

In the name of God amen. I Henry Woods of the Buckhingham County (now in the County of Hancock) in the State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory but weak in body & knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make this my last Will & Testament truly & soberly &c.

I have 1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath my Soul to God 2<sup>d</sup> It is my Will and desire that after my death my (a) body be taken to my place of residence in the County of Buchanan & be interred by the side of my husband in such manner as my Executors hereinafter named shall see proper 3<sup>d</sup> It is my Will & desire that my eldest Negro Son shortly after my death shall be emancipated and set free and my Executors are hereby directed to take all necessary steps to have her emancipated and to free her from slavery and the balance of the Slave Law are to maintain her & support her during her life time 4<sup>th</sup> It is also my Will and desire that my Negro Girl Amy is also to be emancipated and freed from slavery at my death and my Executors are directed to provide her in the same manner as I have directed to do with Hannah.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and desire that my two Negro Men (William & Eliza) shall be sold or be hired out by my Executors until they shall pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars each at least to pay fifty dollars for each which it is my Will & desire shall be paid by my Executors to my nephew Legustin Pool and after they shall pay and discharge said it is my Will and desire that they shall also be emancipated and that my Executors act towards them as I have directed as to any other slaves here in before liberated to 6<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and desire that my wife Susan Patsy shall keep and maintain her Child Hannah until he is 12 years of age and she is hereby emancipated and set free for the purpose of enabling her to do so and the like direction is taken to her as given to my Executors in her will before named and it is my Will and desire that the said Hannah shall when he be come of the age of 12 years belong to my (a) niece Legustin Pool & her heirs for ever.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my Will & desire that one bed and furniture be given to Henry Woods Wife of John Woods and bed & furniture to Patsy Cummings Wife of Elijah Cummings and bed & furniture to Legustin Pool son of Legustin Pool brother of said Eliza and bed & furniture to Patsy Wilkison the balance of my property I wish and direct my Executors to sell and dispose of and the proceeds of the sale when collected to be equally divided between Legustin Pool, Legustin Pool & Patsy Cummings above named 8<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my Negroes above named whom I have liberated fifty acres of land on which I reside in the County of Buchanan & open to be laid off length wise adjoining Robert Durings and Sampson Pool.

9<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and desire that the residue of my land after said to be sold by my Executors and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between the above named Legustin Pool & Legustin Pool and Patsy Cummings above named & that my Executors or either of them who may qualify have full power to execute all deeds necessary to convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof 10<sup>th</sup> My Will and desire is that all my clothes shall be given to Legustin Pool, Patsy Cummings and Patsy Wilkison, the most of them to Legustin Pool or their assigns to Patsy Wilkison and the residue to Patsy Cummings 11<sup>th</sup> I appoint Patsy Wilkison & John Webb my Executors or either of them who may (a) qualify to execute this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 30<sup>th</sup> April 1837

Witness my hand & Seal this 30<sup>th</sup> April 1837  
 H. Woods  
 Henry Woods

Henry Woods

Godrich. The 1<sup>st</sup>. It is my wish and desire that the above named my wife  
 should have fifty barrels of corn and nine bags of beans two & then yearly  
 to them provision for the next year &c. & it is my wish and desire that my  
 executor shall have twenty dollars out of the proceeds of my property in  
 the payment of paying a bond to the above named Libba God  
 to the contrary notwithstanding I have signed and given my seal  
 this 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1837

Given under my hand and seal

James P. Godrich (S)

John Godrich

William O. Pool

Testimony of the undersigned

County Court, Madison, December 1837

On the above writing, appearing to be the last will & testament of  
 James P. Godrich, now deceased, was exhibited in court by the executor thereof in court  
 and was duly read by the court, &c. &c. & it was found that  
 the writing was his last will and testament and the bequest therein contained was proved  
 by the oath of John Godrich and William O. Pool. Attest: John  
 and the witnesses and duly signed by John, William O. Pool, James  
 Godrich, the executor thereof in court and the court is so ordered  
 to be recorded. &c. &c.

In witness whereof

In the name of God amen, I Benjamin Cox do certify that my last will  
 and testament being received at the court for record by me,  
 I have found that at my just & lawful trial and experience to be true.  
 I have found and given and have at the balance of my estate to be paid  
 to my beloved wife Elizabeth in her widowhood to be disposed  
 to be disposed of as she may judge right to the payment of an estate  
 my four youngest children I wit John I like Libba & John Benjamin  
 & Cox and I have to her and it is my wish that an equal opportunity  
 to give them to obtain education as we are two other children we kept  
 to be judge of the amount of schooling and in her by us to each of  
 the above children as the amount of age can be seen & I wish to be  
 as we are Cox and each one part of the same value as the conveniently can  
 and all the property herein interested or out of the proceeds of it and after the de-  
 ceased four youngest children shall have been raised and provided for as above  
 stated it is my wish that the remainder shall be equally divided among my  
 six children in life & among her three part. I should my wife Mary  
 before the above named four youngest children are raised and educated  
 it is my wish that the last above named estate and should be divided  
 and the remainder between my wife, I should I should of my son Ralph  
 Cox in court to be disposed of as he shall see fit to comply with the provision of the  
 will and given that my wife has under the same relation & the will shall  
 the money I should be disposed to my son Ralph & Cox, I should I should my  
 wife Elizabeth the five children of this my last will &c. &c. & I should I should my  
 above named that should the Mary then it is my wish that my son  
 Ralph & Cox as a my executor of his will.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto