

immediately after my death or at the death of my Step-Mother, when her Life-Estate ceases. Lastly, I hereby appoint my wife, Serena Jane Bruce Executrix of this my last will and testament; and I desire that in the execution of her Bond as such, no security shall be required of her.

Given under my hand this 22^d day of November
in the Year of our Lord 1848

Robert Rhodes
Clifton Rhodes
James Garret

C. Bruce

State of Kentucky

County Court of Boyle County 3^d Set:

I, Thomas B. Nichols, Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid, do certify that this last will and Testament of Charles Bruce dec'd was this day produced in open Court, to said Court at its December Term 1848 - and proven by the oath of R. Rhodes and James Garret subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, which has been truly done in my Office

Given under my hand this 18th day of December 1848

att. Tho. B. Nichols clk

I, Frederick Ripperdan 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 be paid as soon as convenient after my decease. Second. It is my will and desire that my slaves (to wit) Tom, Henry, Jim, Washington, Susan and her child with her future increase be, and they are hereby, set free and are to be emancipated immediately after my decease. Except my negro man Henry, who is to be hired by Executor for the term of Five years from and after my death, at the expiration of which time my said man Henry is also to be emancipated, and forever set free - Third - My will and desire is that such of the above named Boys who are minors at my death and are without a trade shall be bound out by my Executor to learn such trade as he may think best at the expiration of which time they are to be set free forever - Fourth - In consequence of the misconduct of my negro woman Abby or Abby - purchased by me of Nelson Shields I hereby authorize and empower my Executor to sell and dispose of her at my death and account for the proceeds of her sale as the rest of my Estate - Fifth - My will and desire is that the remainder of my Estate both real and personal, not otherwise disposed of, at my death be sold by my Executor herein-after named, I hereby authorize and empower my Executor to sell and convey by deed any and all of my real Estate and my said Executor is authorized to execute and make any and all conveyances to property by me sold and in all respects

to comply with any title-bonds by me given for the conveyance of property and to require those to whom I have sold property to comply with their contracts - Sixth. My further will is that all of my Estate both real and personal when sold the proceeds of which is to be divided into Eight equal parts or shares of which I will and desire are follows (to-wit) One share to the Children and heirs of my deceased Brother John. One share to my Brother Abram which is to be free from all claims which are now or can hereafter come against him and which he is to have the free use and control of. One share to my sister Katy Shaw - One share to my sister Matty Braxdall. One share to my sister Easter Wingate. One share to my sister Mary Wigham. One share to my sister Sally Fields and one share to my sister Susan Fields all of which above shares to my Brothers and Sisters above named are in all respects to be equal - Seventh I hereby state, in order to stop any difficulty which might arise after my death in relation to the ages of Washington and Jim - they being named and disposed of in the second clause of this will, that they are of the following ages (to-wit) Washington about the age of 14 years, and Jim about the age of 16 years - My further will is that the share heretofore left to my sister Mary Wigham shall go to her Children and be equally divided amongst them - Eighth - My will and desire is that all the clothes which I may have at the time of my death shall be equally divided amongst my said slaves named in the second clause of this my last will

Ninth - I hereby nominate and appoint my Nephew Jeremiah Fields - sole Executor of this my last will and testament and desire that County Court shall require no Bond or Security from him as Executor -

Signed, sealed, and attested Given under my hand and seal this the 5th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty of us as the last will and testament of Frederick Ripperdan

Frederick Ripperdan
Jone Nichols Jr
Tho. B. Nichols

Commonwealth of Kentucky

County Court of Boyle County 3^d Set

I, Thomas B. Nichols, Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid do certify that this last will and Testament of Frederick Ripperdan dec'd was produced in open Court to said Court at its August Term 1849 and proven by the oath of Tho. B. Nichols, a subscribing witness thereto - and Continued. And at the September Term 1849 of said Court the same was again produced in open Court and proven by the oath of Jone Nichols, who is also a subscribing witness thereto - whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded - which has been truly done in my Office

Given under my hand this 16th day of September A.D. 1849

attest. Tho. B. Nichols clk