

John S. Searles dec^d was produced in Open Court
 & proved in due form of Law by the Oaths of J. P. Clark
 & James C. Wright two of the subscribing witnesses thereto.
 Whereupon the Court was ordered to be recorded with
 the last will & testament of said John S. Searles
 dec^d.

Attest Davis Cook Clerk of Court

John Searles
 will

As the names of Gods. I have, I feel constrained to sign
 of the Unity of Barren and she to of her body
 being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind
 and disposing memory for which I thank Gods, and
 calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and
 being disposed to dispose of all such worldly estate as
 it has pleased Gods to bestow on me, I give and bequeath
 unto the same in manner following, that is to say,
 First, I give to my wife Sally Searles One negro man
 named Jesse aged One Negro woman named Mary
 Jesse's wife, to have and to hold during her natural
 life, and should the said negroes become manly or un-
 reasonable my wife and I consent herinafter named shall
 dispose of them by selling or selling them as they may think
 best, and the proceeds go to the benefit of my wife during
 her life and at her death to be equally divided
 between my Children, should the said negroes not be
 sold, at my wife's death they are to be equally di-
 vided between my Children. Secondly, I desire
 that my dwelling house and tract of land on which
 I now live, containing ten hundred & thirty nine acres
 and one third part of the proceeds go to the benefit
 of my wife, the remaining two thirds be equally divided
 between my Children. I give to my wife One my
 mare at One and half, and other property as I may
 need. Thirdly, I give to my son Alfred One
 One negro boy named George. Fourthly,
 I give to my son Lewis Searles One negro boy named
 Lewis. Fifthly, I give to my daughter Sarah who has
 married Stephen Phelps One negro girl named
 Fanny. Sixthly, I give to my daughter Elizabeth
 who has married Thomas H. Clark One negro girl
 named Fannie and Fifty dollars to make her equal
 with the above Children. I give to my Daughter

Caroline widow of William Clark deceased One negro
 girl named Sarah aged fifty dollars to make her
 equal. I give to my son John Searles One negro boy
 named Richard, and One hundred and fifty dollars to
 make him equal. And also the tract of land on which
 he now lives, containing One hundred acres by his paying
 my estate his hundred dollars. I give to my daughter
 Polly my who has married William Wood, One negro girl
 named Emily and One hundred and fifty dollars to
 make her equal. I desire that the remaining part of my
 slaves and property named shall be divided equally be-
 tween my Children in some way as they may think best, but
 they are not to be put up sold out of this family. I
 desire the balance of my estate both real and personal
 to be sold and the proceeds divided equally between my
 Children. And lastly I do hereby constitute and ap-
 point my son Lewis Searles and Stephen Phelps my son-in-law
 Executors of this my last will and testament hereby pro-
 viding all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore
 made, but testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my seal this Twenty fifth day of October
 Eighteen hundred and fifty three
 John Searles

Philip A. Searles
 Henry Searles

Barren County Ct. November Term 1853.
 The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will & testament
 of John Searles dec^d was produced in Open Court & pro-
 ved in due form of Law by the Oaths of J. P. Clark & James
 C. Wright two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon
 the Court was ordered to be recorded as the true last
 will & testament of said John Searles dec^d.

Attest

Davis Cook Clerk of Court