

The Will of Henry Smith. Decd.

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Smith of sound memory and disposing mind hereby make and declare this to be my last Will and testament - First. after paying my burial expenses it is my will that all my property of every kind be sold by my Executor (save such articles as my wife may select to keep for herself, which articles are not to exceed in value one third of my household property) and the proceeds of such sale together with the money I may have on hand at the time of my decease are to be applied to the payment of my just debts - It is my will and request that my sons John & Henry take charge of their mother to their and support her in her old age, as they respect the memory of their father. I should my estate prove insufficient to satisfy debts and finish paying for my son Henry. Then it is my will that my son be given up to my friends & esteemed friends Christian Gore and Charles Henderson who are to live him out as they may deem best until by his service he shall have earned or have sufficient to reimburse them the money which they advanced me to purchase the freedom of my son. And when he by his service shall have that fully discharged the balance yet due for his purchase then Henry is to be emancipated and freed to go and do as best seems to himself, for himself - Having thus disposed of my worldly affairs and being mindful of the first great command pronounced upon man "dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return" I give my body to the Lord where it was taken. My Soul I give to God who gave it to me. I hereby appoint my trusty friend J. S. Boyle Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of the subscribing witnesses this the day of June A.D. One thousand eight hundred & fifty six -

Witness: C. S. Worthington
Catharine Brady

Henry X Smith
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The foregoing Instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will & testament of Henry Smith, decd. was produced to the Court at the above term, and proved by the oath of C. S. Worthington, one of the subscribing witnesses, who proved the signature of Catharine Brady, the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon, it was adjudged by the Court that said Instrument of writing be established as and for the last will and testament of Henry Smith, decd. and the same was ordered to be recorded - which is duly done in my office -

At: R. B. Bolling. C. C.
Boyle County Court.

The Will of Elizabeth Cowan.

The last will and testament of Elizabeth Cowan of Boyle County, Ky.

From a change in my circumstances it becomes necessary for me to change the will heretofore written and signed by me. I now revoke all other wills by me made and now make and publish this as my last will and testament.

First. The whole of the estate real & personal of which I may be possessed I direct my executors or such one of them as may qualify - and in the event of neither of them acting then the administrator or administrator who may be appointed - to sell on such terms and credits as may seem best to him or them - with full and ample power on his or their part to make all necessary and proper conveyances. Out of the proceeds said sales and my whole estate - I direct the payment of the following sums - 1st. To Patsy a free woman who now lives with me - Five hundred dollars. 2nd. To Mary (a free woman of color married to Cyrus) five hundred dollars to be held by her to her own separate use and benefit - free from the control of her husband Cyrus - and not be in any wise liable for his debts. 3rd. To Wall (a free man liberated by me) five hundred dollars. 4th. To Simon One hundred dollars. He is a free man of color. 5th. To Jenny, or as she is called since - the wife of Wall one hundred dollars to be by her kept from the control of her husband. 6th. To Lindy a free girl emancipated by me - she has one leg - one hundred dollars.

I wish my executors or administrators to retain and lend out two hundred dollars and the interest to be annually paid over to Milley a free woman of color about 63 years of age, during her life, and at her death the said sum of two hundred dollars to be paid to her children or their descendants according to the law of descent. My personal apparel is not to be sold but to be divided among such servants as I may direct.

I wish a liberal and ample compensation to be made to my Executors for their services in administering on my estate. And as to the residue of my estate I wish my Executors or administrator and I direct them to dispose of it as follows if there be any residue one hundred dollars to the Treasurer for the time being of the African Colonization Society - whose purpose is to colonize the free persons of color of the United States in Africa the said sum to be used for said society. And the balance to be equally divided between and paid to the Treasurers for the time being of the Old School Board of Commissioners for foreign & domestic missions under the control of the General Assembly of Old School Presbyterian Church of the United States of America for the use and benefit of said Societies. I appoint Joshua F. Bell & James P. Mitchell the Executors of this my true last will and Testament, with full powers to sell and convey or convey by them or such one of them as may qualify such estate as I may leave unsold or unconveyed and if neither of them act the same power is given to my Administrator to be appointed by the Court.

In testimony whereof I have signed and sealed this my will this 10th October 1851. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I have heretofore emancipated all my Negroes by deeds which were recorded if from any accident there be any omission to emancipate I now declare them all free. This 10 October 1851

Testes

Elizabeth Cowan.

Joshua F. Bell.

J. S. Hop.

I wish in selling my land that one half acre be reserved if so much be necessary to include the grave land on which a great many slaves are

Testes J. F. Bell. 14 Jan. 1852. Elizabeth Cowan.

J. S. Hop.

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J. R. R. Bolling, Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid, do certify, that the foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Cowan, deceased, was at the above term presented in open Court by the oaths of J. F. Bell and J. S. Hop, subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon said instrument of writing was adjudged by the Court to be the true last Will and Testament of said Elizabeth Cowan and ordered to record, which together with this certificate hath been truly recorded in my office. Given under my hand this 21st day of September 1857.

R. R. Bolling Clerk.

Boyle County Court.

The Will of Walter Meaup - Sec'd

I Walter Meaup do make and publish this my last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made by me. 1st It is my will that after my death, my Executor or Executors hereinafter to be named, pay all my just debts. 2nd It is my will and desire that my wife Hannah and my son William remain upon my farm during the life of my said wife, and after the death of my said wife I give and bequeath to my son William two thirds of my land, and the remaining third to my daughter Clarissa my grand son Walter Harris son of Jackson & Peachy Davis my grand daughter Charlotte Meaup, child of Joseph and Sabilla Meaup, and my grand daughter Laura, a daughter of Jackson & Peachy Harris and my grand son Felix child of my daughter Rebecca to be divided equally between them. 3rd It is my will that no division of the land shall be made after the death of my said wife, but that my Executor or Executors make sale of the land as soon after the death of my wife as they can conveniently