

In the name of God Amen I Nicholas Holmes being in a feeble state of health but of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & testament. First I want as my just debt paid and that I bequeath to my wife Lydia the plantation where I live and all of my stock of every kind except and save some Linnons & one cow and one horse and one which I give to my daughter. I give moreover my two guns I give to my son Thomas & Edmund and all the balance of my personal property I give to my wife Lydia as long as she lives & at her death I want all my property both real & personal and the same equally divided amongst my four children. In testimony whereof I have by these directions for my name to be put to this paper given under my hand this 17th day of November 1833.

Witness
James Duncan
Henry G. Pile

Nicholas Holmes

Kentucky Buchanan County to wit.

County Court Monday January 30th 1834

The within writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Nicholas Holmes deceased was exhibited in Court & duly proved by the oath of James Duncan and Henry G. Pile witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest J. M. McCracken County Clerk

I John Hewitt of Buchanan County & State of Kentucky make the following Will viz. My Will is that my land which I have not disposed of shall after my death be divided equally between Thomas Hewitt, Warner, Hewitt, Stephen Hewitt the heirs of Edmund Hewitt dec^d, & Edward Hewitt heir of James Hewitt dec^d, & the heirs of Francis this dec^d. We Son Son Edmund Hewitt heirs to have no more than what their father bequeath to be legally entitled to if he was living. I bequeath in addition to his father part of Francis' heirs children to no more than their mother's part. If there should be more than fifty acres in each division I wish that my daughter Sally may have six hundred added to the fifty acres that I have given her that will make it equal to the rest. Mary Hewitt my daughter has had 40 acres then and my Will is that she shall have nothing more. My Will is that my land & furniture shall be sold & the money equally divided between the three heirs of Edmund Hewitt dec^d and Stephen Hewitt heir of James Hewitt dec^d after my death.

The following property which are the property of my daughter Elizabeth Hewitt I do not dispose of them in any way (viz) one Nutcracker, one Cupboard, and two one bureau two beds & furniture two washstands three gilt bottom chairs and set of three one cotton what one flax what one check table one knuckle one pot rack one large ^{box} ^{chest} and two things one one square table one fat porker and five mutton two piggen & fat one working tub one large Bible & 1/2 part of books. My Will is that all household & kitchen furniture that will not be disposing of in my life shall be equally divided after my death between my two daughters viz. Elizabeth Hewitt & Sally Hewitt. This being my last will & testament touching another. Given under my hand & seal this 10th day of July A.D. 1832

Attest I Will Peterson Hawkins & Aquilla Hewitt to be my Executors
Linda Galt & a clerk in presence of
John Galt in witness -

John Hewitt
Mark

Galt

Christopher Galt
Wm. Blair

Kentucky Buchanan County to wit.

County Court Monday Jan 16th 1834

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. and
Christopher Hall subscribing Witnesses 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 certify that my last will and testament hereby is and shall be all other last will and
testament I have made and shall make and the payment of my just debts and
pay I leave to my wife my whole estate and personal during her natural life and just
to the extent my obligations and that she is to pay to Polly M. Harvagan formerly Mrs. Nathan
in such property as can be best spared to make her equal to William T. White son of
McCowan & Margaret C. McCowan her brother's child which have received an hundred
dollars each, then I give that she pay to ^{and} my other children and hundred dollars each
may or become of age in such property as there have received before mentioned.
3rd 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 sons & daughters viz. P. Bucky L. White who by
consent is relinquishing his right to the whole, but if the whole 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 named 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 direct. My will is that my whole be kept together till 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. 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 4th year of the Commonwealth.

The within Writing was exhibited in Court and was duly proved by the oath
of Nathan D. Henderson & David R. Murray who severally swore that they
have well acquainted with the hand Writing of James H. L. McCowan 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
James H. L. McCowan now deceased and thereupon the Court is ordered to
be recorded.

At J. Allen Clerk Buchanan County Court