

Boone County Court February Term 1828.

This last will and testament of Thomas Hawkins deceased was this day produced in Court examined & proved by the Oaths of M. J. Carter and Richard Stephens two subscribing Witnesses and thereupon or to be recorded thereupon the same is duly recorded.

Attest *Wm. H. Jones* Clerk

We whose names are hereunto subscribed were present in the dwelling house of Williams M. Clapton lately deceased in the County of Boone State of Kentucky and during his last illness very shortly before his death say within six hours before he died, that the said Williams M. Clapton being in his perfect senses or in other words of sound disposing mind and memory (and conscious that he would shortly die, die then and there verbatim) make the following disposition of his property & Estate both real and personal to wit:

1st He wished and directed that the lands on which he then lived to be sold and out of the proceeds of said sale he wished a debt of about Eleven hundred dollars which he had contracted as security for John S. Hamilton to John Alloway and which by John Alloway had been transferred to a Mr. Haines of Cincinnati and by said Haines to Thos D. Corneal should be paid to said Corneal.

He further directed that whatever sum the said tract of land should sell for over and above the amount of said debt that said surplus should be appropriated in the purchase of a farm. To be given as a home to his widow Mary M. Clapton to be and continue her property for and during her natural life, and that Williams M. Clapton Junior his eldest son living at home with him should live with his mother and manage said farm for her. And at the death of his said widow Mary the said tract of land so purchased should descend to and be equally divided betwixt his five youngest children then living at home with him.

2^d The said William M. Clapton deceased also directed that all his negroes should be equally divided betwixt his five youngest children. It being understood that his said widow was to have her support out of the use and services of said negroes during her natural life.

3^d He further directed that all the stock then on the farm household goods farming utensils and in fact all the residue of his personal estate was to remain in the possession of his said widow and subject to her control alone as a fund for her support and for the education and support of his five youngest children aforesaid &c. The said William M. Clapton also stated that he had a bond for three hundred dollars on John Leathers and said Leathers had a demand on him for about forty dollars which he got of George Carlier Esq. of Cincinnati. He directed that his sons George and Maurice M. Clapton should settle said demand with said Leathers by giving a credit on said Leathers bond for the said forty dollars and that the balance of said bond should be by them collected of said Leathers and the amount collected appropriated towards the purchase of the aforesaid farm as a home for his widow in addition to the fund before set apart and appropriated for that purpose.

4th The said William M. Clapton also stated that he made this disposition of his property and Estate now in his hands because he had hitherto given to his elder children to wit Sally Cary and George and Maurice M. Clapton each a greater portion of his estate than his by thus dividing his property could now give to each of the five younger children who were then living with him.

The said William M. Clapton further said in substance that he wished his two Elder Sons George and Maurice M. Clapton to manage his business after his death and see that his will in the foregoing matters should be carried into execution &c. from which we inferred he wished them to administer upon his estate after his death.

The said William M. Clapton died on the 4th day of July 1827 about 2 O'clock in the afternoon, and before his death repeatedly called on all present to

notice what we have above stated, we cannot now pretend to give the exact words of the deceased. But we do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is in substance correct. Given under our hands this 16th July 1827.

M^r G. B. Under
Thos. Madder
William M^r Neal
Meriman Hightower
Henry L. Kops.

Boone County Court December Term 1827.

This nuncupative Will of Wm^o McClapson deceased was this day produced in Open Court, and the Heir of s^c Wm^o McClapson having been duly summoned according to Law; and s^c will examined by the Court and proven by the Oaths of Meriman Hightower Henry L. Kops and William M^r Neal three subscribing witnesses, the same is or to be recorded, which is accordingly done.
Attest J. G. Combsin Clerk
Wm^o Graves clk.

In the name of God. Amen I James White of the County of Boone and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and memory, but weak and much afflicted in body and wishing to order and direct the disposition to be made of my estate after my decease do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will or wills testaments or testaments by me at any time made or attempted to be made.

And first I recommend my soul to the God that gave it and desire that my body may be buried in a decent and solemn manner suitable to the Occasion Second. It is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid and for this purpose I bequeath all my estate, both real and personal and direct my Executors hereinafter to be named to make sale of only so much of said Estate as will be sufficient for the payment of my said debts such sale to be of such of my property or estate as can be most conveniently spared.

Third. It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Lucy White should hold possess and enjoy all of my estate real and personal (except such part as may be necessary to be sold for the payment of my debts)

during her natural life, and I hereby will and bequeath to my said wife the use possession and enjoyment of all my estate as aforesaid.

Fourth. It is my will and desire that at the death of my beloved wife all my Estate real and personal should be divided equally amongst my children Julia Sullivan Kane, Rogers, Felicia Berkshire, Willis White, Richard White, Poley Hawkins, Lucy Kane, John White, Rebecca White, and Dudley White, and I hereby will and bequeath all my estate at the death of my said wife to my said children and their heirs forever.

Fifth. & lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son Richard White and my sons in law Burtin Rogers and John Kane Executors of this my last will and testament. In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of July 1826.

Signed & acknowledged as for his last will in the presence of us.

Benjamin Kane
Charles Chambers

James^{his} White Seal
mark

Boone County Court

April Term 1828.

This last will and testament of James White deceased was produced in Court examined, and proven by the Oaths of Benjamin Kane and Charles Chambers, two subscribing witnesses, whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest Wm^o Graves clk.

I Gilbert Campbell of the County of Boone and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind memory and understanding (though weak in body) and being desirous to make a disposition of my estate among my children by devise and to make provision for wife in case of my death do make this my last will and testament.

First. It is my desire and will that all my estate both real and personal (except forty acres of land) be left in the possession use and control of my beloved wife Mary Campbell as long as she lives or chooses to keep it for the support and maintenance of her and those of my children who may live with her but it is my wish that out of my personal estate and the proceeds of the farms, that my debts be paid, and that