

The Will of Henry Smith Deed

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 clothe 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 friend & esteemed friend Christian Good and Charles Henderson who are to live him out - as they may deem best until by his service he shall have earned a sum 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 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 earth whence it was taken. My Soul I give to God who gave it to me. I hereby appoint my trusty friend J. P. 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 -

Test: C. J. Worthington
Catharine Brady

Henry X Smith
Mark

State of Kentucky.

Boyle County Court Sec. - September Term 1857.
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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 found by the oath of C. J. 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 truly done in my Office -
Attest: 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 die 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 administrators 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.