

The within Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Russell Sr.
was produced in Court and duly proved by the oath of Salmon Huntwick Jr. a sub-
scribed, John Hall subscribing Witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

At J. Allen Clerk Buckenridge County Court

I, J. B. L. McCowan of the County of Buchanan and State of Kentucky,
do hereby declare this my last will and testament hereby declaring all other last wills, testaments,
I, I do not put my whole estate to the payment of my just debts 2^d after my just debts are
paid I leave to my wife my whole estate and personal during her natural life subject
to the following regulations, first she is to pay to Polly M. Hargraves thirty five dollars
in such property as can be best spared to make her equal to her sister J. White 2^d J. C.
McCowan & Pharoah C. McCowan her brother's share which have received one hundred
dollars each, then I give that she pay to ^{and} my other children one hundred dollars each
more or less some of age in such property as there have received before mentioned.
3^d my will is that my grandson Richard T. Russell receive her mother's part of my
estate at a final division and that she receive no more but not to receive the hundred
dollars when he becomes of age his mother having received it already. At the death
of my wife I will that my whole estate be equally divided between my grand son
Richard T. Russell and all my lawful daughters viz. J. B. B. White who by
consent is relinquishing his right to J. B. Russell, but if J. B. Russell should die without
a lawful heir I wish in that case his mother or her children to have his part or
divide as though he had not been married in this will in her stead. If it
should be necessary to sell a negro or negroes to pay the debts I will that such
be sold as my wife may permit. My will is that my estate be kept together ^{until} after
the death of my wife and if at any time any thing should be given to any of the
children I will that a value be set on it and that it be accounted for on the last
division. My will is that my estate be under the control and superintendence of my
two friends J. S. Allen & David R. Murray whom I appoint ^{executors} of this will to act
either jointly or separately placing the greatest confidence in them I wish them to
act without being bound to give security. In testimony whereof I set my hand
and seal this 27th day of August 1834

J. B. L. McCowan (Seal)

Kentucky 1834

At a County Court began and held for the County of Buchanan
at the Court house in Henderson on Monday the 18th day of August 1834
and in the 5th year of the Commonwealth.

The within Writing was exhibited in Court and was duly proved by the oath
of John D. Henderson & David R. Murray who severally swore that they
knew well acquainted with the hand Writing of John B. L. McCowan deceased
and that they had frequently seen him write and that the whole of within Writing
Signature and all was (as they truly believed) in the hand Writing of the said
John B. L. McCowan now deceased and thereupon the Court is ordered to
be recorded.

At J. Allen Clerk Buchanan County Court