes

Barren County Court

At a County Court held for Barren County at the
 Court house on the 17th day of May 1819 the foregoing Transcript of the
 Record of the Last Will and Testament of Leonard Claiborne Dec'd with
 the Certificates thereon enroled ^{and} ~~and~~ the same was produced
 in Court and by virtue of said Certificates the same was ordered to
 be Recorded

Test ~~Myself~~

Simpson David

I David Simpson Son of Barren County and State of Kentucky
 being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do this pose
 of my worldly affairs in the following manner that is to say I give to
 Margaret Simpson my loving Wife my Negro Man Isaac and all my
 personal property of every description unless what may herein be other
 wise disposed of, during her natural life. I do give to David Simpson my
 Son all my right Title and claim to ^{my} land which I have or possess
 I do also give to my said Wife all my claim to every thing which I
 may be entitled which may be coming from the Estate of my Father
 &c. and from my Brother John Simpson Dec'd her life and to
 dispose of as she may think fit, also that my said Wife may dispose
 of Isaac and my personal Estate as she thinks proper.
 It is my wish that William & David Simpson my Sons be my
 Executors to this my last Will & Testament In Testimony whereof
 I do hereunto set my hand this 22nd June 1819

Test

David Simpson

Elizabeth Cook

Minerva Simpson

Barren County Court July County Court 1819

The foregoing Writing purporting to be the last Will of David Simpson
 Dec'd was produced in Court and Elizabeth Cook and Minerva Simp-
 son the Subscribing Witnesses Charles being Sworn Deponent and
 said that David Simpson the Testator died in their presence
 acknowledged and Delivered the said Writing as his Will and they

being he was at the time of his making said Acknowledgments in his proper senses and memory whereupon the said Writing was ordered to be Recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said David Simpson Decd *Teste W. Logan Clerk*

Chism James

Will

Exam

In the name of God amen I James Chism of the State of Kentucky and County of Barren being in a Sound State of health of Sound Judgement, and in full possession of Reason, do make Ordain, and Declare this Instrument to be my last Will and Testament - *Item 1st* I give and bequeath my Soul to God, from whom I received it, and my body to the Earth to be interred in Saint Christian Burial.

Item 2nd It is my Will and Desire that all my Debts which are but few and none of magnitude shall be punctually and speedily paid and it is further my Desire that my dearly beloved wife Phoebe Chism shall see so much of my personal property at her Discretion, as she may think Necessary to pay off my Debts as aforesaid. *Item 3rd* After the payment of my Debts as aforesaid I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Phoebe Chism aforesaid the whole balance of my Estate both real and personal during the term of her Widowhood to be used and disposed of at her Discretion for her own use and the use of my Heirs by her or the my said beloved Wife taking care to give my Heirs aforesaid, a good decent english Education. But my said Beloved Wife shall have no power to sell or alienate from herself and my Heirs any part of my real Estate whether Land or Negroes Except as herein after provided.

Item 4th Whereas I have reason to believe that a suit at Law is ^{now named against me in the Court of which suit should the said James Chism be entered or about to be entered for a Negro Boy be devised to me or my Heirs in case of my Decd.} it is my Will and Desire that my said beloved Wife with the assistance of my other Executors hereafter named, shall sell the said Wrist and dispose of the money arising from said sale as the my said beloved wife shall think proper. And whereas I have entered four quarter sections of Lands in Masura Territory in Cooper County the first instalment of which Entries only is paid, it is my further Will and Desire that my Executors hereafter named shall see so much of my said Entries as will enable them with what money can be raised of my Estate here agreeable to the above provisions to pay up the whole for the balance

of the said Entries so that a right may be obtained in my name for my Heirs of the said Entries. And lastly I constitute and appoint my dearly beloved Wife Phoebe Chism my Brother Michael Chism and my friend David Hardin Executors and Emulors of this Will and Testament most earnestly desiring that the said Michael Chism and David Hardin will attend to my business in the suit herein before alluded to. In Witness whereof, and of every item herein contained I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Attest

James Chism *Teste*

John Ray

John McPherson

James Johnson

Barren County Court July County Court 1819

The foregoing Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will of James Chism Decd was produced in Court and John Ray, John McPherson, & James Johnson subscribing Witnesses thereto being sworn depose that the Testator James Chism, did in their presence Acknowledge and Deliver the said Writing as his Will and they believe that the said Testator was at the time of making such Acknowledgment in his proper senses & memory, and thereupon the said Writing was ordered to be Recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said James Chism Decd.

Teste W. Logan Clerk

James Chism

In compliance to an Order of the County Court of Barren County to us directed to Appraise the personal Estate and Negroes of James Chism Decd we have met at the late dwelling house of the said Decedent and being ^{duly} sworn have valued his Estate as follows To wit

1 Negro Boy named Mist	4 50 00
1 Negro Woman named Bess & her youngest child ^{August name}	4 50 00
1 Negro Girl named Mary	2 00 00
1 Negro Boy named Ned	1 66 66
1 Run Cow & calf	11 00
1 Red and white Cow & calf	10 33
1 Red Steer 2 year old	4 53
1 Wagon with hind gear	1 30 00
1 Saddle Horse	75 00
1 Black Mare and Spring Calf	10 3 33