I Judith Briston, being at this time in sound health of body as well as mind, and weed, knowing the uncertainty of the duration of life as weed as all things else here, do put this as my last will and Testament,

1st. To my Son Roberts Children, Robert A. Irvin and Judith E. Irvin. I will and bequeath each fifty dollars

2nd To my 8 Grand daughter Judith G Cunningham I bequeath fifty Dollars.

3rd The balance of my estate I bequeath to be equally divided between my son Abraham, my daughter Sarah M. Lyle and my Grand daughter Judith Ann Sparks.

4th I hereby Constitute and appoint my son A. D. Irvin as Executor to this my last will and Testament,

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Attest

Robert I. Prather
I. William Lyle

Judith Briston (Seal)

State of Kentucky
Boyle County } Set

I. John B Akin clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do Certify that this instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Judith Briston dec. was produced in open Court, and proved by the oath of I. William Lyle a subscribing Witness thereto to be the last will and Testament of the said Judith Briston Decd. and the hand writing of Robert I. Prather an other subscribing Witness thereto was proven to be genuine by said Lyle, and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly. Given under my hand this 17th day of July 1852

Jno. B. Akin clk

I. James R Hays being of sound mind but weak in body and believing death to be near, do make this my last will and Testament to wit, — I will that my nephew James L. Hurt shall be educated out of my estate, also the youngest child of my sister Elizabeth Allen also Julia Allen daughter of V. H. Allen, Secondly I will that all the residue of my estate after paying all my debts shall be equally divided among my four Sisters Elizabeth Allen, Eliza Hurt, Rebecca Spence, and Catharine Allen, and in the event of the death of either my Sisters, their child or children to inherit there parents portion, Lastly I nominate and appoint my Brother in law, I. A Allen Executor of this my last will & Testament

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of Jany 1852

Witness
I. S. Hopkins
I. H. Holloway
R. R. Scott
W. George

I. R Hays (Seal)

State of Kentucky
Boyle County } Set

I. John B Akin Clerk of the County Court, for the County aforesaid do certify that this Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James R Hays Deceased was this day produced in open Court, and proven by the oath of James S. Hopkins a subscribing Witness thereto to be the last will and Testament of James R. Hays Decd, and the signatures of I. H Holloway R. R. Scott and W. George three other Subscribing Witnesses, was proven by said James S. Hopkins to be genuine and ordered to be recorded, which is done accordingly in my office, Given under my hand this the 16th day of August 1852

Jno. B. Akin clk

F. S. Reed Will

I. Francis S. Reed Sr of Boyle County do make & publish the following as my last will & Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all former wills made by me, My desire is that my just debts & funeral Charges shall first be paid out of my estate, The land whereon I live and my Slaves except as hereafter stated, and all my personal property I will ~~and~~ to be sold in Convenient & proper time after my death; the land on a credit of one two and three years, and the other property on a credit of one year leaving my executors to determine where the whole or any part of the purchase money of the land shall draw interest and I hereby authorize my said Executors to convey the land by general Warranty title, when the purchase money is all paid.

My wife and desire is that after my death my family shall Continue to reside on my farm as usual until my property is sold as above directed, reserving a support from the farm and Stock & Supplies on hand & the growing crop if there shall be one without any account thereof to my executors,

I Give to my beloved wife three thousand six hundred dollars ($3,600) as an equivalent for right of dower in my estate and in lieu thereof which she has said to me she was willing to except, and I give the same to her absolutely, —

I Give to my Grand daughter Sally Ann Camden my Slaves Charlotte, Jim and Kirk and I advanced to the mother of the said Sally Ann Camden in her life time a Slave by the

name of Maria which I understand the said Sally Ann Camden now has with her increase,

My Son James Weir Reed now deceased, I advanced in his lifetime as much as I intended to give him, And my daughter Betsy Ann Blair, I advanced in her lifetime as much as I intended to give her, —

To others of my surviving Children I have made advances as follows to Alexander P. Reed Twelve Hundred Dollars, To Francis S. Reed by Twelve Hundred Dollars, and a negro boy by the name of Ben worth five Hundred dollars, To Hannah Frances Bowman One thousand Dollars to Thomas H. Reed, Thirteen hundred Dollars, To William Thornton Reed Six hundred dollars, To Henry C. Reed, Eight Hundred Dollars, To my Daughter Ann Maria Reed and my Son Bayle Reed, I have made no advancements.

My Will is that the residue of my estate after my wife gets what is given to her & my Grand Daughter Sally Ann Camden gets the three Slaves given to her as aforesaid, shall be divided equally among my surviving children as aforesaid namely, Alexander P. Reed, Frances S. Reed by Hannah H. Bowman, Thomas H. Reed, William Thornton Reed, Henry C. Reed, Ann Maria Reed, and Bayle Reed, my children advanced as aforesaid accounting for their advancements as above stated at the time of division,

I hereby appoint my Son William S. Reed and Henry C. Reed executors of this Will request that no security be required of them as such, but that they or either of them, if only one should act, be permitted to qualify without giving Security, Given under my hand this 12th day of August 1852.

Witness
O. Garnett
John M Clane
Robt. Dilford

Francis S. Reed

State of Kentucky
Bayle County } Set

I John B. Atkin clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid, do certify that this Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Francis S. Reed Deceased was this day produced ~~to me~~ in Open Court and proven by the oaths of O. Garnett, John Mc Clane, and Robert Dilford Subscribing Witnesses, thereto to be the true last will and Testament of the said Francis S. Reed Decd, and ordered to record which is done accordingly in my office, Given under my hand this 18th day of August 1852

Jno B. Atkin clk,

I William Sumney do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made —

In the first place I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth the Farm on which I now live, for and during the term of her natural life,

I also give to my said Wife, my Negro Woman Nancy during her natural life and also give her the choice of my negro men Tom and Henry or either of the three oldest Boys of my Negro Woman Nancy.

I also give to my said Wife during her life the 5 choice of my horses, then of the choice of my Cows, and also such of my Household and Kitchen Furniture as she may desire to retain during her life.

Item 2d I give and bequeath to my daughter Minerva my Negro Girl Isabella over and above an equal share of my Estate — the unequal devise to my said daughter Minerva is owing to the fact that she is afflicted — My said Daughter Minerva is to enjoy the property she may get from me during her life, and at her death, the same is to be equally devided between my other Children, provided my sa Daughter Minerva dies without hims of her body

Item 3d I give and bequeath to my two Grand ~~Daughters~~ Elizabeth and Cornelia Durham, Two hundred dollars each, to be used by my Executors in their Education and Supports as they may think best.

Item 4th. It is my Will, that my land over the ~~Road~~ back of Barnes Pennys and a piece of Timber Land in Mercer County, near the Sun Pike Road, leading to Harrodsburg be sold by my Executors, on such ~~Credits~~ as they may think best, and the proceeds of the Sale equally divided among my Children. My Executors herein after named are hereby vested with full power to make the Sale aforesaid and to convey the same to the purchaser.

If only one of my Executors named herein shall act, then his acts shall be as good and valid as if performed by both —

Item 5th The Balance of my Estate not herein specially devised, that is my Negroes, I direct to be equally divided between my Children; and if the same cannot be equally divided in kind, then they are to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my Children.

The names of my Children are William Sumney, Margaret Bruce, Mary Hiems, Eliza Sumney, (formerly Eliza Durham) John Sumney, Jeremiah Sumney, Minerva Sumney and Samida Durham.

I nominate and appoint my friend Samuel McDowell and my Son John Sumney, my Executors.

Given under my hand this 28th day of Feby 1852

William Sumney

Signed in presence of
W. S. Polk M. D.
Bennett Bull Jr
Sepo Bull