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Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Bates of the County of Breckinridge and state of Kentucky farmer being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made And as to my worldly estate and all the property real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I desire bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:

All my just debts and funeral expenses shall first by my Executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient Having decided by deeds dated the 21st day of June 1871 to the heirs of my deceased son Samuel I Bates and to my then living son John W Bates children and heirs of my first wife Jane I Bates each party one hundred and ninety six acres of land as described by said deeds and recorded in the County Court Clerks Office of Breckinridge County to which deeds for special description reference is hereby made: and deeming and believing that said apportionment gives to my said heirs by my first wife Jane I Bates their full shares or more of my estate and believing them in justice to be fully provided for out of said estate. I now desire and bequeath the remainder as follows to wit:

To my beloved wife Sophia Ann Bates for and during the term of her natural life I give and bequeath all and singular with the two foregoing exceptions, such real estate every where as I may be possessed of at the time of my decease and it is my will and desire that such real estate mentioned be vested in my wife Sophia Ann Bates for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease it is my will that it shall descend to the heirs or the issue of my marriage with my wife Sophia Ann Bates. It is furthermore my will that if it should ever be advisable at the discretion of my wife Sophia Ann Bates, to dispose of said real estate she is hereby empowered to do so but the fund arising from such sale or sales is to be invested in other property or estate for the benefit of said children after the decease of their mother. In the event that if my life should be spared longer than that of my wife Sophia Ann Bates it is then my will that the provisions of this will with all its benefits accrue to her children the issue of our marriage.

After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath absolutely to my wife Sophia Ann Bates all the personal estate and property, money, notes, accounts and all other evidences of debt due me (aside from the landed estate) that I may die seized and possessed of to be used and disposed of at her discretion for the support of herself and her children. And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Frank L Roff executor of

if not, then so much as may remain of said income
 Sixth The residue of the income I desire to be used for the
 benefit of those of my natural heirs as may from time to
 time require some assistance using his best judgment to
 administer to those most needy, including the heirs of
 Thomas Oliver who married Anne Brown
 Seventh. I do hereby appoint my uncle John K. Heist
 as my executor of this my will and give him full power to carry
 out the same and to do all and everything that may be
 necessary to the carrying out my intentions as herein expressed
 and further I desire that the Court shall allow him a
 full and just compensation for all the trouble he may have
 have in administering the same and that he shall not be
 required to pay interest on any money which may come to
 his hands unless he shall receive interest on the same.
 And I give him full power to carry out the provisions
 hereof upon his individual bond without security
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in
 the presence of the attesting witnesses who have signed their
 names in my presence and in the presence of each other
 This the 21st day of April 1880
 John K. Heist
 John W. Raith Witnesses
 Wm Vest

Kate LaHeist

State of Kentucky

Buckner County Court

March 17th March Term 1883

The foregoing instrument of writing was produced to Court and
 duly proven by the oaths of John W. Raith and William Vest
 the attesting witnesses thereto; established as and for the last
 will and testament of Kate LaHeist deceased and ordered to be
 recorded Whereupon the same and this certificate have been
 duly admitted to record

Attest: Will Miller Clerk

this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other
or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 26th day of August 1882
Ben Bates

Signed and acknowledged as the last will and testament
of the abovesaid Benjamin Bates in the presence of
John W Raitt
R L Newson

State of Kentucky

Breeshurdsge County Court

March 19th March Term 1883

The foregoing instrument of writing was produced to Court
duly proven by the oaths of John W Raitt and R L Newson
established as and for the last will and testament of
Benjamin Bates and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon
the same and this certificate have been duly admitted
to record

Attest: Will Miller Clerk

Know All Men that I Josiah H Roberts being in bad health and
knowing that all men must die I hereby bequeath my soul to God whom
gave it and then all of my property both real and personal to my
wife Rachab as long as she shall remain my widow but if she shall marry
or at her death then all I have shall go to my children my present crop of
tobacco will pay all of my just debts and leave enough to pay William
Bennett & children their part that they hold as heirs of James Roberts
in the land I now live on which I request J B Lyon to hold out of my
tobacco till they come of lawfully age and then to settle with them and
have them to make a deed to me as the other heirs have

Done this April 16th 1883

At

George Hamed J B Lyon

Jabus to Lyon

Josiah H ^{by} x Roberts
man

Kentucky Breeshurdsge County Court

May 21st May Term 1883

The foregoing instrument of writing was produced to Court, duly proven
by the oaths of George Hamed and J B Lyon established as and for the
last will and testament of Josiah H Roberts and ordered to be recorded
Whereupon the same and this certificate hath been duly admitted
to record

Attest: Will Miller Clerk P. C. C.