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Barren County Set May Term 1845
 The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will
 of John R. Rodgers dec'd was produced in Court &
 proven in due form of law by the oath of Marion
 McKimney and McComa Smith subscribing witnesses
 thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded
 as the true last will of said John R. Rodgers dec'd
 all
 The I. Nelson exec

H. Martin

Will

I George Martin of Barren County Ky being weak in
 body but of sound mind do hereby make my last will
 and testament in manner and form following - 1st I
 desire all my just debts & funeral expenses to be paid out of
 my perishable property as soon as there can be sales made
 and the proceeds collected - 2^d after the payment of my
 debts and funeral expenses I give my wife Elizabeth Martin
 all the residue of my estate both perishable and personal
 for and during the term of her natural life and after her
 decease I give the same to my lawful heirs equally to be
 divided among them and to be enjoyed by them forever -
 3^d and finally I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife
 Elizabeth Martin executrix of this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all other wills and testaments by me heretofore
 made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 affixed my seal this 18th day of June 1845.

Test
 George Martin
 Henry Childress
 John L. Spurgeon

Barren County Set July Term 1845.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will of
 George Martin dec'd was produced in Court and proven in
 due form of law by the oath of Henry Childress and
 John L. Spurgeon both subscribing witnesses thereto.
 Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the
 true last will and testament of said George Martin
 dec'd

all this I. Nelson exec

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W. Bybee

Will

I William Bybee of the State of Kentucky & County of
 Barren do hereby make my last will and testament in
 manner & form following that is to say - 1st I desire that all
 the perishable part of my estate with the exception of stocks
 hereafter named be immediately sold after my decease &
 out of the monies arising therefrom all my just debts and
 funeral expenses be paid, should the perishable part of my
 property prove insufficient for the above purposes then I
 desire that my executor hereinafter named may sell my
 tract of land on which I now live lying in the County of
 Barren & State of Kentucky on a Credit of three months
 & make a good & lawful bill to send back of hand and
 out of the monies arising therefrom pay & satisfy each of
 my just debts as shall remain unpaid out of the sales of
 the perishable part of my estate and the remainder of the
 monies arising from the sale of said tract of land to be
 equally divided between my two children, but in case my
 perishable property is insufficient to pay all my debts & funeral
 expenses my executor be sell the above named tract of land
 & also be convey a good & sufficient bill to send previous
 & divide the monies arising therefrom equally between
 my two children - 2^d I wish my wife Frances to have
 choice one of my stock of horses & one milk cow & I send
 of sheep also I send of average hogs I wish my wife
 to have two hard pork barrels & one press barrel & a large
 chest common chest two beds & bedsteads & four average
 chairs one coffee mill kettle pot oven tea kettle frying
 pan skillet one round bedstead side of saddle blanket
 & trundle & all the bedding with the exception of her bed
 and furniture - 3^d I have hereunto thirty one dollars
 in the hands of J. W. Grinstead whom I appoint executor
 of my estate and I hereby authorize him to act in such
 respects
 William Bybee

J. F. Hodges
 Wade Velazat
 Edmund Poyard

Barren County Set August Term 1845
 The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will of
 William Bybee dec'd was produced in Court and proven in
 due form of law by the oath of Wade Velazat and Edmund
 Poyard both subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon

the same were ordered to be recorded in the town book and
of said William Byrd de.

all His Excellency

RS Bell

will

I Robert S Bell being in an infirm state of health but of
sound and disposing mind & memory, feeling the uncertainty
of the duration of human life, and being desirous of making
such provision by will as will best secure to my father William
a comfortable support & maintenance during his life, and
also make provision for my wife & child, do make publish
and establish this as my last will and testament in manner
and form as follows - Item 1st I hereby appoint my father
in law Franklin Gorton my brother John M Bell and my
friend Sam^l Marshall Executors to this my last will and
testament - Item 2^d I will to my said executors in trust
for the use and benefit of my father William Bell all my
land with their appurtenances for and during the natural
life of my said father, they paying to my wife one third
of the net proceeds of the lands and having stored or one
third of what the rent of said property would be worth
annually, and at the death of my father I will said lands
& to my infant son William Franklin Bell subject to
the dower of my wife Maria Bell in said lands -
Item 3^d I will to my said executors in trust for the use
and benefit of my said father for and during his natural
life the one third part of all my slaves and at my household
and kitchen furniture farming utensils, waggon, teams &c
stock horses hogs sheep cattle &c, and at his death the slaves
to go to my said infant son, and the proceeds of said property to
be sold and one third of the proceeds thereof paid to my wife
and the other two thirds to be placed on interest and used
for the purpose raising clothing and educating my said son -
Item 4th I will the other two thirds of my slaves to be equally
divided between my wife and my infant son - It is my will
that my executors keep all my property together if my father
should live so long untill the full payment of all my debts -
Item 5th It is my will that my wife and child make
their home & live with my father if they shall choose
to do so clear of any charge to them - Item 6th I
will that all the property that I have received or may
receive by my wife go back to her or the value thereof
in addition to the other dowers herein made to her,
that when the slaves devised in Item 3^d to my wife

is only devised to her during her natural life & then to my son
Item 6th It is my will if my son should die during his minority
then in that event I will all the property herein devised to him
to be equally divided between all my brothers & sisters provided
he should not marry during his minority & have issue - In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 17th
March 1840

Witness

William Ford

William Hall

Robt S Bell ES

Codiced to the last will & testament of Robert S Bell
made & published the 17th day of March 1840

It is my will and desire that the provision made my eldest
child in my will be extended to and divided with my
two youngest children and that the provision made my
wife and father in said will remain as it is and be not
charged during their life or lives with any contribution
to make up an estate for my youngest children
Witness my hand & seal this 13th day of April 1845.

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of us

M Delph

H Whitman

Barren County 10th December Term 1845.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Robert S Bell dec^d and the Codicil attached
thereto were produced in Court and read & were proven at the
October term last and said will was proven in part by the
Oath of William Hall a subscribing witness thereto and
the said Codicil was fully proven by the Oath of Margaret
Delph and William Whitman subscribing witnesses thereto
and at this term the said will was fully proven by the Oath
of William Ford a subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon
the same were ordered to be recorded in the town book
of said Robert S Bell dec^d

all His Excellency