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Lawson County Court May Court Court 1834.
The foregoing Writing purporting to be the last will
of said May deceased, was produced in court
and proved in due form, by the oaths of Joseph
Auderson and John Galloway, two of the subscribing
witnesses whereupon the aforesaid Writing was ordered
to be recorded as the true last will of said
May deceased, To be ~~the~~ the Clerk

April One 3^d 1834.

My last will and devise in the testament is
That my white slave, shall the farm as long as
the & my children, and the house and black land
enough to support it and the balance to be
rented, but for the benefit of an infant heir, to wit
John Lawson To have his share for two years more
just the farm where James Andrew lives for him
this year and year, and afterward to be rented.
If William Lawson has received 475 out of my
Estate, Ellen 775 John 775 Hannah 775 & wife 775
Harrison 775 for a one year, and also and I wish
him, to make equal, with the rest, and also
Polly in the same kind of property and also
John in the same kind of property, and
Thomas Jefferson 125 in the same kind of property.
I wish Harrison To have the control, of the whole
farm, as long as he continues to take care of
his mother, and also wish him to counsel with
his Brothers as long as they live near him
and for them to aid him in settling my business
I also wish the Bureau to take place in the land
all the infant heirs get their parts of
forced into administration the Lawson's & wife to sell
and James Green to be administrator
Attest, John Lawson
My last
J. A. Stark

Lawson County Court May Court Court 1834
The foregoing Writing purporting to be the last will & testament of John Lawson
was produced in court and proved by the oaths of J. A. Stark
& J. B. Stark subscribing witnesses whereupon the aforesaid Writing
was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of the said John
Lawson deceased, To be ~~the~~ the Clerk

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A. Nelson
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In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Nelson, of
the County of Banner and State of Kentucky, being in
a very feeble state of health in body but of sound
mind and memory do make this will and testament
this my last will and testament, viz. 1st I do
give and recommend, my soul into the hands of almighty
God, that give it and my body I recommend to the earth
to be buried, in decent Christian burial at the discretion
of my executors nothing doubting, at the general
resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the
mighty power, of God and a lasting high thank
state, whereunto it hath pleased God, to bless me
in this life I give devise and bequeath the same
in the following manner and form, first I give and
bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Nelson, the house
plantation and part of land whereon I now live containing
one hundred acres during her widowhood, but of the
Barren, she & I have the third of said land of said
land, to be sold then the money equally divided ~~between~~ among me
the daughter Beniah Elizabeth Nelson Nancy Betty Melinda
John & Mary Ann mine are the land and property, I
bequeath to my beloved wife at her death to be
equally divided among my six mentioned daughters
I wish her bequeath to my wife and my three eldest
daughters the one her choice out of six acres the
wife of Aaron Yeast also eighteen head of hogs
also eight head of sheep also all the house
hold & kitchen furniture also one short horse &
year, one pulling ox, & one bleeding hog, & two her thirty
having heretofore give my two sons Joseph Nelson & Nathan
I Nelson each two hundred apiece, in land & like
into now equal to each one of them, a dollar a
piece, I likewise constitute and appoint my beloved
wife, executor and William & Beniah executor
of this my last will and testament It is like unto
my will that after my decease, that my executors make
a sale and see the balance of my property, consisting
of horses and cattle, and farming tools &c. and the
money arising from said sale, they shall take and furnish
my three daughters that are single that is Nancy
Melinda Nancy, and Mary Ann each with a Coll.
worth twenty dollars, with a like saddle worth
eighteen dollars, each with a cow worth nine or ten dollars

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and each with a test, so as to make them equal
with those my daughters, that are married. It is
because my idea that my children, eldest are the
best that are in the world, and also that each
be true. They pay all. On first bills, that I
have, money I do with, and disburse, all
former bills or statements. by me in one case
made, constituting this my very last will and testament
In witness whereof. I have hereunto put my hand
and seal, this twenty eighth day of July
One thousand eight hundred and thirty five
Signed sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of us who
in his presence, and in the
presence of each other,
have subscribed our names
Teste J. S. Anderson.

Jm. Hays
James Edwards

Nathaniel Nelson
Nathaniel Nelson

Danvers County Court August County Court 1834
The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will
of Nathaniel Nelson deceased, was produced in
Court and proved in due form by the Oath
of Joseph Anderson, and James Edwards subscribing
Witnesses, Charles Thompson, the appointed Writing
was ordered to be recorded as the last will and
testament of the said Nathaniel Nelson and
and the same is duly recorded accordingly.

Teste J. S. Anderson

As the name of John Andrew & Carroll have being
of sound disposing mind, but being weak of
in my body I do to be admonished, of the
certainty of that event which I fear to later, is
the common lot of humanity, and being desirous
that my children becoms should be managed,
after my death, as to give as little trouble as
possible, to those who may have and
and being further desirous, of making such
disposition of my property and effects as I

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desire just and proper, do to do and establish this
to be my last will and testament, making all former
wills heretofore, made either in word or otherwise, by me,
John A. give and bequeath, unto my nephew, John Peter
the son of my sister Catharine, wife of John Peter,
now of Alleghany County, ^{State of} Virginia and to my other
nephew Granville Tucker son of my sister Nancy,
now Nancy Bangs of Fairfax County, and have I do
my negro woman Matilda and her child named John
Henry and their increase heretofore to them the said
John Peter, and Granville Tucker have been and always
been as tenants in common and not as joint
tenants. Nevertheless they the said John Peter and Granville
shall hold said negroes subject to that which, I shall
herein after mention. And in as much as I feel
grateful towards my friend John of Virginia for
for the kind and affection he has manifested towards me
having for a long time, ^{been} of the hospitality of his house
I do hereby wish and desire that he be permitted to
keep said negroes for two years after my decease free
from any charge, as pay ment of hire and maintenance
I give and bequeath, to the said John and hereby
agree ever the same, to take effect after my death
I send as note, for \$60. dated the 5th day of August
1819. An I Mop Hen of Cass County Ky,
John P. M. the Silver witness, Chain, & Seal, that I am clear,
belongs to Thomas J. Lane, of Edell County Ky,
which I desire may be returned to him.

Item 4th It is my will and desire that my negro
Woman Matilda (after 10 Mop her years elapse) and
her children be sold out in this County, in the
Neighborhood, of her present husband, Acorn. So
long as my beloved Daddy Henry Lane, of Virginia, shall
live and that the proceeds of their sale until it
shall please God to call him home, he regularly paid
over to him, by the trustees. I shall hereafter name.
Item 5th Whereas it is represented, to me that William
Bentall Burgess, of Washington County, (whose mother)
now Mary Burgess, has a just claim upon me,
which I feel anxious, to discharge, I do therefore
give and bequeath to the said William my horses
saddle & bridle, as also my trunk, & clothing
I have 6th I desire that such money be money &