

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 Set

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. W. 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 Christian friends. 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 sides 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 Belts, Jacob Durham, Jane Carver, Valentine C. Durham, James M. Durham, Elizabeth Durham, Susan Compton, John B. Durham, Harriet M. 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 seals 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 Set

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 (21) 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. W. B. Nichols clk

July the 26th 1846
Texas, near Point Isabelle

Dear Father and Brothers

Hammam, 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 Vessindy and sister 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 a crossing the Gulf. We were from the 9 untill 21 out of sight of land. We were very much crowded on ship. We had a good deal of sickness on the ship. We buried three of our fellow soldiers in the mighty deep. We also buried Richard Guthy the

earning we left Orleans. Our company is generally in good health excepting some fore or few that are unwell. Allen has unwell, but he is well at present. We are at present on a point called Brasas 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 thought 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 Mace 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 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

I, Thomas J. Nichols, Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that this last will and Testament of William Harman Dec. 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.

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. Thos. 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 Wm 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 Wm Wallace, M^c Dowell, five shares of stock in The Danville, Vancaster and Nicholasville Turnpike road

3rd I leave, and bequeath to my son, Wm 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 Jincy, 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. J. Goran 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^a 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 die possessed 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^a Anderson and I desire that she will take under her especial care and protection my old and