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David Cochran the Brother of Reubin the Testator and son of David and nephew of Reubin both went to see the Testator John arrive on the evening preceeding the arrival of his father and deposes that his uncle then informed him of the manner in which he intended to dispose of his estate and finds it nearly as the Testator had informed him David who wrote the Will and signed the Name of his Brother deposes that he wrote it agreeably to the Direction then given by the Testator and that he did not know the names of the several Negroes bequeathed only as he was informed by the Testator except a few of the older Negroes that provision of the Will is as follows viz I give and bequeath I hereby Will unto Thomas Hinton son of Richard Hinton deceased in Smith County Tennessee my Negro Man named Dick and Rebecca his Wife two Negro Girls named Fugg the my Negro Boy Joseph and my Negro fellow Richard also Phill which I am at Law for if I obtain him and my Negro boy Buck and my Negro Girl Betty and my Negro Girl a Vanny also Elidly and Sindy also my still with all thes &c

If it be a fact as D. Cochran swears that he had not been in the habit of visiting his brother and that he did not know the names of his Negroes and of which there is no proof to the contrary this clause in the Will pretty satisfactorily shows that the Testator was at the time of a disposing mind capable of knowing his purpose and the disposition he wished of his slaves thus severally designated by name. But there is another circumstance detailed by one of the subscribing Witnesses which is very strong to show that the Testator was not incompetent of what he was doing in the execution of this Will. It is this that in procuring witnesses to the Will he directed the Negro Boy to a Boatyard but supposed it doubtful whether they could be obtained there as the men were working on wages and directed him from thence to the Witnesses who deposes that the same information given to him by the boy who came for him was repeated by the Testator upon his arrival at his house - This circumstance evinces such arrangement of mind and recollection of the capacity of Witnesses that it would seem arbitrary indeed in this Court to arrest the distribution of his property according to his own Will

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But when in addition to this circumstance we unite those of the Testator having sent for his Brother upon that business the particular Sheriff's return of his slaves as assets in the will and the concurring Testimony of several Witnesses who were with him on that day we are still more confirmed as to the capacity of the man to direct the disposition of his own estate except indeed other opposing Testimony shall reflect those circumstances and rightly evidence the will, opposing witness who speaks with reference to the same period except some general impression only is the other subscribing Witnesses to the Will and he prove the acknowledgement of the Testator that the instrument presented for his attestation was his Will without stating ^{one} solitary instance of impropriety in him on that day but resting his Opinion upon general impression and two unimportant previous occurrences which has some days intervened the knowledge of the Testator does not relate to the time the will was made he had not seen him for several days about that period and it is therefore be inferred only that his Testimony is made to apply to that day under evidence like this indulging in presumption of such dubious complexion we cannot think a Court justly able in trusting the will of an old and thereby perhaps travelling his estate to pass contrary to his own wish and Will - The next point for consideration is as to the manner of executing the Will

It is necessary to the validity of this Will that it should have been signed by the Testator or by some person in his presence and by his Direction and more over be attested by two or more competent Witnesses subscribing their names in his presence. The Will was written by David Cochran in the absence of all other persons except the Testator the name of the Testator was written by D. Cochran he proves that it was done under the Direction of the Testator the subscribing Witnesses all prove the acknowledgement of the Testator that this instrument was his Will and in his presence attested that it was. This is a substantial compliance with the law a Will written and signed by the Testator himself attested by the proper number of Witnesses who can prove its execution only from the acknowledgement of the Testator at the time of their attestation though they did not see him sign it and his hand writing could not be proved yet it is believed would be held sufficient and it is conceived that proof of the Testator's name being signed by a competent person

his directions, who prove that fact cannot operate more unfavourable to the validity of the Will than where proof of the signature or by whom it was written cannot be made provided the witnesses mentioned in the Will have attested it and prove the acknowledgement of the testator at the time of their attesting it as his Will.

We are therefore of opinion that the testator was capable of making his Will and that the same was executed regularly to the requisition of law. We have deemed a particular examination into the conduct & character of the witnesses who have been offered unnecessary since from the whole circumstances we cannot draw a different conclusion with respect to the execution of the Will unless we were authorized to indulge with out evidence in the presumption that this will was a forgery or written differently from the direction of the testator against the evidence not only of its writer but also against that of John Cochran as well as the acknowledgement of the testator in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses that that was his Will whether its contents were known to him they cannot dispute but it would at least have the appearance of rash illiberality to assert a total ignorance in the testator in opposition to the oaths of some and acknowledgement of the testator himself. Upon the whole therefore we are of opinion that the county court erred in refusing to admit to record the said Will wherefore it is considered by the Court that the judgment of the Barren County Court rejecting the probate of this said last Will and Testament of Reuben Cochran do remain reversed and set aside that the said Will and Testament be here recorded as fully proved in this Court and the Original transmitted to the said County Court of Barren to be there admitted to record as fully proved in this Court and thence to proceed as the law directs in like cases which is ordered to be certified to said County Court. And it is further considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the appellee James Barlow his costs by him in this behalf expended.

Which said last Will and Testament of Reuben Cochran executed as I recite to be proved is in the words and figures following To wit: In the name of God Amen I Reuben Cochran of the County of Barren and State of Kentucky being in a law state of health and body but of perfect strength and memory in mind do make

ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament as follows First I Bequeath unto Joshua Barlow and Joseph Martin all the right Claim and Title to this entry of land whereon I now live including all the improvements thereunto belonging also including the Improvement where said man that now lives the whole to be Equally divided ^{divided} between them in quantity and quality. Secondly I give and bequeath and have by Will unto Thomas Hinton son of Richard Hinton I do cast in Smith County Tennessee my negro man named Dick and Rebecca his wife also my negro girl named Pegg also my negro Boy Joseph and my negro fellow Richard also Phill which I am now at law for if I obtain him and my negro Boy Dick and my negro girl Reller and my negro girl named Abigail they are finding also my Will with all Suits and Bonds thereunto belonging attendants. The above mentioned property in the manner above mentioned I have tested and given and acknowledging this to be my last Will and Testament denying disavowing and revoking all others In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of March 1844

Signed & sealed in the presence of us Reuben Cochran and John Cochran Short Lion Short John Cochran Junior

I beg of You

Reuben Cochran

In the name of God Amen I Reuben Cochran of the County of Barren and State of Kentucky being in a law state of health in body but of perfect strength and memory in mind do make ordain and constitute this my last Will & Testament as follows To wit, I give and bequeath unto Joshua Barlow & Joseph Martin all the right claim and Title to this entry of land whereon I now live including all the improvements thereunto belonging also including the Improvement where said man that now lives the whole to be Equally Divided between them in Quantity & Quality. Secondly I Give & Bequeath I have by Will unto Thomas Hinton son of Richard Hinton I do cast in Smith County Tennessee my negro man named Dick & Rebecca his wife also my negro girl named Pegg also my negro Boy Joseph and my negro fellow Richard also Phill which I am now at law for

if I obtain him and my negroes, Buck & my negro
girl Betty and my negro girl Garry also my dog & fiddle
also my still with all Jabs and Barrels, there is no belong-
ing and I leave the above mentioned property in the
manner above mentioned I have Willed & Given &
acknowledging this to be my last Will & Testament
I am willing I having all others in Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirteenth
day of March 1814

Reuben Cochrane

Signed & Sealed in
the presence of us
Thomas Short
Simon Short
John Cochrane

State of Kentucky Set Court of Appeals, Oct 10th 1814
This the last Will and Testament of Reuben Cochrane
deceased was proved in Court and proven according to
law by the subscribing Witnesses thereto and the same
is truly recorded in this Court & the original is hereby
transmitted & delivered to the County Court of Barron to
be there admitted to record as fully proven in this
Court

Test of the Court, Clerk

Barron County Court Barron County Court 1814
The last Will of Reuben Cochrane deceased by which and
the Transcript of the opinion of the Court of Appeals
was produced in Court & by order of the said Court &
handwritten of Record was admitted to be recorded
Test of the Court, Clerk

Will of
P. Bap

County

In the name of God amen I Philomen Bap
of the State of Kentucky and County of Barron being
weak in body but of a perfect mind and memory make
be given to God calling unto mind the mortality of
my body and knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die do make and declare this my last
Will and Testament that is to say principally and

first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the
hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend
to his earth to be buried in decent Christian manner at
the discretion of my executors then it is my Will that my
son John Bap & Talbot Bap shall have the tract of land that
I now have devised equally between them agreeable to
quantity and quality then it is my Will that my son John
Bap shall have certain by share then I will that my
son Talbot Bap have the first half of the above mention-
ed by share & also it is my Will that my son Talbot have
a certain fixed cow & calf and increase then I will that
my Daughter Polly have one feather bed then it is my
Will that my Daughters wife Polly have certain by share
house now in my possession then it is my Will that the
remainder of my property be equally divided amongst the
following Children I will Elizabeth & Polly John Nathaniel
Talbot & William then it is my Will that the following
Children be it Sally Peter & Mary Nathaniel Warren & Isaac
be considered & provided with what I have given them, then it is
my Will that the whole of my Estate remain in the hands of
my beloved wife Polly her life time except the above mentioned
by share to my son John to be put in possession of when he
comes of age the certain fixed cow & calf & increase to my
son Talbot when he comes of age

Last of all I do appoint & constitute my beloved wife
Polly Cochrane & under her will executor of this my
last Will and Testament it being knowing & disannulling
all other Wills Testaments or bequests by me heretofore made
in any wise that I bequeath & confirming this and no other to
be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh
day of December one thousand eight hundred and fourteen
Signed Sealed and acknowledged by the

Philomen Bap as his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us who are his witnesses
his presents and in the presence of other
other witnesses whose names are written
at Test
John Cochrane
Andrew Cochrane
Elizabeth Bap
more

William Wells by note

\$	50	00
	75	00

Agreed to by the Honorable Court of Barren County to our
devised as Commissioners appointed by said Court upon the
11th day of November, 18th did attend and settle the estate
of John Rock Dumas as above transferred to John Walker
and William Heltz

Thomas Hall
Archib. Caldwell
Waddy Thompson
Mr. Kemick

Nov. 1844 1st Reprehensible to an order from the Honorable Court of
Barren County is as devised as Commissioners did on the date
attended and sold John Rock House and 1/2 the estate and we find
the estate amount to the sale \$120.46
Doll. due to the estate 75 00
Doll. against the estate of John Rock Dumas \$95.46
54 76

Rock for
List of Notes
given to
Walker &
Beltz
Comm?

We the undersigned Commissioners do certify that the above statement
is correct as far as we have been able to discover from the
Vouchers & papers put into our possession by Mr. Heltz Clerk
Administrator of the estate. We Rock D. and we do
further certify the following notes have accounts orders and
other papers are all that we have signed over to Mr. Walker
& William Beltz for them to administer

To Mr. Jas. Shaw & Mr. La. Co. 10 30
To Mr. Wilson & Mrs. Wilson 12 00
To Mr. Howell & Miss Shirley 6 00
To Mr. Carter & Miss Shirley 6 00
To Mr. Black & Miss Shirley 16 00
To Mr. Black & Mrs. Walker 6 00
To Mr. Branch & Mrs. Branch 4 80
To Mr. Skaggs & Mrs. Ward 11 25
To Mr. Mitchell & Mrs. Thompson 21 00
To Mr. Hunt & Mrs. Skaggs 13 50
To Mr. Thompson & Mr. Mitchell 43 00
To Mr. Black & Mr. Black 23 75
To Mr. Bates & Mrs. Bates 18 00
To Mr. Bates & Mrs. Bates 27 00
To Mr. Bates & Mrs. Bates 18 00

Two ellops & Mrs. Brown 5 00
1st given to Mr. Brown & Mr. Mitchell 2 10
John Branchum part of estate 1 50
Ephraim Wilson estate of Mrs. Duncan to be paid in cash
on 1st Oct. 1840
A conditional note from John Branchum to Mr. Brown & Mrs. Brown
line of payment name
An Order drawn by Mr. Branchum on John Smith in
favor of John Branchum 10 00
An Order drawn by Mrs. Branchum on Mr. Mitchell in
favor of John Branchum Thomas Hall
Archib. Caldwell
Waddy Thompson
Mr. Kemick

Inventory

Barren County State of Kentucky
Pursuant to an order of the County Court for the special viewing
made at the last term 1844 appointed Hugh Brown Sheriff
Parker L. Brown Sheriff & Mr. Peter L. Brown appraisers of the estate
of John Rock Dumas after being sworn have appraised
the personal estate of said decedent as follows by James H. Brown
Administrator in this manner Viz

To one lot of Hogs	11 00
To one lot of cattle	100 00
To one Stud Horse	100 00
To one Yellow Bay Mare	20 00
To one Bay Mare	10 00
To one Sorrel Mare	22 00
To one Bay Horse	18 00
To one pair of Cart Wheel	8 00
To one pair of Small Cart Wheel & pair	8 00
To one Shovel plow & pair	1 00
To three axes	5 00
To one Saw	0 75
To one Hatchet	1 00
To one lot of tools	0 60
To one lot of hoes and one hoe lot	1 75
To one Hoe	0 25
To one lot of tools hand saw drawing knife & hammer	0 50
To one Shovel plow one bucket and one lot of hoes	0 50

To one Kettle	84	00
To one Lot of Shag Wares	4	50
To two pots one oven one pair of trunks	4	00
To one Iron	4	00
To one Lot of Pater and Leaf Plates	3	00
To one set of Keweenaw and Bush & Strop	1	25
To three Chairs	1	00
To one Shawan Glap	0	34
To one Bed & Bedstead and Bed furniture	10	00
To one Bed & Bedstead and Bed furniture	15	00
To one Trunk	4	00
To one Glass Dish	0	25
To one Big Wheel	2	25
To one spinning Wheel & Spinning Dist home Shoes	1	00
To various Tools and other	1	00
To one Glass & Gunstone	1	75

Witness do certify that Leman Short Samuel Parker &
 Co. Pitchford was duly sworn before me as appraiser of the
 estate of Robert Barker dec'd on the 15th of August 1818
 Sylvester Wells J.P.

Blackman	August 3 rd 1818	9	00
Widow	William dec'd to one Shed House	73	25
Philip Carter to one House		12	00
John Holmes to one House		10	00
John Wallatin to one House		30	00
James Barlow to one pair of best horses		14	25
Charles Austin to one pair of small cart wheels			00
Charles Austin one attachment		1	00
James Barlow to one Hoe		0	20
Philip Carter to one Hoe		0	15
John Holmes to one ar		1	50
Charles Austin to one ar		2	00
Robert Galtwood to one Harrow		0	50
Samuel Parker to one Reubens pin		0	62 1/2
Leman Short to one ar		0	75
David Stinson to one hoe		0	25
Philip Carter to two Hoes		0	50
Peter Shadle to two Hoes		1	00
Jonathan Linsown one hand saw & one large saw		20	

Lauson Stinson to one Lot of Chains	1	34
Hugh Breen to Hammer and Pickers	0	50
James Barlow to one Hoe	1	00
Samuel Parker to one butter	0	10
John Stinson	0	20
Christopher to one Gunstone	2	37 1/2
Johnson King one Big Kettle	4	00
Christopher to two pots one Dutch Oven	0	00
Joseph Campbell to one Hoe	3	00
Robert Galtwood to two Cows	0	00
James Barlow to one Horse Cart	10	00
James Barlow to one Millstone & pin	2	75
Samuel Parker to one iron tools	1	50
Wolton Bush to three Chairs for season	1	30
James Barlow to two pairs	0	24
Wolton Bush to three Hoes	0	75
James Barlow to one Bedstead and bed furniture	15	00
James Barlow to one Bedstead	10	00
James Barlow to one Trunk	3	00
Joseph Galtwood to one Glass Dish	0	34
David Stinson to one Looking Glass	0	75
James Barlow to one Big Wheel	2	00
Sylvester Wells one dictionary	0	95
James Barlow one Dish and Waiter and cups	1	00
James Barlow to one Table	1	25
Philip Carter one Pickers Dist & Reson	3	00

Witness do certify that the Under signed being appointed to settle
 the estate of William Fitzgerald dec'd of William Fitzgerald dec'd
 do find the amount of the estate to be \$150 39 1/2 in favor of
 said dec'd this 15th of May 1818
 John Murphy
 William Chapman
 James Lewis

We that were appointed to say what James Fitzgerald
 dec'd to William Fitzgerald dec'd should have do find that said
 James is entitled to \$150 for his services as Administrator
 (return'd May 15th 1818)
 John Murphy
 John Bird
 Wm Chapman
 Simon Lewis