

Will of James Fields, jr. decd

I James Fields, jr. of the County of Boyle and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

I Item First. I will and desire as soon after my decease as possible that my Executors herein after named shall either Public or privately as in their discretion will best suit, sell my plantation on the following terms. One Fourth in hand the balance in three equal payments of One Year and Three years with interest from date. All the negroes on the farm belong to my Father.

I Item Second ~ I desire as soon after my decease as possible that my Executors shall pay off of my just debts.

I Item 3rd - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Almada Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars in cash and the property which I received with her consisting of One Bed and Furniture for the same, One Bureau, One Chest, and One Lounger and its furniture - One set of Table and One set of Tea Spoon and Red Car and Regule more -

I Item 4th - I give and bequeath to my beloved son Zachary T. Fields One Bed and furniture for the same, which my mother gave to me also my double barrel shot Gun and Pistol -

I Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Priscilla C. Fields her mother's Bed and furniture for the same, and saddle and bridle, and One set of Silver Tea Spoon marked P. F. H.

I Item 6th - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Demetrius Liza Fields 1 set of Table Spoon, and one pair of Preservio stands -

I Item 7th - I will and desire after the payment of my just debts, and all of the above legacies that all the residue of my estate be sold by my Exrs in such way as they may choose and the proceeds thereof be equally divided into three parts, One third to be given to my beloved wife and the remaining two thirds to be equally divided between my three children.

lastly - I hereby constitute and appoint my friend C. H. May and James Fields, junr, my executors to carry into full execution this my last will and testament and to convey the title of my land to the purchaser in as full a manner as I could myself - Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of May 1857 -

James Fields, jr. (Seal)
P. S. Board ~

State of Kentucky - Boyle County Court - July Term, 1857 to July 20, 1857.

The foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Fields, jr. decd - was produced to Court, at the above term, and proved by the oaths of Jeremiah Fields and P. S. Board, subscribing witnesses thereto, to be the act of said decedent; and the same was adjudged by the Court to be the true last will and testament of the said James Fields, jr. decd. and ordered to be recorded - which is duly done in my Office -
At: R. R. Bollinger, C. R. B. C. C.

The Will of Wm W. Ballenton, decd -

I William W. Ballenton of the County of Boyle do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.

It is my will that my executor hereinafter named, pay all my just debts. After the payment of my debts, I give and bequeath to my wife all my property real and personal, during her natural life, with full power to sell and transfer all or any portion of same, and invest the proceeds of such sales in any other property, whenever she may deem it best so to do, and she is also authorized to make deeds of conveyance to any real estate so sold.

Third ~ Should my wife ever marry again my desire and will is that her husband have no further control of any of her property, except to advise with her in regard to same.

Fourth - I give to my youngest son Joseph one thousand dollars over and above the rest of my children, and I also desire that my son George D. Ballenton have the management and control of my said son Joseph -

Fifth - After the death of my wife, and after the payment of the special legacy to my son Joseph, it is my will that the remainder of my property be equally divided between my children then living, and should any of my children die leaving heirs, the portion going to said child is to go to his or her heirs -

Sixth - I hereby constitute my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament and request that the Court take her bond as such without security - Witness my hand this 21 day of July 1857 -
Wm W. Ballenton -

H. P. Bosley
John Jackson -

State of Kentucky - Boyle County Court, Called Term, Aug. 6, 1857.
 The foregoing Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm W. Ballenton, decd., was produced to the Court at the above term and duly proved by the oaths of H. P. Bosley and John Jackson, the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon, the same was adjudged by the Court to be the true last will and testament of said decd.; and as such was ordered to be recorded; which is truly done in my Office.
 Attest: R. R. Bolling, Ck
 Boyle County Court - Ky -

The Will of Hanny R. Williams, Deceased.

I, Hanny R. Williams being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me -

First - I have given to Beverly D. Williams heretofore and put him in possession of my negro boy Major. I hereby confirm that gift made to him -

2nd - I will that at my death my two negro girls Ann & Harriet & their increase be appraised, and if Beverly D. Williams is willing to take them at the appraisement then he is to have them at the price they may be appraised to, but should he refuse to take them at the appraisement then I will that my Executor shall sell them to some good master for the best price he can get, and after paying all my debts I will that the balance of my estate be equally divided between Mariam W. King wife of Thos S. King, Hanny R. Mitchell and Parthenia B. Williams daughter of B. D. Williams. But should the said Hanny R. Mitchell die without bodily heir & heirs, I will that the portion devised to her go to the children of B. D. Williams - Should B. D. Williams agree to take the said negro slave Ann & Harriet and their increase at the price for which they may be appraised he is to have twelve months to pay to Hanny R. Mitchell's Mariam W. King their portions of their appraisement, the balance being one third he is to retain in his hands and pay over to the said Parthenia B. Williams upon her marriage or arriving at the age of twenty one years, he is not to be chargeable with interest -

3rd - I hereby appoint my nephew Beverly D. Williams Executor of this my last will and testament - B. D. Williams has agreed to see that my old servant Tom does not suffer for food &c. Signed, Sealed and published in the presence of Richard R. Bolling and Thos Collier the day of 1st of September 1857.
 Attest: R. R. Bolling
 Thos Collier.

Codicil
 I Hanny R. Williams being of sound mind and memory do make the following codicil to my will -

In the original will upon this sheet I have devised that the negro girl Ann and her increase should be appraised, and that Beverly D. Williams should take her and such increase at the appraisement if he desired. - I now hereby will that the original will shall stand so far as Ann is concerned, but since the date of the will she has had a child named Wesley Anne, which child I hereby give and devise to Harriet H. Anderson, Parthenia B. Williams daughter of B. D. Williams. If either should die the child is to go to the survivor, and if both should die before marriage or arrival at the age of twenty one years the negro child is to go to Sarah Emma Williams. This is to be a codicil to my will - In Witness Whereof I have set my hand and seal this 30th Nov 1857.
 Attest: W. C. Anderson
 J. L. Bailey
 Hanny R. Williams

State of Kentucky
 Boyle County Court, Set - September Term 1857.
 Sept 21, 1857

The foregoing Instruments of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament, and the codicil thereto, of Hanny R. Williams, decd., were produced to the Court at the above term, and fully proved - the first, the will, by the oaths of R. R. Bolling and Thos Collier, the subscribing witnesses thereto - the second, the codicil, by the oaths of W. C. Anderson, one of the subscribing witnesses, who proved the signature of J. L. Bailey, the other subscribing witness thereto; Whereupon, the same were adjudged by the Court to be established as such, and for the true last will and testament of Hanny R. Williams, decd., and the same were ordered to be recorded - which is truly done in my Office.

Attest: R. R. Bolling, Ck
 Boyle County Court