

of the Sales already mentioned - Having now disposed
of my estate, as I trust in a fair and equitable manner
I wish it to be impressed on the minds of my executors
that my object wish and desire is that no equal
distribution of any property be made amongst my
children, not taking into the account the legacies
bequeathed to my daughters as above mentioned; and
I particularly request my executors to be entirely governed
by that principle in the administration of these bequests.

And finally I hereby Comelates and appoint
Capt. Willard Edmunds Russell Barnack and
Jesse L. Edmunds executors to this my last will &
testament. Signed under my hand & seal this 26th
March 1839

Acknowledged in his last will &
testament in presence of
J. J. Hinkland
Willard Edmunds
Jesse L. Barnack
Jesse L. Edmunds

Barnack County Sept October Term 1841

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of John Cooney dec'd was produced in Court
and proven in due form of law by the Oaths of Russell
Barnack and Jesse L. Edmunds both Subscribing
and swearing thereto. Whereupon the Court was ordered to be
recorded in the last will of said John Cooney dec'd

all
Jas. J. Nelson Clerk

J. Chapman Barnack County Sept 11th 1841

John Chapman in his last sickness and on the
death day of his above named wife requested that his
business and property be disposed of in the following
manner - his wife Rebecca Chapman after selling
property and paying out his just debts then his said wife
to have the use and benefit of all his remaining prop-
erty during her natural life or widowhood to use in
any way she might think best In testimony whereof
we have hereunto set our hands & seals the year & date
above written

all at

Lucinda Stark
Samuel P. Bowdoy

Barnack County Sept October Term 1841

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of John Chapman dec'd was produced in Court and proven
in due form of law by the Oaths of Samuel P. Bowdoy &
Lucinda Stark both Subscribing and swearing thereto. Whereupon the Court
was ordered to be recorded in the last will of said John Chapman dec'd

all Jas. J. Nelson Clerk

J. Chapman

Will

In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Hays of Barnack
County & State of Kentucky being of sound mind & disposing
memory do make ordain & publish this as & for my last
will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me
made viz - I leave first: my real and devise is that every
species of property heretofore advanced by me to any son
George Hays be and the same as to belong to him as his
property forever to be at his disposal - I leave second: I
leave all my just debts & funeral expenses to be paid out of
any & personal property - I leave third: I will & desire that
my wife Jane Hays have all of my personal property and
all the money I may have or become at any death which
are to be subject to her Control & at her disposal except
two horses two ploughs two set of gear one mule cow one
hundred bushels of corn one thousand pounds of pork
and fifty dollars in money to be selected & given by my
executors herein after named to my negro woman Captain
(or Betty) - I leave fourth: It is my will & desire that after
my death my executor herein after named emancipate
& set free all of my negro slaves (with the exception of
James who I will dispose of in another clause) who
are less than one year of age at the time of my death
and so soon as my male slave arrives at the age
of 21 years after my death my executor is to emancipate
and set them free and pursue the same course with
my female slaves as they shall have arrived at the
age of eighteen years - I leave fifth: As my negro
boy James who is now about fifteen years of age is not
possessed of his good intellect as is common to negroes &
as I conceive that he is not capable of acting & managing
for himself I in order to prevent him from being imposed
on, I will and desire that my executor retain the said
negro boy James in his possession and hire him out annually
to some good & humane person and the proceeds of his