

(my slaves excepted) and the contents of the moneys and here or trust of the property purchased by such sale or exchange to be applied in like manner to the support and education of my said children. Thirdly the proceeds of all the estate real personal and mixed devised as aforesaid in trust to my said Executors to be in in like manner applied to the support and education of my said children. If my said executors shall again allot and distribute to each of my children as they shall respectively marry or attain the age of 21 years and then have for ever an equal share of the estate devised as aforesaid to them in trust for said children. It is my will and desire that in the division & distribution of my estate among my said children or those devised that the share of each shall be increased or diminished in consequence of any inequality in the expenses incurred for supporting and educating said children having it to my said Executors to regulate the disbursements for each according to their own judgement & discretion. If my said wife shall join with my Executors in the sale of the whole or any part of my real estate she shall be allowed by them out of the proceeds of such sale a fair compensation for her down right therein. I do hereby nominate and appoint John P. Oldham of Jefferson County and Clayton Talbot of Huntville Executors of this my last will and testament and guardian for my said children with full power and authority as guardians to bind my slaves or any one of them or any of them with the consent of their Mother to some suitable trade or occupation or to any other purpose of said children as my children may require or desire. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this sixth day of April 1829.

Witness

Gideon Brown

Ben Nathan  
Mary E. Lewis  
Ann Grant

Kentucky, Dickinson County, Ga.

County Court Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1829

This Writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Gideon Brown and as duly proved to be the last will & testament of the said Gideon Brown do by the Oath of Mrs. Ann Grant and Benjamin Nathan two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was duly sworn to by John P. Oldham one of the Executors therein named and ordered to be recorded.

Attest

J. Allen Clerk B. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I John Hicks being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and taking into consideration that it is appointed unto all men to die and after death the execution and judgment do make this my last will and testament. I purport it is my will that all my just debts be paid by my Executors Secondly I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth all my personal property of every description for her use during her life and widowhood after her death I will and bequeath to my son William Hicks with what I have given him hitherto to my daughter Martha Hicks and with what I have given her hitherto to my daughter Elizabeth Marshall and with what I have given her hitherto to my son David Hicks and with what I have given her hitherto to my daughter Hannah & Marshall and with what I have given her hitherto to my son Stephen the only

and in the selection of eligible property and money so distributed they consult and receive the approbation of my wife in the estate to then in her possession.

I hereby empower my Executors to make deeds of conveyance to such persons as I may have made contracts of sale of lands upon such persons complying with the terms of purchase and it is my wish that my executors take charge of the education of my children as it is my wish that they be educated in a manner suitable to the means placed in their power arising from the profits of my estate but the same done with the approbation of my wife while the estate remains in her possession.

Witness my hand and seal given by me in the presence of the persons who have subscribed their names as witnesses.

John Fisher



This 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1828

John Fisher

Witness

J. H. L. Morrison

David W. Murray

Robert Sawlings

Kentucky Probate Court Grant

Grant made Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1829

The within will was exhibited in Court by David W. Murray and John Fisher the executors therein named and was duly proved to be the last will and testament of John Fisher deceased by the oath of James H. L. Morrison and Robert Sawlings two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was duly sworn to by the executors above named but by a clerical omission was not ordered to be recorded at the time and at a County Court began and held by the County of said at the Court house in Harrisonburg on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1829. The said will was ordered to be recorded.

W. C. Allen Clerk B. C. C.

I Charles Brown of the County of Washington in the State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing Memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made to me First I give and devise to my wife Susan all my household & clothing furniture also another part of all my personal estate after the payment of my debts. Then I give and devise to my said wife and third part of all real estate & slaves for and during her natural life. Then I give bequest and devise to my executors herein after named or such one of them as may act and to the survivor of them all my estate real and personal and mixed in possession remaining or to be devised not before devised to my said wife in trust for the benefit uses and purposes which shall be here in after expressed & declared First my said executors out of the personal estate devised to them or said one to pay all my just debts and the burden of such personal estate after the payment of debts may be applied by my said executors to the purchase of slaves or real estate for the use & benefit of my said children the proceeds of the sale of such slaves and the rent of such real estate to be appropriated by my said executors for the support and education of my said children until they shall marry or attain the age of 21 years. Second I authorize and empower my said executors to sell & convey or barter other property if they shall consider it advantageous to do so all the said real estate devised to them in trust as aforesaid.

All I now propose I also will that my son Handsom and David shall as they arrive  
 to the age of twenty one, and have a <sup>such</sup> half or more in the division of my estate shall  
 warrant not to be of less value than twenty five is now. Whom my daughter  
Milly Eliza and Servia shall marry that they each possess and if <sup>possible</sup> any part of  
the land the last bequest has expressed to the best I now propose after the death of  
my wife my will is that my personal property be equally divided between my  
son and daughter by my personal will. My Elphrick, Handsom, David, Milly  
Eliza and Servia wish that Elphrick if he chooses is to have the Black Swath  
lands as a part of his part of the personal property. I also give and devise the tract  
of land on which I now live with all the appurtenances to my dearly beloved  
Wife Elizabeth for and during her natural life and her state of widowhood and  
in case of the death of my Wife or her intermarriage with any other person my  
land is hereby devoted in fee to the children of my personal will. My Elphrick  
Handsom, David, Milly Eliza and Servia to be equally divided between them.  
 I hereby appoint my son Elphrick my sole executor of this my will and I  
 further will and request that he be permitted to administer upon my estate  
 by the Court without giving any personal Security whatever. It is my son's will  
 and desire that none of my personal estate should be sold except so far as  
 may be necessary to pay my just debts but that both personal and real  
 estate should remain with or in possession of my Wife according to the disposition  
 in this will and in consideration of the use of my personal and real estate  
 as aforesaid it is my wish and I charge <sup>and</sup> with the raising of the said children I  
 have had by her &c. Maintenance clothing and Education and should any of the  
 said children die during the life and widowhood of my Wife that the part of  
 that child or children is devised to the Survivor or Survivors of the said six  
 children to be equally divided as aforesaid.

In Testimony of this my last will and testament I have hereunto  
 set my hand and affixed my Seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July one thousand and  
 twenty nine

Signed Sealed and  
 published in presence of  
 Francis Smith  
 Henry Hardin X  
 William Robertson X

J. P. H. H.



Kentucky Breckinridge County to A. W. H.

County Court September 21<sup>st</sup> 1829

The within Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of  
 J. P. H. H. deceased was this day produced in Court and was duly  
 proved by the oaths of Henry Hardin and William Robertson  
 two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

At

Jo Allen Clerk  
 Breckinridge County Court



I Thomas Pate want my Negro Children that for the said children to be  
 for it 24 all that since from my Negro Woman named Lucy and all the  
 the female children at 25 years to be present my wife to have all the property  
 that left in his care his children also half of it I have with me during his  
 lifetime I his death Pate Peter Son of Henry Pate to have half what else  
 property at his death also Henry Pate to have the other half I also wish  
 the money to be laid in with what property they can spare but to pay a  
 tract of land when it suits them but not at my wife's death Pate Peter  
 before mentioned to have one half of the land and my son Benjamin Pate  
 to have the other half and what I have with me apply to Wm Compton  
 first is in their hands Wm Compton not liable to accidents such as may  
 happen by the act of a horse as last accident.

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1818 This being my last Will and Request before witnessed  
 in presence of Wm

Teste  
Wm Compton  
Chas E. Compton  
Poly Compton

Thomas Pate

At a County Court begun and held for the County of  
 Wrockingshire County at the Court house in Wrockingsburg on Monday  
 the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1825 and in the 34<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth  
 Now present

James H. E. Mosseman  
 Robert Huston  
 Philip Gifford  
 Charles R. Lander  
 Robert Stephens  
 William Mosseman &  
 Henry H. King

The annexed writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas  
 Pate deceased produced in Court at the last term was proved by the oath  
 of William Compton a subscribing Witness thereto and the same was  
 of Elias Compton another subscribing Witness thereto (who was proved to be  
 was proved by the oath of Jo. Allen and the Court having heard the testimony  
 and the arguments of Counsel on behalf of the Administrators of Benjamin  
 A. Pate (who was proved to be the only Son and heir at law of Thomas Pate  
 deceased) against the Will, and the arguments of the Counsel on behalf of  
 August Peter & Son Children of Negro Woman Lucy named in the Will  
 being heard and fully understood it is the opinion of the Court that said  
 Will is fully proved and it is ordered by the Court that said Will be  
 shown which Judgment the Admin<sup>r</sup> of Benjamin & Pate dec<sup>d</sup> presented  
 an appeal.

all  
 J. Allen Clerk W. C. C.

State of New York Oct.

Court of Appeals Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1829

The annexed paper was proved in said Court to be the last will and testament  
 of Tho<sup>s</sup> Pate dec<sup>d</sup> & ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly and  
 certified to the County Court of Wrockingshire for record there also as fully  
 proved in this Court

Just J. Livingston S. C. C.