

to me than I am owing, I request that the Court will not require him to give Security, but let him have five years to dispose of my estate either public or private as he may think best. This made & published as my last will & testament this 20th day of September 1843 in the presence of

Jonathan May

John W. Gungor

Kentucky Buchanan County Ct

County Court November Term 1843

The within Writing, purporting to be the last will & testament of John W. Gungor now and was exhibited in Court & duly proved by Ralph E. Cox & Jonathan May subscribing witnesses thereto to have been duly published by the said John W. Gungor as his last will & testament & that he was of sound mind & disposing memory at the time of making the same and was seven & in and form of law by William S. Gungor the Executor here in manner & order by the Court to be recorded

Attest. David Luthersom D.C. W. & C.

I J. H. Thurston do make this my last will & testament looking all other last wills void. As to my estate it is my will & desire that my wife Mary Thurston have the control, management & profits of the whole during her life. & at the death of my said wife my will is that my slaves & personal property be divided into two equal parts & one share to go to the children of Lucy Fletcher now & the other to the children of Martha Rippen, but should Martha Rippen have no children living at the time of her death then it is my will that at her death the whole estate shall go to the children of Lucy Fletcher now. But in the event of Martha Rippen surviving her children she is to have the profits of the one half of my estate which is devised to her children, during her life the estate to be managed by my Executor & at her death she having no children or children living the whole estate to go to Lucy Fletcher's children as before stated. I hereby authorize my wife Mary to give, devise & take as she pleases the following slave to wit, Nancy & Martha & to leave to her children.

It should my same be received from William Bowling John Rippen may have it by paying all expenses of the suit or litigation about it. I devise my land on Harris' fork to the children of Lucy Fletcher to them & their heirs for ever to be equally divided between them, share & share alike of the Fletcher children only. I desire my Executor to pay <sup>and</sup> Sarah Anderson's part of my estate John Rippen to the trouble & expenses which he may be at in defending a suit which she has brought against me & others & also there is to be deducted from her part the cost of said suit. I appoint Thomas Armstrong Executor of this my last will. Witness my hand & seal this 15th day of May 1843

Attest. Esdras

J. H. Thurston (Test)

James Lawrence

William A. McLean

Kentucky Buchanan County Ct

County Court November Term 1843

The within Writing, purporting to be the last will & Testament of John  
 Thurston &c. is an exhibition in Court & duly proved by James Lawrence  
 & William A. Johnson Subscribing Attorneys there to to have been duly  
 published by the said John Thurston and to be his last will & Testament  
 & that he was of sound mind & disposing memory at the time of making  
 the same & ordered by the Court to be recorded

at David Lenthien's Office

I John Pierce Son of Buckneridge County & State of Kentucky  
 knowing it is appointed over for all men to do as such this my last  
 will & Testament in manner and form following to wit: First, It is  
 my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Pierce shall have part  
 such part of my estate as she should be entitled to have I to and in estate  
 to life and third part of my land during her life and on third of my  
 personal property. This I finally hope will be amply sufficient for her  
 support. 2<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann Pierce  
 daughter to be made out of my estate & paid over to her by my Executor  
 3<sup>rd</sup> All the rest and residue of my Estate both real & personal of every  
 description and all that part of the land which may be claimed  
 by wife during her life, I give and bequeath to my Son John Pierce  
 Junior to him & his heirs forever. I appoint my Son John Pierce Junior  
 Executor of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke  
 all former wills by me heretofore made In Testimony Whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1831.

Lyned & sealed and

ackd in presence of

Jo Allen

S. M. Morrison

Samuel McCallister

John McCallister

Philip Lightfoot

Whereas I John Pierce Junior have acquired title to 20 acres of land  
 adjoining my homestead since making the within will, I think best of all  
 said I do hereby devise to my Son John Pierce Jr. & his heirs forever.

Witness my hand & seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1839

Witnesses

Jo Allen

S. M. Morrison

Samuel McCallister

John McCallister

Philip Lightfoot

John Pierce Junior (Seal)

Kentucky Buckneridge County to wit  
 County Court. Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> 1843

James Nelson & Wife

Against

John Pierce

Plffs & Defendants, this writing, being  
 the true last will and Testament  
 of John Pierce Junior deceased.

This day came the parties aforesaid by their attorneys and this writing  
 was presented in Court and was duly sworn to by John McCallister,  
 Philip Lightfoot and Jo Allen Subscribing Attorneys there to  
 and the Court their answer was given to in and favor of