

earning we left Orleans. Our company is generally in good health excepting some fore or five that are unwell. Allen has unwell, but he is well at present. We are at present on a point called Brases island. We expect to leave this place and move eighteen miles; it is about 9 miles up on the Rio Grande. There we expect to remain until the first of September; there has not been any battle since the 29. General Taylor thinks it best not make attempt until the weather gets cooler: his intention is to make an attempt to take a town called Montero; it is said to be the best fortified city in Mexico. It is that that if we gain the victory in that attempt that the great question then will be decided; it is very uncertain when I shall return, but I hope through the mercy of God to see each others faces on this of eternity, but if we should not, I hope that we may meet at Gods right hand, where parting will be no more. I want you all to pray that this may be our happy lot. You must excuse me for not writing sooner. I want you all to write to me as soon as you can. You can direct your letters to General Taylors army Kentucky Volunteers infantry under the charge of General Macel second regiment. I want you to give my best love and respects to all of my friends. I left all of my things in the care of Thomas Montgomery, and if I should not return I want what I have left be kind to be equally divided amongst my Brothers and Sisters. I now must come to a close. I have nothing more at present but remain your affectionate Brother until death

William Harman

Commonwealth of Kentucky
County Court of Boyle County 3 Oct
August (16) Term 1847

J. Thomas J. Nichols, Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do Certify that this last will and Testament of William Harman Dec^d was produced in open Court to said Court at its August (16) Term 1847- and the same was proven by the Oaths of A. S. Montgomery J. Butler and J. M. Fry to be the Hand writing of W. Harman Dec^d

Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded - which has been truly done in my office. Given under my Hand this 16th day of August. A.D. 1847

attest. Tho^s J. Nichols Clk

W. Dowell's Will

In the enjoyment of perfect health and in the full possession of all my reasoning faculties and feeling the brevity and uncertainty of Human Life, I hereby write this my last Will and Testament

1st I leave, and bequeath to my son W^m Wallace. M^c Dowell all my interest in the different parcels of Land purchased by him in Michigan we being joint purchasers of said Land

2nd I leave, and bequeath to my son W^m Wallace, M^c Dowell, five shares of stock in the Danville, Lancaster and Nicholasville Turnpike road

3rd I leave, and bequeath to my son, W^m Wallace. M^c Dowell, five shares of Stock in the Anderson and Mercer, turnpike road

4th I leave to the Children of my daughter Adeline Deaderick, for the especial use of their Mother as long as she lives, my negro boy, Milo, to be secured to them by my Executor for said purpose; that the said boy Milo and the negro girl Vicky, deeded to them two years ago shall not be liable for the debts of her husband Jas. W. Deaderick

5th I leave to the Children of my daughter Catherine Anderson, for the especial use and benefit of their Mother as long as she lives the following negroes Betty, Fanny, and Maria, together with their increase which they may have. Said Negroes to be secured to the Children of said Catherine by my Executor so that they shall not be liable for the debts of her Husband A. A. Anderson

6th I hold a note on Southern and M^c Dowell and H. S. Gowan for \$400. due me in February 1847. It is my will and desire that this sum be equally divided between my two daughters Catherine Anderson and Adeline Deaderick

7th I leave, and bequeath to the Children of my daughter Cath^{ryn} Anderson for the use of their Mother as long as she lives, all the furniture which I have heretofore loaned her together with all the furniture that I do possess of. Also, my Carriage & Horses to them for her use.

8th It is my will and desire that my Watch with my Silver Coffee Set consisting of three pieces be sold and the proceeds thereof safely invested for the benefit of Trinity Church in Danville

9th It is my will and desire that every thing I possess (not named in in this will) shall belong to my daughter Cath^{ryn} Anderson and I desire that she will take under her especial care and protection my old and

faithfull negro man Nat and supply all wants

Finally. I hereby leave my son ^{Wm} Wallace M^c Dowell Executor to this my last Will and Testament
Sarah M^c Dowell

State of Kentucky
County Court of Boyle County 3 Oct:
I, Thomas B. Nichols, clerk of the county court for the County aforesaid do certify that this last will and Testament of Sarah M^c Dowell Dec^d was this day produced in open Court to said Court at its August Term 1847 and proven to be the Hand writing of said Sarah M^c Dowell by the oath of M. F. Maury and ordered to be recorded - which has been truly done in my office - Given under my hand this 16th day of August 1847
att. Tho. B. Nichols clk

Potts Sam^l
Will

I, Samuel Potts, of Boyle County and State of Kentucky, do make this my last Will and Testament, that is to say - First. I give to my Wife, Patsy the tract of Land adjoining Perryville, including the House and lot attached containing about Eighty-five acres be the same more or less, it being the same now occupied by Mary Roney, also choice Horse saddle & Bridle, two choice Milk cows together with whatever of my House-hold and Kitchen furniture she may desire, not exceeding one-third in Value all of which at whatever they may be appraised during her natural life. Second - It is my Will that as soon as convenient after my death that the balance of my Estate both real and personal shall sold to the highest Bidder by my Ex^r upon the following Terms - that is to say My Personal property on a Credit of Twelve months. My real Estate on a Credit of One, two and three Years with interest from the date. Third - It is my Will and desire after the payment of my debts that the balance of my Estate not otherwise appropriated be equally divided between my legitimate children together with my illegitimate son Jefferson Potts, who I wish to share equally with them, subject however to the following Conditions. (Viz) It is my desire that my daughters Mary Roney and Pelitha Stewart's portions be placed at Interest for their benefit during their lives to be paid to them annually - at their death the principal to be equally divided among their children in case that either or both should marry prudent and discreet men to be judged of by my Executor. Then in that event the full amount to be paid

over to them. As regard to my sons, James, Samuel, and George, that their respective shares be paid over to them at the age of Twenty-one years - provided they give evidence of sufficient prudence and discretion to take care of it, which is alike to be judged by my Ex^r. If however they do not give such evidence, then in that event my desire is that their portion be placed at interest for their benefit untill they do give evidence of their capacity to take care of the Principal. Should however the interest of Marys & Pelithas portion be insufficient for their support &c my wish is that my Ex^r pay over to each Fifty Dollars annually out of the principal of their portion if their necessities require it. Fourth. It is my Will and desire that if the provisions I have made for my Wife should not amount to One-third of my Estate after the payment of my debts and Expenses incurred in the management of my Estate. Then in that case if she desires it I wish her to take out of my Estate such property at its valuation as will make her portion equal to One-third - Fifth It is my desire that the Property bequeathed to my Wife, at her death be sold upon the same Terms and divided in the same manner and like Conditions as before stated. Sixth and lastly. I constitute and appoint my friend John A. Burton my sole Executor to this my last will and Testament fully authorizing him to carry all its provisions into effect Signed in the presence of
Gardner Brinton
J. J. Sweeney
Samuel Potts

State of Kentucky
County Court of Boyle County 3 Oct:
I, Thomas B. Nichols, clerk of the county court for the County aforesaid, do certify that this last will and Testament of Samuel Potts Dec^d was this day produced in open Court to said Court at its November Term and proven by the oaths of Gardner Brinton and J. J. Sweeney, subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, which has been truly done in my office - Given under my hand this 15th day of November 1847
Att. Tho. B. Nichols clk

McGrath Wm
Will

W. William. R. McGrath of the County of Boyle & State of Kentucky do hereby make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say. First. I hereby convey all my right, title & interest in all my property both real and personal to my beloved Wife Kitty Ann. M^c Grath to sell and dispose of as she may think best for