

which is not named above be equally divided among all my other children which are not named above to wit my sons Thomas Shirley, Reuben Shirley, Henry Shirley and James Shirley and my daughter Sally Read wife of John Read and daughter Elizabeth Thomas wife of Alexander Thomas and if they cannot agree to a division the same to be sold and the proceeds to be divided as above on 7th & lastly. My will & desire is that my son James Shirley my son in law John Read be appointed to execute this my last will and testament given under my hand & seal this 22nd day of January 1846.

Richard Shirley. *Exr.*

In presence of us
 Jm Cummings
 Robert Reynolds
 William J. Tanner

Barren County, Ky April Term 1846

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard Shirley d. & was produced in Court and proven in due form of law by the Oath of Robert Reynolds and William J. Tanner witnesses thereto to be the last will and testament of said Richard Shirley d. & whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said Richard Shirley d. &

All this I solemnly believe

E. J. Hardy
 Will

In the name of God Amen I Eliza J. Hardy consent of James J. Hardy of Barren County and State of Kentucky being in a full state of body but of sound mind and memory knowing that life is uncertain & death is certain do hereby direct what it shall please God to be done with of this world's goods; do hereby appoint and direct the disposition of the same in manner & form following - 1st I give to my two youngest children viz Thomas & Martha Ann Hardy one cow to each, and to Martha Ann my Loom large iron pot and potrack, one feather bed & furniture and B. stand and my wearing apparel - To my son Thomas I give my large ax and one half of my best clothing - I also wish and direct that a skilled cooper be one of them to Martha & the other to Thomas - I also give to my son Thomas a New feather bed - and

wherein I have a note of \$125 on Israel Cox I hereby direct that the same be divided between my son Thomas and Martha & equally - And wherein I have a reversing claim of property by the will of Mary Jennings dec. of Virginia which is now in the hands of Mary Hardin formerly Mary Nancy the whole of which I hereby give to my two youngest children to wit Thomas and Martha & to be equally divided between them - Also I direct there is to be some thing devised to me from my father's estate, of so I hereby give the same to my two youngest children Thomas and Martha & equally between them - And wherein my first children to wit Cornelia Waller and Maria Waller Drannen & John B. Smith have heretofore received their full portion is the reason of my not devising any thing to them beyond & sealed the 23rd of Decr 1845.

Isabel J. Tanner

S. P. Dayler

Robt. J. Harris

Eliza J. Hardy *Exr.*

Barren County, Ky April Term 1846

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Eliza J. Hardy d. & was produced in Court and proven in due form of law by the Oath of Kendrick Tanner and Samuel P. Dayler witnesses thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said Eliza J. Hardy d. &

All this I solemnly believe

I Ranges
 Will

I John Ranges of the County of Barren & State of Kentucky being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby direct to my mind the mutability of man do make testament and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit My will and desire first is that my executor hereafter named shall out of my estate pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the balance of my estate to be disposed of as follows - I am 1st I give unto my beloved wife Esther Ranges all my household and kitchen furniture for her use during her life and then to be disposed of as she may think proper, I also lend unto my said wife for and during her natural life or widowhood all the balance of my estate both real & personal of every

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 Feb'y 1829

Test Joseph Rensfro

Robert W. Ralston

John Rensfro (Jr)

Barren County Set May Term 1836

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Rensfro dec'd 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 dec'd.

all Tho J. Helm Cllk

Postler

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 1836

Test Tho J. Smith

James Porter

William Anderson

Barren County Set August Term 1836

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Porter dec'd 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 dec'd.

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 free 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 Julian 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 said Julian 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