

either of them die before they become of age & without lawful issue then the whole is to be paid to the survivor. & should both die without lawful issue & before they become of age, then that case the portion which is hereby bequeathed to them is to be equally divided between my above mentioned children or their heirs. It is also my will that after the decease of my wife, the estate bequeathed to her be in like manner sold by my executor & the money arising therefrom, be equally divided between my above mentioned heirs under like conditions & restrictions. Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my friend W. Goodloe executor of this my last will & testament. Witness my hand & seal this 7th day of June 1847

Jas L. Crawford
John M. Meyer

John Braxdale

State of Kentucky
Boyle County Court 3rd set

I, Thomas B. Nichols, 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 John Braxdale dec^d. was produced to s^d Court at its August term 1847 & proved to have been duly executed by the s^d. John Braxdale dec^d. by the oaths of Jas L. Crawford & John M. Meyer, subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon said Will was ordered to be recorded, which hath been done. Given under my hand this 16th day of August 1847

Thos B. Nichols clerk

May 2. 1847
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We the undersigned, at the residence of W. C. Perry in the town of Danville, with James W. Mays dec^d. during his last sickness and on the 11th day of April 1847, he made his will in our presence in the morning of the day on which he died, and said in our presence, "I wish my mother to have my watch, and I wish my uncle Daniel Mays to have my partnership effects and other money to pay him for money borrowed by me from him while I was at College, and after paying him, I desire the balance to go to the benefit of my mother." We certify that above is the nuncupative will of James W. Mays as declared in our presence, and reduced to writing this the 19th day of April in the year 1847. In testimony whereof we set our hands & seals 19th April 1847.

W. C. Perry
Charles Ridgway

State of Kentucky
Boyle County Court 3rd set

I, Thomas B. Nichols clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that this writing purporting to be the nuncupative will of James W. Mays dec^d. was produced to the Boyle County Court at its April term 1847, and proven as directed by law, to be the true last will of the s^d. James W. Mays dec^d. by W. C. Perry & Charles Ridgway, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by s^d Court to be recorded. Whereupon the said Will together with this certificate, hath been duly admitted to record in my office. Given under my hand this 19th day of April A. D. 1847.

Attest

Thos B. Nichols clerk

Clemens. O
will

I, Osburn Clemens of Boyle County Kentucky do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me made. First I give and bequeath unto my Wife, Elizabeth Clemens as follows (viz) One set of Tea and Table Spoons, and one Bed & Bedding of her own choice without appraisement or charge, together with One-third of the proceeds of my Estate after the payment of my debts, to have and to hold the same in her own right forever.

Secondly It is my wish that all of my property be sold, both real and personal, unless such as I may name below upon the following terms (viz) The personal property & Slaves on a credit of One Year & the real-estate on a credit of One, two, and three Years with interest from the day of sale consisting of One dwelling House & Lot in Perryville, the same on which I now reside. One two acre Lot nearly adjoining on the south side of the Old Town boundary. Also one Store House & Lot on Walnut street in Perryville, together with a tract of Land of Fifty acres in Marion County about five miles from Lebanon it being the same on which my father John Clemens, now resides, said tract of Land not to be sold before the month of October next.

Thirdly My black woman, Rosette, I wish to remain with the family for five years after my death, without charge to my Wife, at which time to take her and her increase if any, at a fair valuation in Cash to be fix^d by two disinterested men, provided she wishes to do so, or should she prefer to take her at the price of Four Hundred & forty dollars at or before the sale of the other Slaves she is to have the liberty to do so, accounting to my Estate for that amount toward her portion of Cash which may be due her from the sale of my property.

Fourthly The Yellow child George now at Mr. Nobbs I do not wish sold with the balance, but to remain there until the full season day in the month of October or November next, at which time to be sold upon the same terms of the others now

Fifth. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Sherwood. P. Burton my Executor to this my last Will and Testament fully authorizing him to carry all of its provisions into effect; also to convey by Deed or otherwise all property sold as my Executor. Given under my Hand and Seal this the 11th day of June 1847.

Witness
J. A. Burton
A. B. Bottom

O. Clemons

Seal

State of Kentucky

County Court of Boyle County 3^d Sect

J. Thomas B. Nichols, Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid, do certify, that this last Will and Testament of O. Clemons, dec^d was this day produced in open Court to said Court at its June Term 1847 and proven by the oaths of J. A. Burton and A. B. Bottom subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which has been truly done in my office. Given under my Hand this 21st day of June 1847

att. M. B. Nichols clk

Durham. B
Will

In the name of God, Amen. I Benjamin Durham. of the County of Boyle and State of Kentucky being weak and infirm of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory convinced of the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in First. I recommend my soul to the mercy of Almighty God and resign my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors to be hereinafter named, and my worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and bequeath, demise and dispose of, as follows: First. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Margaret Durham the tract of land whereon I now live, lying on both side of the road leading from Perryville to Danville in Boyle County Ky containing between three and four Hundred acres of land more or less, during her natural life or widowhood; and after her death I will that the above property be sold and equally divided among all my children hereinafter to be named. The balance of my Estate both real and personal, I Will that it shall be sold as soon as my Executors may think proper after my death and the proceeds after paying all my just and lawfull debts, together with what money may be owing to me, I dispose of in the following manner, I Will that

it be equally divided between or among my ten children, to-wit: Lucinda Bilbo, Jacob Durham, Jane Carver, Valentine C. Durham, James M. Durham, Elizabeth Durham, Susan Compton, John B. Durham, Harriet W. Durham, and Milton J. Durham, each being liable for the charges made against him, or her in a book called my "Family-Book", charged in my own Hand-writing - Lastly - I nominate, appoint, and ordain my three sons, to-wit: James M. Durham, John B. Durham, and Milton J. Durham. the Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 28th day of October 1842.

Witness.

Wm G. Dailey

Isaac Savier.

Samuel McGinn

Addison Durham

Benj. Durham

Seal

State of Kentucky

County Court of Boyle County 3^d Sect

J. Thomas B. Nichols, Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid - do certify that this last Will and Testament of Benj. Durham dec^d was produced in open Court to said Court at its June (or) Term 1847 and proven by the oaths of Isaac Savier and Ad Durham - subscribing witnesses thereto - and ordered to be recorded - which has been truly done in my Office - Given under my Hand this 21st day of June 1847

att. M. B. Nichols clk

July the 26th 1846
Texas, near Point Isabelle

Dear Father and Brothers

Harmann. Wm
Will

I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present hoping that those few lines may find you enjoying the same great blessing. Dear Sister Lucinda and sister Catherine, I woud be very glad to see you all but it is not convenient at present. We landed at Orleans on the 6 and left there on the 9. We had a right serious time acrossing the Gulf. We wer from the 9 untill 21 out of sight of land. We wer very much crowded on ship. We had a good deal of sickness on the ship. We buried three of our fellow soldiers in the myghty deep. We also buried Richard Guthey the