

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. W. H. Edwards, Edmund Russell Barracks and
Governor L. Edwards 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. H. H. H. H.
W. H. H. H. H.
J. J. H. H. H. H.
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Barnes County, Sept. October Term 1841

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of John Conway dec'd was produced in Court
and proven in due form of law by the Oaths of Russell
Barracks and Governor L. Edwards both Subscribing
and for the Court. Whereupon the Court was ordered to be
recorded in the last will of John Conway dec'd.

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Thos. J. Nelson Clerk

J. Chapman Henry Barnes 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.

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Lucinda Stark
Samuel P. Bowdrey

Barnes 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. Bowdrey &
Lucinda Stark both Subscribing and for the Court. Whereupon the Court
was ordered to be recorded in the last will of John Chapman dec'd.

all Thos. J. Nelson Clerk

J. Chapman

Will

In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Hays of Barnes
County & State of Kentucky, being of sound mind & disposing
memory do make and give & publish this as & for my last
will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me
made any - I leave first: my will and desire 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
will 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 be owed 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

here to be used as herein after directed; and it is further my will that my executor may keep either keep the said negro boy James in his own employment annually or hire him out as before stated and may use his discretion whether he will keep him or hire him out; and it is my will and desire that my executor should make some provision for the kind and humane treatment of said boy James after the death of my executor, as it is not my wish that said boy James should be left without the guardianship of some kind and benevolent person to protect him — I have further: If any other of my minor slaves should be in the situation of James before named, it is my will and desire that they be taken and disposed of as James is in the fifth clause of this will — I have seventh: My will and desire is that as soon as possible will attach to an adjustment of my estate after my death, my executor herein after named shall in the proceeds of the hire of my negro boy James or his personal services or he may prefer, or if my executor may think necessary to expend he may hire out any or all of my minor slaves until they arrive at the age they are to be set free, in order to procure money to pay my executor for his services in the discharge of the duties which necessarily devolve on him in the management of my estate the funeral adjustment and in the care and guardianship of my minor slaves — I have eighth: My will and desire is that my wife Jane Sturge Jones after my death all the property real personal & mixed that she was possessed of when she intermarried with me, to be subject to her own Control & at her disposal; but should my wife refuse to abide by the provisions of this will & should claim more than is given to her herein, then and in that case my executor is to retain all the property which is herein devised to her and to assert my right to take possession of any property to which the law will give me a claim, and to dispose of the same for the benefit of my negroes in such manner as may seem to him best for their interest — I have ninth: I will and desire that my minor negroes be allowed and that they do live with their parents, unless my executor may deem it necessary and expedient to send them out until they arrived to the age at which they are to be manumitted and set free, as it is my will and desire that my executor may have full

and ample compensation for the services which he will have to perform in the management of my estate — I have tenth: My will and desire is that my friend Thomas J. Helms of Livingston Kentucky be and he is hereby appointed executor of my last will and testament — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth day of May 1841 or near Vintonville before signed
Signed sealed acknowledged & published in the presence of us } His Wife Jane Sturge Jones
Key Crutcher,
William Burnett

I Thomas Sturge Jones do make and publish the contents of my last will and testament viz- I do hereby revoke that part of my last will which gives to my wife Jane Sturge all of my personal property and all the money I may have on hand at my death and I do hereby direct that she shall have all the property of every kind which I obtained and to which I became entitled by my intermarriage with her and the increase thereof; but in case she refuses to abide by this will then I direct that my executor assert my right to and take possession of all property to which I may be entitled by virtue of my intermarriage with her as directed in clear rights of my original will — And whereas my wife at the time of my intermarriage with her was in some various debts, some of which remain unpaid, I direct that all such be paid out of the property secured to her by the bequest — I direct that all my personal property and money devised to my wife in this third of my original will in lieu of her own share to her as herein directed shall be given to and divided equally with my negroes in such manner and at such times as my executor shall think equitable and just — And whereas it may happen in case of the death of my executor that my negro boy James may be deemed to be placed under the control & management of persons who may not treat him in that kind and benevolent manner I so much desire it is my will if that should unfortunately be the case, that upon proper representation of the facts to the County Court where he may then be, that the Court shall cautiously & with judgment select for him a home and a person to have the guardianship & Control of him according to the true spirit & meaning of this will — I direct that my

fall beaver be slaughtered the meat sold and the hides
delivered to Mansford & Jeffries as agreed on between us -
I also declare that the hunting which I owe S R Long
be paid, and also that which I owe George J Deering
if any - In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand
at Seal this 18th day of September 1841.

Signed & acknowledged
in our presence
James M Payne
John Boon
Sepe & Wood

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Thomas + Hays
mark

Barren County, Set October Term 1841

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will
of Thomas Hays dec^d and a codicil thereto was pro-
duced in Court and the said will was proven in ac-
cordance of law by the oath of Henry Cletcher and
Williams Garnett both subscribing witnesses thereto
and the Codicil attached thereto was proven by the
oath of James M Payne & John Boon. Whereupon
the same & the Codicil were ordered to be recorded
as the true last will and testament of said Thomas
Hays dec^d

All

Thos & Helen C366

Chanc^d

to Porter
Will

I, Susan Porter of the County of Carroll & State of
Kentucky do make and give this my last will and testament
to be my last will & testament, providing with others
In the first place that in my will I desire I do hereby
bequeath to my beloved daughter Susan Porter what within
I have in the form of money and I myself and one
our general but absolute & personal estate I have
in the form of cash I own now, except my share
in the land I own in my natural life,
and after her death it is my will I desire I do
bequeath the same for her use with the exception of
John and my share. I do hereby expressly declare
that I am the owner of myself & the said Susan, that
no person properly or lawfully has or claims any share in
the inheritance has been considered by myself & I
as being an heir, and I do hereby declare that I do
not intend to be any property which my said wife Susan
had at our intermarriage and direct my executors

to have after my death to set up in School to the sum of \$1000
for my heirs. This arrangement being myself I am in regard
to my wife Susan Porter and her heirs.

Secondly, I do hereby declare that all my personal prop-
erty except what is herein specifically bequeathed to be sold out of
the proceeds thereof my just debts & funeral expenses to be paid.

Thirdly, I do hereby bequeath to my daughter Susan Porter
and my son Edwin Porter my two parts of the land, & I desire
to be divided before me in the way that I prefer.

Fourthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son William Porter
my share of the land.

Fifthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Sixthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Seventhly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Eighthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Ninthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Tenthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Eleventhly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Twelfthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Thirteenthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Fourteenthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.

Fifteenthly, I do hereby bequeath to my son Edwin Porter my share
of the land.