

The Will of Thomas Prewitt, Decd

I, Thomas Prewitt of Boyle County Kentucky make this my last will hereby revoking all others -

1st I desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid.

2nd I desire that my negroes be equally divided amongst my children.

3rd I desire that my Exrs shall pay out of my Estate to my Grandchildren namely Thomas Prewitt Fifty Dollars, to Mary Francis Prewitt Fifty Dollars, to Mary Thomas Penny Fifty Dollars, to Kate Penny one Bastard child 2 years old - also to my namesake Thomas Prewitt Polk son of W. P. Polk Fifty Dollars.

4th I desire that all my land be sold publicly as soon as my Exrs shall think it practicable and upon the winding up of my Estate I desire that all my children shall be made equal, each one of them to make a report of any advances heretofore made to them by me. My Exrs is hereby empowered to convey by deed my landed Estate when sold as though I was living and make sale of it myself.

5th - I charge L. L. Penny One Hundred Dollars per annum for the years 1855 & 1856 for the rent of land on which he resides and cultivated in said years.

6th - I will owe my son Thomas Prewitt Two Hundred Dollars on the 1st of June next for working with me this year and he is not to be disturbed by taking any of said hands or oxen or any of the road working implements until the completion of my contract on the road -

7th - I will that my Exrs shall make comfortable provisions for the maintenance of my mother-in-law Mary Prewitt during her lifetime -

8th - I hereby constitute and appoint Wm H. Prewitt and L. L. Penny my Executors to this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of September, 1856,

Attest,

L. L. Gregory
J. L. Webb

State of Kentucky - Boyle County Court,

November Called Term, 1856,

November 10, 1856,

The foregoing Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Prewitt, decd, was produced to the Court at the above term, and proved by the oaths of L. L. Gregory and J. L. Webb - subscribing witnesses thereto - Whereupon it was

adjudged by the Court that the same be established as the last will and testament of said Thomas Prewitt, decd - which and the same was ordered to be recorded - which is accordingly done in my Office -

November 10, 1856,
Att: R. H. Bolling, Clk. Boyle Co., Ky.

The Will of James Gray, decd

I, James Gray of the County of Boyle and State of Kentucky, do make and declare this my last will and testament - First - I wish my just debts & funeral expenses to be paid by my executors hereinafter named - And as touching the residue of my Estate my will and desire is that it all be sold as soon as convenient after my death upon such terms and credits as my Executors may deem expedient, except my slaves which are to be disposed of in the following manner -

I wish my wife Elizabeth Gray to have one of my negro women for and during her natural life and she is to have her choice. The balance of my slaves I wish to remain among my children and the said slaves are to select such of my children as they may wish to live with and to be accounted for by those who get them at the price fixed upon them by the appraisers of my estate - Out of the proceeds of the sale of my Estate I will and bequeath to my said wife for and during her natural life one third of which the negro woman above named is to constitute a part - The residue I wish to be divided into nine equal shares - To my daughter Mary Richardson I give one share. To my daughter Lucy Kelsick I give one share, To my son John I give one share, To my son Archibald I give one share, To my son Charles I give one share - To my daughter Sally Bolling I give one share, To my daughter Nancy Kellam I give one share - To the children of my deceased son Robert Gray I give one share to be equally divided among them and if any of them should die before they arrive at full age, the portion of such deceased is to go to the survivor or survivors, and if all of them should die before they arrive at full age then I will that said share shall return to my Estate to be divided among my children in the same manner that the balance of my Estate is divided - To John Gray son of my deceased son

William Gray, I give one share but should he depart this life before he arrives at full age the share so devised to him is to be returned to my Estate to be divided among my children as directed above in the case of Robert Gray's children - If my wife should prefer having her dower assigned out of my specific property in lieu of the devise to her in the former part of this will, she is at liberty to do so, and in either case the Estate devised to her is at her death to be equally divided among my children and their descendants as directed as above in relation to my other Estate. And that no dispute may arise among my children as to former advancements I declare that up to this date the advancements heretofore made by me to my children are all equal - The slaves taken by my children are to be at their appraised value and to be accounted for in the first division. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son, Archibald Gray the sole executor of this my last will & Testament with full power to make the sales herein directed and make deeds of conveyance for the land to the purchasers thereof - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 2nd day of February, 1856

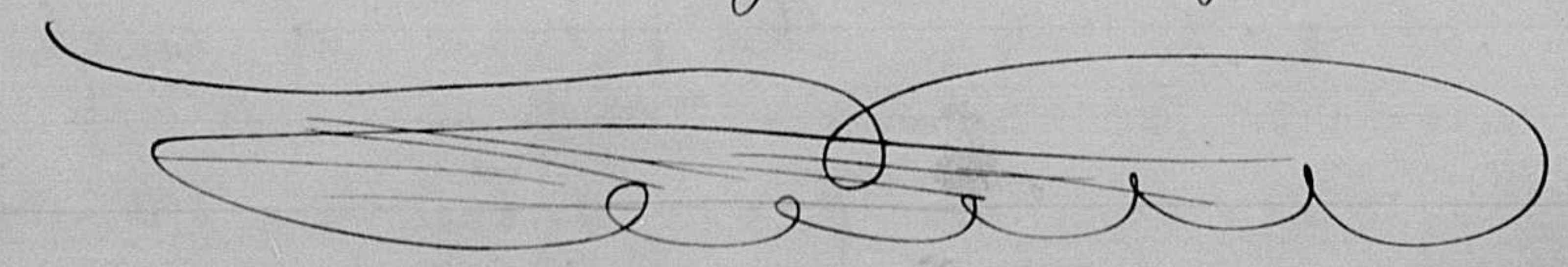
James Gray

Witness:
D. P. Mitchell
E. S. Montgomery
D. P. Brumfield

State of Kentucky - Boyle County Court, Feb.
November Term, 1856.
Nov 17, 1856.

The foregoing Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Gray, decd. - was produced to Court at the above term, and proved by the oaths of E. S. Montgomery and D. P. Brumfield - subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon it was adjudged by the Court that the same be established as the last will and testament of said James Gray, decd; and the same was ordered to be recorded - which is accordingly done in my Office.

Att: J. P. Collins Clerk
Boyle County Court



The Will of Susan Williams - color

I, Susan Williams, a free woman of color, of the Town of Danville and State of Kentucky, do make and constitute this my last will and testament. First I will and direct that my just debt be paid out of the proceeds of my property - Second - I will and direct that my Executor hereinafter named sell my house & lot on Main Street in Danville where I now live purchased of Mr. James E. Gillespie, and with the proceeds of said house purchase my daughter named Ann owned by Samuel Williams or his wife and emancipate her. The said daughter belongs to Samuel or Alexander Williams. I give my Executor full power to sell and convey the said house & lot and with the proceeds purchased and emancipate my 2d daughter - Third - If the purchase of my said daughter cannot be made, I will and direct my Executor to divide the proceeds of my Estate equally between my two male children William and John Thomas. Fourth - I appoint Dennis Doran the Guardian of my two children and give him control and Management of my 2d two sons as to him may seem best and direct him to hire them out and with proceeds of hire have them educated to read and write, and to bind them out to some good trade. Fifth - If my Executor shall not be able to buy my daughter Ann, I authorize him to pay over to Dennis Doran as Guardian of my children the proceeds of my house & lot. Sixth: I hereby constitute Speed S. Fry the Executor of this my last will and testament, and of James E. Gillespie whose title bond I hold does not make deed to me in my life time, I authorize and direct my Executor to receive and take the deed to himself as my Executor.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal this 1st day of February, 1857 -
Signed for and acknowledged by Susan Williams in our presence as witnesses.
D. W. Boyle
Speed S. Fry
Sam P. Barber

State of Kentucky
Boyle County Court, Feb.
February Term, 1857.
Feb 18, 1857.

The within and foregoing Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Susan Williams, decd, was produced to the Court