

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 & desire further is that my estate shall not be appraised - And last I do appoint my friend Haradin Dovers 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 Cllr

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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 Cllr

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

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 one black man named Rubin.
again I will to my son John Ralston one 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 one 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 one horse saddle and
bridle one cow and calf one bed and furniture one 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 one horse
saddle & bridle one cow and calf one bed & furniture one
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 one horse saddle & bridle one
bed and furniture and ten dollars and one black
man named Washington which he has received now
I will him one black girl named Harriet - I give my
son Thomas Ralston one horse saddle & bridle one cow
and calf one bed and furniture and two black children
named Dennis & Robert which he has in possession -
I give to my son Martin D Ralston one 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 Martin
D Ralston's which is not otherwise disposed of leaving
him to pay the ten hundred dollars herein mentioned, my
wife's horse and carriage 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 Martin
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