

discreptions, and after her death I give the same (except my negro woman Melly) unto my son Joseph Rensfro and his heirs, and as to the said negro woman Melly, she having been a faithful slave my will and desire is that she shall have the liberty of choosing amongst my children a master to whom she shall belong. Nevertheless I give the aforesaid property unto my said son Joseph upon condition that he shall pay unto each of his brothers or their lawfull heirs the sum of thirty dollars otherwise the said sum of thirty dollars shall be raised out of my estate & paid as aforesaid unto each of my other sons or their heirs - My will done further is that my estate shall not be appraised - And last I do appoint my friend Haradin Davis executor of this my last will and testament - Witness my hand & Seal this 16th Feby 1829

Test Joseph Rensfro

Robert W. Ralston

John Rensfro (Jr)

Barren County Set May Term 1846

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Rensfro decd was produced in Court and proven in due form of law by the Oath of Joseph Ralston and Robert W. Ralston witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of John Rensfro decd.

all Tho J. Helm Cllk

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Will

Being called upon this morning by James Porter to write his last will and testament and not knowing the legal form of a will agree for his satisfaction to write down his last will which is sentimentally voluntarily and in his proper mind a request of his that I should write down for fear he might die before it could otherwise be done, that his faithful beloved and bosom friend Martha Porter whom also his beloved wife should and shall after my last debt are paid take in possession every thing I own in any shape or form as her own to use as she well as she pleases during her natural life and at her death to do as she may think best & proper being perfectly satisfied that her will while living

has been mine, that at death I am willing to abide by it, Given under my hand in my perfect mind this 20th February 1846

Test Tho J. Smith

James Porter

William Anderson

Barren County Set August Term 1846

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Porter decd was returned to the Court and proven in due form of law by the Oath of Thomas J. Smith and William Anderson witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said James Porter decd.

all Tho J. Helm Cllk

Post Ralston

Will

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Ralston of Barren County & State of Kentucky being old and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life & being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say I give after all my just debts is paid I give to my beloved wife Sarah Ralston the plantation on which we now dwell with all the farming utensils thereon with all the stock and crop whether made or making and all the household and kitchen furniture, also black people naming Rachel Solomon Jane Phoebe and Hannah five in number which she is to have during her natural life of not otherwise disposed of and then to be disposed of in that way hereafter mentioned - I give unto my daughter Elizabeth White one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf one bed and furniture which she has received she now being dead I will to her children namely Jesse White Sarah White now Servicer Melissa White Jean White to each one of them fifty dollars and to Juliana White her youngest daughter which I have raised from her infancy I will to her one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf one bed and furniture one black girl named Angelina, if Juliana should die before married and have a lawfull heir her part is to go to her brother & sisters before mentioned - I give to my son