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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.

Nov 17, 1856
Att: J. P. Collins, Clerk
Boyle County Court

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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 debts 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 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. Hey 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 2nd day of February, 1857 -
Signed for and acknowledged by Susan Williams in our presence as witnesses.

D. P. Boyle
Speed S. Hey
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

at the above term, on the above day, and fully proved by the oaths of J. P. Boyle and Saml P. Barber - two of the subscribing witnesses thereto - Whereupon the Court adjudged that the same be established as the true last will and testament of the said Susan Williams - And the same was ordered to be recorded - which is truly done in my Office - Feb'y 18. 1857

Attest: R. B. Poling, Clerk
Boyle County Court

[Signature]

Will of Jacob Yankee
In the name of God Amen. I Jacob Yankee of the County of Boyle and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament first I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses paid I then give to my wife Mary Yankee all my Estate during her life I then give to my children as follows. first I give to Susanah Thompson's Children one hundred dollars. I also give Elizabeth Christy's Children One Hundred dollars. I also give Catharine Linsoud's Children one dollar a piece. I also give my son John Yankee Twenty five dollars I also forgive my son Samuel Yankee the debt of One Hundred dollars he owes me. I also forgive my son Jacob Yankee the debt of One Hundred dollars he owes me. I then give the balance of my Estate to my two sons Michel and Andrew Yankee and my daughter Mary Dilworth with the exception of my Road Stake which I wish to remain in the hands of my Executors but the proceeds of which I wish divided amongst my children as it falls in their hands until it is worth one half of its nominal value and lastly I institute and appoint my two sons Michel and Andrew Yankee my Executors wishing the Court not to require security of them as I have confidence in them. I was under my hand this 1st day of January A. D. 1857 - my hand seal, Jacob Yankee

J. P. Webb, Witnesses
Mr. L. Chatham.

State of Kentucky
Boyle County Court, Feb. 18. 1857.
March Term, 1857.
The foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Yankee, decd., was presented to the Court, at the above term, and fully proved by the oaths of J. P. Webb - witnesses thereto, who proved the signature of

Mr. L. Chatham, other witnesses thereto, who signed and attested said instrument in the presence of said decedent, and in the presence of said Webb: And the Court adjudged the same to be the true last will and testament of said Jacob Yankee, decd., and ordered the same to be recorded which is truly done in my Office.

Attest: R. B. Poling, Clerk
Boyle County Court

[Signature]

John T. Spears' Will

I John T. Spears being of sound mind and disposing memory but in a weak state of body and knowing the uncertainty of all human events do make and publish this as my last will and Testament - 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Eliza Grubb the house and lot in the city of Danville in which she and her husband now reside at the value of fifteen hundred dollars in her share of my estate the bequest with three hundred and twenty eight dollars I have advanced her in money being all the advancement I intend for her until all the other children receive the same amount and until her mother's death at which time if there be any surplus over making the others equal to her she shall then come in for her rateable proportion of the surplus if there be any. 2nd. The house and lot now in possession of Manwaring and Brother as a carriage shop which cost me individually fourteen hundred dollars I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Ann Eliza upon her paying to my wife the said sum of fourteen hundred dollars with the interest thereon from the 1st of January 1857 until paid.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Spears all the balance of my property real and personal and mixed in Trust to hold for the benefit of herself and my other children requiring of her as my executrix and as Guardian for my children to give them such portions as they become of age as she can spare from the support and education of the younger children not to exceed in any case the advancement made to my daughter Ann Eliza. It is here expressly stated that she shall hold this trust subject to the following conditions.

1st She shall keep all such property as shall be necessary to carry on the farming operations and subjects