Davis C. Harlans' Will

In the name of God amen, I Davis C Harland being infirm in body, but of sound disposing mind & memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form, following (to wit,)
First after all my just debts are paid, I give to my beloved wife Marty. C. Harland, the one half of my estate both real and personal during her natural life, provided however, should she marry then and in that case it is my will that she only have the income or use of it whether consisting in interest or money or use of lands & tenements= The other half of my estate I give to my son James. H. Harland provided he should live to be twenty one years of age but should he die before that time, then it is my will that my wife Marty C. Harland be my sole and unconditional heir, should my son live to be twenty one years of age & then die without lawful issue, then and in that case it is my will, that five hundred dollars of my sons portion of my estate be divided equally between the heirs of my Brother James Harland and the remainder of it, if any to be given to my wife.

It is further my will that the estate hereby be=queathed to my son James. H. Harland be held in trust by my father in law Henry Pruett of Scott county for the use and ben=efit of my said son, until he arrives at the age of twenty five years, & then ~~and then~~ to be handed over to him, if in the judgement of my said father in law it would be prudent and safe to do so, but if otherwise, then and in that case it is my wish that he continue to act as my sons trustee untill such time as in his judgement it would be safe and proper to entrust my son with it.- And should my said father in law choose at any time to relieve himself from the burthen hereby imposed on him, then and in that case it is my will, that he nominate a successor, which successor after giving sufficient bond in the proper court, shall have all the power confered on him, that is hereby confered on my father in law Henry Pruett.- In testimony that the foregoing is my true last will & testament I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 12th day of May 1845

Witnesses
H. Goodloe
John Pitman
W. R. McGrath

Davis C. Harlan

Codicil

I. Davis. C. Harland do make and publish this Codicil to be added to my last will and testament, in form and manner

following (to wit).- I hereby nominate and appoint Henry H. Pruett & my Brother James Harland Executors of this my last will and testament, witness my hand this 12th day of May 1845

Witnesses
H. Goodloe
John Pitman
W. R. McGrath

D. C. Harlan

State of Kentucky
Boyle County Court } Sct
I Thomas B. Nichols 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 Davis. C. Harlan decd together with the Codicil thereunto annexed was produced in court at the July term 1845 and proved to have been duly executed by the said Davis C. Harlan as and for his last will and testament by the oaths of H. Goodloe, John. Pitman, and W. R= =McGrath, subscribing witnesses thereto as also to said codicil there=upon said last will and testament together with said codicil was ordered to be recorded- which is accordingly done. Given under my hand, this 21st day of July 1845

Thos. B. Nichols Clk

Robert Grays Will

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Gray of the county of Boyle and state of Kentucky being weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give bequeath and dispose of the same in manner following (viz)
1st My will and desire is that all my just debts and fune==ral expenses be paid. 2nd After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my sister Jane Gray all and singular my estate both real and personal to have and to hold in her own right forever with the exception herein after named. But enjoin it upon her at some suitable time after my decease to have the graves of my Father, Mother and self, with such others as she may think proper enclosed in some good and durable manner. Also my sd sister Jane is directed to pay, from the proceeds of my estate, the annuities from time to time as they become due, for which Jane bound by the will of my father Robt Gray decd.
3rd My further will and desire is, after my decease- that my said sister

Jane Gray shall have the priviledge sell my negro man named Joe should she deem it necessary or proper from disobedient conduct to her — But at the same time, I upon on my said sister provided Joe behaves himself faithfully & well, to her that she will keep him, provided he lives in her service for and during her natural life, — and after her death, I hereby will and desire the said Man Joe shall go free — and not to be held to involuntary slavery, or servitude any longer, under any pretention what soever — and in case my blacksmith tools may be on hand, that he shall have them for his own use and benefit &c. I do hereby constitute & appoint my friends Seneca R. Wade & James H. Rochester Exr's of this my last will or Testament, hereby revoking all former will or testaments, by me heretofore made — In witness whereof I have hereunto set & affixed my my hand & seal this 14th day of January 1845 —

Attest
Wm Wade
George B. Webb

Robt Gray (Seal)

State of Kentucky
Boyle County Court } Sct
I Thomas B. Nichols Clerk of the county Court for the county aforesd. do certify, that this last will and testament of Robert Gray decd. was produced in said said Court at the august term 1845 — & it appearing that the probate of said will was contested, by consent of parties the probate of the same was contd. until the next term of said court — And afterwards, at the September term of said court in the year 1845, said will was again produced to said court and John Gray — James Gray & Sally Gray entered themselves as Defts & contested the probate of said will & on motion of Eqr the same was continued untill the next term — and afterwards, viz, on the 1st day of the October term 1845 of said Court, said will was again produced in open court & proved to have been duly executed by the said Robert Gray as & for his last will and testament by the oaths of George B. Webb & Wm Wade, subscribing witnesses thereto, and after the examination of witnesses & the argument of Counsel the Court not being sufficiently advised took time till to morrow morning — and afterwards, on the second day of said last mentioned term the same being the 21st day of October 1845 said will was again produced in open court & the court being sufficiently advised ordered said will to be recorded — whereupon, said last will and testament together with the foregoing certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my office
Given under my hand this 21st day of October 1845 —

Thos B Nichols Clk

Abram L. Irvine's Will

I Abram Lyle Irvine being weak in body — but of sound mind do make and publish this as my last will and testament It is my will 1st that all my just debts are paid as soon as may be practicable after my decease — I purchased of the Devisees of John Hughes deceased nineteen twentieths of a tract of land in Boyle County supposed to contain 505 acres — It has not been paid for — I have sold to my Brother James H Irvine two hundred acres of said land — I have no deed for it — I wish to confirm to him his title when the purchase money is paid — & that the residue be sold — It is therefore my will 2nd that my executors hereinafter named shall sell the residue of the tract after 200 acres is laid off according to my title bond which he holds to James H Irvine — & if he shall act as one of my executors it is my will that he hold said 200 acres without farther conveyance from me, subject to a lien for the unpaid purchase money, the residue of said tract I trust my Executors to sell — & they — or the one who shall qualify — or the survivor, or the persons who may act under this will as my Executor or as the Administrator with the will annexed shall have full power to convey said land; and if James H Irvine shall not act as an Executor a deed may be made to him by the same person or persons 3rd It is my will that the whole of my Estate that is all my negroes, & the proceeds of my land & personalty shall go to my Daughter Letitia Reed 4th If she shall die without an heir & before she arrives at the age of 21 years. It is my will that one thousand dollars shall go to my Brother in law Samuel K Hughs, and five Hundred Dollars to Edmund Bontrep (but said bontrep shall not receive said $500 unless he shall continue his Collegiate course & graduate at a chartered Literary Institution) It is my will that the residue of my estate (if my Daughter die without an heir & before she is 21 years of age) shall go to such of my own relations as by law would inherit from me 5th It is my will that James H. Irvine be the guardian of the person of my Daughter & that she shall receive a first rate education. I hereby appoint James L. Hopkins Thomas B. Hughs and James H. Irvine my Executors & request them to act as such — as witness my hand & seal this 12th august 1845

Signed sealed & acknowledged in our presence

A L Irvine (Seal)

Jos Weisiger
Jas Parson
Chas Henderson

Codicil — If my brother in law Abram Irvine will give