

I am Gray shall have the privilege sell my negro man named Joe - should she deem it necessary or proper from disobedient conduct to her - But at the same time, I join on my said sister provided Joe behaves himself faithfully & well, to her that she will keep him, provided he lives in her service for and during his natural life, - and after her death, I hereby will and desire, the said man Joe shall go free - and not to be held to involuntary slavery, or servitude any longer, under any pretension what so ever - and in case my Blacksmith tools may be on hand, that he shall have them for his own use and benefit & I do hereby constitute & appoint my friends Seneca M. Wade & James H. Rochester Executors of this my last will or Testament, hereby revoking all former wills or testaments, by me heretofore made - In witness whereof I have hereunto set & affixed my my hand & seal this 14th day of January 1845 -

Atteste

Wm Wade

George B. Webb

Robert Gray (Seal)

State of Kentucky

Boyle County Court & sct

I Thomas B. Nichols Clerk of the county Court for the County afo^r, do certify, that this last will and testament of Robert Gray dec^d, was produced in said said Court at the August term 1845 & it appearing that the probate of said will was contested, by consent of parties the probate of the same was cont^d, until the next term of said Court - And afterwards, at the September term of said Court in the year 1845, said will was again produced to said Court and John Gray - James Gray & Sally Gray entered themselves as Defendants & contested the probate of said will & on motion of Ex^r the same was continued untill the next term - and afterwards, viz, on the 1st day of the October term 1845 of said Court, said will was again produced in open Court & prop^d to have been duly executed by the said Robert Gray as & for his last will and testament by the oaths of George B. Webb & Wm Wade, subscribing witnesses thereto, and after the examination of witnesses & the argument of Counsel the Court not being sufficiently advised took time till to Morrow Morning - and afterwards, on the second day of said last mentioned term the same being the 21st day of October 1845 - said will was again produced in open Court & the Court being sufficiently advised ordered said will to be recorded - Whereupon, said last will and testament together with the foregoing, hath been duly admitted to record in my office Given under my hand this 21st day of October 1845 -

Thos B Nichols Clk

I Abram L Irvine's Will

I Abram Lytle Irvine being weak in body - but of sound mind do make and publish this as my last will and testament It is my will 1st that all my just debts are paid as soon as may be practicable after my decease - I purchased of the Devises of John Hughes deceased nineteen twentytwo of a tract of land in Boyle County supposed to contain 500 acres. It has not been paid for - I have sold to my Brother James H Irvine two hundred acres of said land - I have no deed for it - I wish to confirm to him his title when the purchase money is paid - & that the residue be sold - It is therefore my will 2nd that my executors herein after named shall sell the residue of the tract after 200 acres is laid off according to my title bond which he holds to James H Irvine - & if he shall act as one of my executors it is my will that he hold said 200 acres without farther conveyance from me, subject to a lien for the unpaid purchase money, the residue of said tract I wish my Executors to sell - & they - or the one who shall qualify - or the survivor, or the persons who may act under this will as my Executor or as the Administrator ^{with the will annexed} shall have full power to convey said land, and if James H Irvine shall not act as an Executor a deed may be made to him by the same person or persons 3rd It is my will that the whole of my Estate that is all my Negroes, & the proceeds of my land & personalty shall go to my Daughter Letitia Ed^d 4th If she shall die without an heir & before she arrives at the age of 21 years. It is my will that one thousand dollars shall go to my Brother in law Samuel K Hughes, and five Hundred Dollars to Edward Bonthrop (but said Bonthrop shall not receive said \$500 - unless he shall continue his Collegiate course & graduate at a chartered Literary Institution) It is my will that the residue of my estate (if my Daughter die without an heir & before she is 21 years of age) shall go to such of my own relations as by law would inherit from me 5th It is my will that James H Irvine be the guardian of the person of my Daughter & that she shall receive a first rate education - I hereby appoint James L Hopkins Thomas B. Hughes and James H. Irvine my Executors & request them to act as such - in witness my hand & seal this 12th August 1845 Signed sealed & acknowledged in our presence

Jas Weisiger

Jas Farham

Chas Henderson

A L Irvine (Seal)

Codicil - If my brother in law Abram Irvine will give

\$30. per acre for my ^{land} in hand the rest in 182 Years
my Executors may close the trade & convey the same to
him on those terms

Witness
Charles Henderson
Jos. Weisiger
Jos. Barbour

A. L. Irvin

State of Kentucky

Boyle County Court & J. C. T.

I Thomas B. Nichols Clerk of the
County Court for the County aforesaid, do certify that this
last will & testament together with the codicil thereto annexed
of Abram Lyle Irvin, was produced in open court to said
court at the September term 1845 and proved to have been
duly executed by the said Abram Lyle Irvin as and
for his last will & testament by the oaths of Charles Henderson
& Joseph Weisiger subscribing witnesses ^{to both} said will
& codicil and ordered ~~and~~ to be recorded: when upon
said will & codicil together with the foregoing certificate have
been duly admitted to Record in my office - Given un-
der my hand this 15th day of September 1845 -

Thos B Nichols Clerk

Jeremiah Laws' Will

I Jeremiah Laws of the County of Boyle and
State of Kentucky do make and ordain this my last will
and testament First. My will and desire is that all my
just debts and liabilities be paid by my Executors herein
after named as soon as practicable after my decease out of the
first money that comes to their hands from the proceeds of my
estate. Second I will and bequeath to my wife Susanna
for and during her natural life one equal third in value
of the tract of land on which I now reside to be allotted
her by Commissioners who may be appointed by the Boyle
County Court for that purpose. I also will and be-
queath to my said wife one equal third part of ^{all} my
personal Estate that may remain after the payment of
my debts and the expenses of administering my estate to be
held by her absolutely and to be subject to her disposal
finally Third. I will and desire that as soon as conve-
nient after my decease my Executors make sale of the

whole of my ^{Estate} real and personal upon such terms and credits
as my Executors may in their discretion deem most con-
-cise to the interest of my children. The land to be sold
subject to the dower interest of my wife and the proceeds
of said sale after the payment and the expenses of admin-
-istering my Estate to be distributed as follows. I will that it
first be divided into Eleven equal shares And to my son in
law Jacob Bussey I give one share. To my son in law James
Long I give one share, To my son in law Amos Hill I give
one share. To my son in law George M. Castlin I give one
share. To my son in law Gabriel Rice I give one share. To
my son William Laws I give one share to be held by my
Executors in trust for the use of his wife and children and
to be applied and appropriated for that purpose as my said Ex-
-ecutors may in their ^{discretion} think fit. To my daughter Matilda Wilk-
-son I give one share for the ^{exclusive} use of herself & her children. To
my daughter Priscilla Wright I give one share for the exclusive
use of herself & her children. To my daughter Frances Russell
I give one share for the exclusive use of herself & her chil-
-dren. To my son Jeremiah Laws I give one share. To Frances Laws
daughter of my son John Laws. Elmira Laws daughter of my
son James M. Laws. and James M. L. Whoberry illegitimate son
of my said son James M. Laws I give the Eleventh share to
be divided among the three as follows James M. L. Whoberry to
have half and the other half to be equally divided between the said
Frances and Elmira. And if either or all of the ~~fore~~ last men-
-tioned devisees should die unmarried and childless my will
is that their portion herein bequeathed to them shall return to ^{my} chil-
-dren and be equally divided among the whole of them excluding
my son James M. Laws. I also will and ~~desire~~ that the portion
of my Estate received by Amos Hill under this will shall at the
death of his wife who is my daughter Sarah return to my children
to be equally divided between them excluding my said son -
James M. Laws. Fourth And Lastly I nominate and ap-
-point my son Jeremiah Laws and my son in law Jacob
Bussey the Executors of this my last will and testament
thereby vesting them with full power and authority to exe-
-cute & deliver to the purchaser or purchasers of my land
proper deeds of conveyance whenever they are satisfied with
the payments therefor In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 4th day of August
1842

Witness
J. D. Mitchell
J. D. Mitchell

Jeremiah Laws Seal