

Kentucky Breckinridge County Court

Regular Term 21st June 1882

The foregoing instrument of writing was produced to Court duly proven by the oaths of John Keenan and James C. Henswell two of the attesting witnesses thereto allowed and established as the last will and testament of Edward D. Russell deceased and ordered to be recorded and the same with this certificate have been duly admitted to record

attest

Will Miller Clerk S. C. C.

Examined

In the name of God, amen:

I Joseph B. M. Russell of the County of Breckinridge and State of Kentucky do make and publish this instrument as my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all others wills heretofore made by me

1st I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2^d After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses as above directed I give and devise my estate as follows:

3^d I direct that my library of miscellaneous works be gathered up from the various places they may be found at my death, and divided equally between my three nieces Julia D. Merrifield, E. Vernon Russell (formerly Merrifield) wife of Nat Russell of Spencer County Ky., and Fiddie Merrifield, share and share alike, excepting such of this class of books as may at my death be at Edmund J. Helms' house in Leavenworth Indiana, then I direct to be retained by him for the use of himself and his family and likewise out of such books as may be then found at Williams M. Cras in Georgetown Ky. I direct that three be retained by him, or his wife whichever may survive in case of death of either, such as they may desire to keep, my theological library including all the volumes on theological subjects I may own at the time of my death, I will to the Rev. Edward L. Warren of the City of Louisville to be given by him to any theological student he may consider most in need of them.

4th I give to the following nieces and nephews, each one one hundred & fifty dollars each, to wit, Julia Merrifield, E. Vernon Russell, Fiddie Merrifield, Benjie Higin, Josephine Higin and Joseph A. Higin and direct that the said sum be paid to each of them by my personal Representative

5th I give to William M. Cras one hundred dollars, should his death occur before mine and his wife Lucina survive him. I direct the said one hundred dollars paid to her.

6th It is my desire that the expenses costs and expenses of winding up my estate shall not exceed if it can reasonably be done for that sum, the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars and I direct that my executor retain that sum out of which he is to be compensated and is to pay all costs and charges of administration

7th I have acted as the statutory guardian of my three nieces Julia Merrifield, Eliza Vernon Merrifield (now Russell) and Fidda Merrifield having qualified as such in the Nelson County Court. The settlements with the first two and eldest Julia and Vernon will show an indebtedness on the part of each to me, and if a settlement were made in the case of Fidda the youngest at the date hereof it would be shown that she is likewise indebted to me. Now it is my will and I direct that all and every note, account, chose in action or any evidence of debt of any nature whatever that may be found or may exist in any form or shape at the time of my death be cancelled and held for naught having reference to these said nieces Julia Vernon and Fidda all indebtedness to me by them being hereby forgiven.

8th Should any Church to which I now minister or may hereafter minister be indebted to me at the time of my death the same is directed to be cancelled and not paid, and should the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America be indebted to me I direct that it be not paid, but such indebtedness to such Church or the said board be treated as a bequest.

9th I give my Buggy and harness to Bettie and Josephine Purdy and my watch to Joseph A. Bryant, all personal articles such as clothing, valuation trunks and the like I leave to the persons at whose houses such articles may be at my death.

10th All the residue of my estate of all and every nature, I give whatever I give devise and bequeath to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to be used by said Board in the maintenance of Home Missions of said Church.

11th Should William McCracken and his wife the ones mentioned in paragraph 5 of this will both be dead at the time of my death, then it is to be understood said paragraph shall be held for naught.

11 Should litigation arise concerning this will or any of its provisions, which I direct in any wise apprehend, it is understood that the Courts in making allowances to my Executor shall be governed by law and could discontinue notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph No 6 hereof.

12 I hereby constitute and appoint John Allen Murray of Clarksport as executor hereof.

13 My soul I return to God who gave it having accepted Christ's sufferings and death as an atonement for my sins in its application by the Holy Spirit. My body I return to the ground whence it was to await the resurrection. Its interment I leave to that Session of the Presbyterian Church nearest which I may be at the time of my death. Witness my hand and seal this the 3rd day of March 1882

Joseph B. McDermott (Seal)
Signed by J. A. Murray
at his request

The foregoing will was executed in our presence by Joseph B. McDonnell and this name was signed thereto by J. A. Murray at the request of said Joseph B. McDonnell for him, and he in our presence acknowledged the same as his last will and testament, it having been carefully read to him in our presence and we have attached our names thereto as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other this 3^d day of March 1882

Michael Hammond
Leonard Lippel

Kentucky Probate Court

Regular Term Mar ch 17, 1884

The foregoing instrument of writing was produced to Court duly proven by the oath of Leonard Lippel one of the attesting witnesses thereto all owned and established as the last will and testament of Joseph B. McDonnell deceased and ordered to be recorded and same and this certificate have been duly admitted to Record

Attest

Will Miller, Clerk P. C. C.

examined

I know all more by these presents that I William J. Robertson of the County of Buchanan State of Kentucky, being in bad health but 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

1st

I do hereby constitute and appoint my three sons James B. Robertson, Charles B. Robertson and Robert B. Robertson to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament who are not required to give bond, and who are directed to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses to adjust and estimate the advancements made as stated herein and to sell any real estate and make conveyance of the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof of which I may be seized and possessed, or to which I may be entitled at my decease and to do with the proceeds thereof as herein after directed

After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I desire to have the following advancements charged to each of my children and heirs

To James B. Robertson I have advanced	
in cash the sum of	\$1300.
One Negro girl Belle value	500.
One Negro boy Absat value	400.
Two land notes incl. interest	203.15
And a credit on one land note of	96.35
	\$2500.00

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