two hundred & fifty six Dollars 33 cts.
Given under our hands the day and date above
John Grubbs
William Wallace
Joseph Robertson
Godlan

Barren County Court
Sworn to in due form before me this 2 day of January 1844
Returned January 1845 & Recorded to Record
Jordan Davis JP

Godbery William Division

Agreeable to an Order of the County Court of Barren County We the undersigned Appointed Commissioners to divide the Estate of William Godbery Deceased Between Jemima S. Godbery, Henry M. Godbery, Alias Annsell Grinstead Keith B. Godbery & Susanna S. Godbery Heirs and Representatives of said William Godbery have Allotted
To James B. Godbery two Negroes one Man named John & a Woman name Phebe
To Ansell Godbery (Alias Anna Ell Grinstead) a Negro Woman named Caroline and a Negro man named Moses
To Keith B. Godbery a negro man named Lewis and a Negro Woman named Sally
To Susan S. Godbery two Negro Women Named Lucy & Viney
Given under our hands this 5th day of January 1845
James H Rice
William Clk
Dan Culp

Oct 3 1845 January

Cochrans Will

State of Kentucky set Court of Appeals 4th Monday 1844
Thomas Hinton & Benj. Cochran Upon an Appeal from a
his next friend Appellant Judgement of the Barren
against County Court
James Barton Appellee

The Court being now sufficiently Advised of and concerning the premises and having in Special the record and proceedings herein doth find the following Opinion or Court
This is an appeal from a Judgement of the County Court of Barren refusing to admit to Record an instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will and testament

of Reuben Cochran Deceased to the establishment of this Will two Objections were made 1st The want of capacity in the Testator to make her Will 2d That it was not executed agreeably to the mode prescribed by law
The Testator has for a considerable time made use of ardent Spirits to excess - had become habituated to intoxication and was evidently on the decline of life. But with respect to the Retention of his intellectual faculties and the capacity to dispose of his estate a diversity of Opinion is entertained among the Witnesses
The Writers of the Will and two of the Subscribing Witnesses are of opinion that the Testator was in his senses whilst another Subscribing Witness and the Physician who occasionally attended the Testator in his illness entertained a different opinion & thought him in a situation which incapacitates him from disposing of his Estate. No Attempt was made to impeach the Credibility of either of those two Witnesses but on the contrary there was proof that the Character of those who witnessed the Will is good
In Addition to the three witnesses who Depose to the competency of the Testator to make his Will a fourth may be mentioned who within a few days after the execution of the Will cohabited and remained with the Testator from the evening of one day until some time next Morning. But three of those Witnesses are relations of one of the Legatees and the Credibility of the fourth was somewhat questioned upon the score of Character & also upon the ground of a former contradictory Statement
In Estimating the testimony for and against the Competency of the Testator to direct the disposition of his property it will be proper to take into view the circumstances under which the Will was made. The Testator was a Single Woman without a Wife or legitimate Children. She acknowledged two Girls to be her Children and was instrumental in their removal from Carolina to Kentucky
She has provided formerly a former Will and frequently declared it was her intention to leave her property to those Girls and not to her Brother or other relations.
But a few Weeks before her death he sent for her Brother residing about thirty Miles from him who together with her son waited on the Testator when the Will in question was made concerning a devise of the land on which the Testator resided to the two girls one of the Slaves to Thomas Hinton the grandson of the Testators Brother who wrote said Will