

Robert W Ralston on horse saddle & bridle on cow and calf
one bed and furniture with two hundred and sixty dollars which
he has received now I will him on black man named Rubin.
again I will to my son John Ralston on horse saddle & bridle one
cow and calf one bed and furniture with two black children
named Nancy and John all which he has in possession - again
I will to my daughter Dabitha Ralston on horse saddle & bridle
or the value thereof in cash one cow & calf one bed & furniture
and one black woman her name Cla Lisa which girl I
give to her and her children forever and which they have all
in possession now I will to her two hundred dollars in cash -
I give to my daughter Sarah Ralston on horse saddle and
bridle on cow and calf one bed and furniture on black
woman named Milly which I will to her and her children
forever now I will her two hundred dollars in cash -
again I will to my daughter Amanda Barlow on horse
saddle & bridle on cow and calf one bed & furniture on
black woman her name Sarah with two hundred dollars
in cash all which she has in possession and which I will
to her and her children forever - I give unto my son
William W Ralston on horse saddle & bridle one
bed and furniture and ten dollars and one black
man named Washington which he has received now
I will him on black girl named Harriet - I give my
son Thomas Ralston on horse saddle & bridle on cow
and calf one bed and furniture and two black children
named Dennis & Robert which he has in possession -
I give to my son Hardin D Ralston on bed and furniture
with two black children Dennis & Washington which
he has in possession; at my wife's death my will is that
the plantation with all the farming implements and other
tools of every kind with all the stock and all the crop
whether made or making is to be and remain Hardin
D Ralston's which is not otherwise disposed of leaving
him to pay the ten hundred dollars herein mentioned, my
wife's horse and stable and all the household furniture I
give to my wife to dispose of in the manner proper - her other
black people namely Rachel Salomon Jeary & Harriet
is to be equally divided between John Thomas and Hardin
D Ralston - all the gifts above herein mentioned I will
to the different legates herein mentioned and their heirs or
assigns forever and to remain without any appraisement

thereon - My will is that my two old black people
Benjamin and Susan to have their choice which of the
children they will live with but if they cannot be satisfied
in this way they may be disposed of in that way which my
son herein named may think best for their benefit and welfare
lastly I appoint my son John Ralston as my administrator on
this will and to collect all debts due to me and to pay any
that I owe - if any money remains it is to be equally
divided amongst the different legates herein mentioned
wrote & signed and sealed with my own hand and acknow-
ledged in presence of these witnesses August 18. 1845

Andrew B Ralston
J H Ralston

Joseph Ralston &c

Barren County 2nd October Term 1846

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will of Joseph
Ralston dec'd was produced in Court and proven in due form
of law by the oath of Andrew B Ralston and John G
Ralston witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court was ordered
to be recorded as the true last will of said Joseph Ralston
dec'd.

Attest
Jno J Allen Clerk

J Barton
Will

In the name of God Amen I James Barton of the County
of Barren Kentucky being of sound mind & disposing memory
but knowing that death is certain and wishing to make known
my mind with regard to the property which I have pleased God to
bestow upon me do make this my last will & testament revoking
all others heretofore made by me. Item 1st It is my will that
after my death that my body be buried decently and without
ostentation or parade - Item 2nd It is my will that all my
just debts be paid as soon as convenient after my death and
after my debts & funeral expenses are paid I give and bequeath
to my loving wife Mary Barton all my property whether real
personal or mixed for and during her natural life or widowhood
subject to the provisions hereinafter named. Item 3rd I give & bequeath
to my son William W Barton all that part of the tract of land
which I purchased of Edmund Rogus on which I now live which
is included in the following boundary to wit. Beginning at a
black Hickory & poplar on a bluff of Barren River Lemmas upper
corner thence up the River 180 & 80 poles 135 & 68 poles to
three elms dividing corner between Edmund Rogus & A Chaplin's

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 thence with their dividing line East 103 poles to two beeches thence
 to 16 W 104 poles to a sugar tree on the side of a ditch thence to 60
 about forty poles to the first large hollow thence up the hollow
 crossing the ridge at the head of the hollow to a buckeye tree
 corner of a tract of land which I purchased of William Doby and
 on the original line of said Rogers survey thence with the original
 line ~~thence~~ to 16 W 104 poles to a beech sugar tree & ash on Lanes
 line thence with the same South 100 poles to the beginning of said
 give & bequest to my said son William a negro man named Casey
 whom his paying to my executor one hundred & fifty dollars also
 a horse called Perry, also one bed, bedstead & furniture also the
 saddle & bridle which he now has, but it is my will that in case
 my said son William die without issue that then that which I
 have given him shall revert & return to my estate except the land
 which ~~which~~ I give to my son Caleb Barton.
 Item 4 I will & bequeath unto my son John M Barton all the remainder
 & residue of the tract of land which I purchased of Edmund Rogers
 on which I now live & which I have not given to my son William
 I also give him the tract of land which I purchased of William Doby
 containing fifty acres & which adjoins the track I live on, I also give
 him one other tract of land patented to me by the commonwealth
 of Kentucky by patent bearing date the 12 June 1832 & containing
 one hundred & twenty five acres & lying in Barren County on the
 waters of Lanes & Dry creeks I also give him two negroes named
 Garvin & Henry also the best bed, bedstead & furniture, one third
 part of the kitchen furniture, my cupboard, bureau, all my table
 two pairs of fire dogs all my chairs all of the table & cupboard
 furniture also one horse, saddle & bridle worth eighty dollars to be
 given him when he arrives at the age of 21 years, I also give him
 that my said John be given a liberal education ~~and~~ & the
 expenses be paid out of my estate. It is also my will that if my
 said son John should die without lawful issue that then the
 negroes given to him return & revert to my estate and the land
 hereby given him I give to my daughter Elvira Barton.
 Item 5 I give to my son Caleb Barton a negro man named
 Lorenzo whom his paying to my executor two hundred & fifty dollars
 having heretofore given him two tracts of land worth fifty each,
 bedstead & furniture worth \$20. I also give to my daughter
 Elvira Barton a mare named Cora a saddle & bridle, one bed,
 bedstead & furniture having this day given her a negro girl named
 Elizabeth & for which I have given her a bill of sale, it is further
 my will that if the said Elvira shall on the death of my wife
 prefer to have the negro girl Calitha to the negro girl Elizabeth

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 when she may take Calitha & give up Elizabeth. I also give
 my daughter Elvira one hundred dollars to be raised from Elizabeth
 or Calitha as she may elect. Item 7 It is my will that in case
 my daughter Margaret Harvey shall survive my wife that in that
 event I give to her children Calitha or Elizabeth first giving Elvira
 choice and paying to my daughter Elvira one hundred dollars.
 Item 8. I give to my grandson son James Barton son of my son
 James Barton a horse to be worth fifty dollars. Item 9. It is my
 will that my executor sell all the personal estate except negroes
 that my wife & family may not want and after retaining a
 sufficient sum to educate my son John and one hundred dollars
 which I give to my son Edmund Barton. Item 10. It is my
 will that after the death of my wife all the property not herein
 disposed of, be sold & the proceeds be equally divided between my
 children, Samuel Barton, Elvira Barton, Matilda Radford &
 James Barton each accounting for the property heretofore received
 & now devised to them so as to make their shares equal. I heretofore
 gave to Samuel Barton in property & money amounting to \$432
 cents which I hold his receipt for. I heretofore gave to James
 Barton one thousand dollars which I hold his receipt for.
 I have heretofore gave to my daughter Matilda Radford \$193.50
 also \$250.00 ~~thence~~ which I paid to learn for him
 I have given to Reuben Carver heretofore \$311.75 and a tract
 of land worth \$350. & a negro woman Kate worth \$200.00.
 I have heretofore given to William W Murray a negro girl worth
 \$300. and a tract of land worth \$398.00. I have heretofore
 given to Edmund Barton two tracts of land worth \$125. he
 owes me one hundred dollars which I owe him, also 70 acres of
 land worth \$140. I also gave him three horses worth \$170 also
 other property worth \$25.00. I do hereby appoint Franklin
 Corin guardian to my son John M Barton. I do hereby
 constitute & appoint my son Caleb Barton & Franklin Corin
 executors of this my last will & testament. Given under my
 hand & seal this 8 day of August 1833.

Signed & sealed to
 acknowledge the presence of } James Barton (Seal)
 James. May, Joseph May,
 Thomas May, George May,
 marks

Barren County, 1st October Term 1846
 The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will
 of James Barton deceased produced in Court and proved

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 about forty poles to the first large hollow thence up the hollow
 crossing the ridge at the head of the hollow to a buckeye tree
 corner of a tract of lands which I purchased of William B. Dwyer
 on the original line of said Rogers survey thence with the original
 line ~~thence~~ 156 W poles to a beech sugar tree & back on same
 line thence with the same South 100 poles to the beginning of said
 give & bequest to my said son William a negro man named Cato,
 whom his paying to my executor one hundred & fifty dollars also
 a horse called Perry, also one bed, bedstead & furniture also the
 saddle & bridle which he now has, but it is my will that in case
 my said son William die without ^{lawful} issue that then that which I
 have given him shall revert & return to my estate except the land
 which ~~shall~~ I give to my son Caleb Dwyer.
 Item 4. I will bequest unto my son John M. Barton all the remainder
 & residue of the tract of lands which I purchased of Edmund Rogers &
 on which I now live & which I have not given to my son William.
 I also give him the tract of lands which I purchased of William B. Dwyer
 containing fifty acres & which adjoins the tract I live on, I also give
 him one other tract of land patented to me by the commonwealth
 of Kentucky by patent bearing date the 12 June 1832 & containing
 one hundred & twenty five acres & lying on the banks of the
 waters of Canoe & Big creeks. I also give him two negroes named
 Sam & Henry also the best bed, bedstead & furniture, one third
 part of the kitchen furniture, my cupboard, bureau, all my tables
 two pair of fire dogs all my chairs all of the table & cupboard
 furniture also one horse, saddle & bridle worth eighty dollars to be
 given him when he arrives at the age of age. I also will that my
 said son John be given a liberal education ~~provided~~ & the
 expenses be paid out of my estate. It is also my will that if my
 said son John should die without lawful issue that then the
 negroes given to him return & revert to my estate and the land
 hereby given him I give to my daughter Elvira Barton.
 Item 5. I give to my son Caleb Barton a negro man named
 George whom his paying to my executor two hundred & fifty dollars
 having heretofore given him two tracts of land worth fifty each,
 bedstead & furniture worth \$30. Item 6. I give to my daughter
 Elvira Barton a mare named Corner a saddle & bridle, one bed,
 bedstead & furniture having this day given her a negro girl named
 Elizabeth & for which I have given her a bill of sale. It is further
 my will that if the said Elvira shall on the death of my wife
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 will that after the death of my wife all the property not herein
 disposed of, be sold & the proceeds be equally divided between my
 children, Samuel Barton, Elvira Barton, Matilda Radford &
 James Barton each accounting for the property heretofore received
 & now devised to them so as to make their shares equal. I heretofore
 gave to Samuel Barton in property & money amounting to \$433
 cents which I hold his receipt for. I heretofore gave to Samuel
 Barton one thousand dollars which I hold his receipt for.
 I have heretofore gave to my daughter Matilda Radford \$193.60
 also \$257.40 ~~theretofore~~ which I paid to her for him.
 I have given to Reuben Carver heretofore \$311.75 and a tract
 of land worth \$250. & a negro woman Cato worth \$200.00.
 I have heretofore given to William W. Murray a negro girl worth
 \$300. and a tract of land worth \$390.00. I have heretofore
 given to Edmund Barton two tracts of land worth \$125. he
 owes me one hundred dollars which I owe him, also 70 acres of
 land worth \$140. I also gave him three horses worth \$170 also
 other property worth \$25.00. I do hereby appoint Franklin
 Lewis guardian to my son John M. Barton. I do hereby
 constitute & appoint my son Caleb Barton & Franklin Lewis
 executors of this my last will & testament. Given under my
 hand & seal this 8 day of August 1833.
 Signed sealed &
 acknowledged in the presence of } James Barton Seal
 James, May, Joseph, & J. J.
 Thomas & Bridges
 marks
 Warren County, Oct. October Term 1846
 The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will
 of James Barton did was produced in court and

and for the same by the Oath of Thomas Bridges, Son of the witness, there and the handwriting of James Jones, dec'd another witness there was proven by the Oath of Samuel Davis and the handwriting of Joseph Hogg another witness there who resides in the State of Missouri was proven by the Oath of John J Rogers. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of James Barton dec'd

all Tho J Helm c1830

Witness

Will

I William Gardner of the County of Barren & State of Kentucky being in my right mind & memory do make & give my last will & testament. First I have give to my son Richard all one a negro boy named Socrates & to my daughter Annea Sperlich I have give a negro girl named Polly Clark. & to my son Jacob Barton I have give a negro boy named Ben & to my daughter Hemimah Allow I have give a negro girl named Lijanna & to my son Pauline Gardner I have give a negro girl named Ephraim & to my daughter Polly Gardner that now lives with me I give a negro girl named Peggy with her bed & cover & shaffer & I have give each of my three boys above named some land. Now I want to be understood I have portioned of my above named six children all they are to have of my estate & the balance of my estate that I now have or may have lands negroes stock of all sorts household & kitchen furniture farming utensils will be such that I may or do possib at my dease after my just debts is paid I do give it all to my wife Sally Gardner to support & raise my daughter Pauline Gardner out & also all the children that her & me may have hereafter & at my wife, Sally Gardner's, dease I wish all our estate that is then in her hands to be equally divided among my last set of children. If she should have any more children besides my little daughter Pauline Gardner but if she is all & the last I wish her to have all my estate to be her right & leges & further I appoint my executors John J. Brown & Sally Gardner my wife to execute this & I do hereby ratify & confirm this as my last will & testament & disannull all others by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of March 1838

Test James J. Lantry
J. J. Lantry
J. J. Lantry
Richard Cole
Albert J. Lantry
J. J. Lantry

William Gardner

Barren County Feb 26th Term 1838
The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will of William Gardner dec'd was produced in court and proven in due form of law by the oath of James J. Lantry and J. J. Lantry witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said William Gardner dec'd

all Tho J Helm c1830

Witness

Will

I Wyron Malone of Barren County and State of Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say - I do immediately after my dease I desire that all my just debts to be paid out of my personal estate. 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane during her life all my estate or lands both personal & real to have and to hold for her comfort and benefit. I immediately on her dease if she shall survive me if not immediately on my dease I desire that an equal distribution of my estate in value shall be made to my heirs in the manner following viz my sons Sumner & P. Malone, James Malone and Benjamin Malone have received each a settlement portions to the value of seventy dollars my daughter Martha C. Mills also fifty dollars my daughters Elizabeth Wood, Lucy Wood and Susan Wallow each thirty dollars my sons Grover, Isaac, John, and Thomas each fifty dollars all which I wish included in the said distribution. And if I may hereafter give to any of my children any property & of my estate during my life the amount I wish also included in the said distribution: except my daughters Polly, Rebecca & Nancy each to have a bed and furniture not to be included in the said distribution the said beds & being now in their possession. 4th And further it is my will that the slave or slaves (if any) shall go by purchase to any of my said heirs except to Hilford Mills & his wife Martha C. Mills Richard Wood and his wife Elizabeth Wood and Isaac Wood and his wife Lucy Wood. Also the lands to go by purchase to any of my heirs by purchase except to Isaac Wood and his wife who are to become the purchaser of my lands now homestead and farm. Feb It is further my will and pleasure that the distribution which may go to my daughters Martha C. Mills and Lucy Wood shall be for themselves and the heirs of their body exclusively my said daughters Martha C. and Lucy to have the entire and exclusive trust and use of the said distribution for their own and their heirs benefit. 6th If any of my daughters shall die without issue that portion of my estate that falls to them by reason of the above provisions shall go to my own heirs. 7th I desire