

I William Board of the County of Breckinridge
 and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and
 disposing memory do make and ordain this my last
 will and testament Item 1st It is my desire that my
 body be decently and in a christian manner buried
 and my just debts paid & I shall leave any unpaid
 2nd I will and desire the rest and residue of my
 estate whether it be real personal or mixed (except such
 as shall hereafter be otherwise devised) to my son in
 law Thomas Adkisson for the purpose of keeping together
^{my children & supporting & educating}
 my children not yet grown or in their minorhood
 and after that is done in case he thinks proper he can
 devise amongst them such share or interest as he deems
 just and fair It is my express will that my said
 son in law Thomas Adkisson shall keep the family
 together and support them as if I was living or as near
 it as he may deem it to their individual or collective
 interests and as my children ~~shall~~ become of age or
 married he is at liberty and requested to make
 each one such an advancement as he thinks he can
 with convenience and without injury to the estate
 generally and the best interests of all concerned this
 is again left to his sense of Justice sound Judgment
 and discretion Said Adkisson is at liberty to invest
 as much of the personal estate as he thinks best to buy
 a farm for the purpose of aiding him in the raising
 and educating the children Further he is at liberty to
 make sale of any one or all of the slaves if he deems it
 best I feel sure my said son in law Thomas Adkisson
 will act liberally and justly towards those herein ^{interested} ~~related~~
 to his care and Guardianship hence the discretion
 herein given him both in making and all else
 Third - my two oldest children John H Board and
 Letitia have both married and I have given to them
 and said Letitia's husband (except the trust before
 enumerated and devised to him) all I am able to do
 or spare to them in view of the raising and providing
 for the younger children
 Fourth I give and bequeath to my son
 William F Board my gray horse Pete to my son
 Milton my bay horse baid to my son Buckner
 the yellow mare and to my son Benjamin my Gray
 mare known as the Adkisson mare And I hereby
 appoint my said son in law Thomas Adkisson
 Executor of this my last will and testament
 and request the county court not to inquire
 any bond or security of him but to permit him to
 qualify as such without giving such bond or
 security as I have the ~~greatest~~ fullest confidence
 in his integrity I witness my hand and seal this

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1st day of August A.D. 1835

Witness
R. S. Skillman
Thomas Lowery
Marble A. Hunt

William

Board Seal

Kentucky Breckenridge County 1st
County Court Wednesday August 23^d 1835-

The within writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Board R.D. was produced in court & proven in due form of Law by the oaths of Richard S. Skillman and Thomas Lowery Subscribing witnesses thereto who swore that the above named testator signed & acknowledged the within writing in their presence as and for his last will & testament and that they believe he was at the time of signing said writing of sound mind and disposing memory whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded

At

Jst Wm Allen R.D.

Examined

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In the name of God Amen I William Board R.D. of this State of Kentucky of the town of Cloverport being of sound mind and disposing memory hereby make this my last will and testament

1st I will my soul to god and my body to the ^{grave} ~~ground~~ & there I will that out of my property first that all my just debts ^{shall} be paid & second I will that my two daughters Nancy & Hamilton & Mary & Hamilton continue at the Deaf & Dumb Asylum in Danville Ky until their education is completed and that all the expense be paid out of the estate I further will that my negro girl Kate be & is hereby given to my Daughter Mary I will that my negro woman Shaney be sold & that the proceeds of said sale with the addition of One hundred dollars be laid out in the purchase of a negro girl for my Daughter Nancy I will that each of my Daughters have a good bed and bedding and all the balance of my estate I will that it shall be equally divided among my children viz Edwin Hamilton Alexander Hamilton Marion Hamilton Nancy & Hamilton & Mary & Hamilton I also ~~name~~ ^{do} and appoint that Dudley Hamilton be the executor of this my will in testament I have hereunto subscribed my name this fourth day of September in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and fifty five upon further reflection I also will that my executor have power to sell and dispose of for the benefit of my children (if he shall think it best) all or any part of my land or town lots etc as above written

Wm Board R.D.
T. S. Skillman, Attest

William Board R.D.
Nancy Hamilton

In the name of God amen I William Board
being weak in body but of sound mind and
memory and reflecting that all men must die
and desiring to make a disposition of the estate
with which God has blessed my labors

I do make ordain and establish this my
last will and Testament revoking all other wills
heretofore made

1st I desire that my body shall be decently buried
in a christian like manner and I commend
my soul to God

2^d after my death should my wife Lucy survive
me It is my will and desire that my will and
desire that my wife Lucy shall have my slave Tom,
Manarra during her life which slave I value at
five hundred Dollars & that amount is to be charged
to her as a part of her third of my estate It is
also my will and desire that if said slave or
either of them should die before she gets possession of
them under this will the loss is to be born by my
estate and the amount made up to her. It is also
my will that my Executors hereafter named shall retain
in their hands one third of my money & personal
estate (including the slave above ^{desired} ~~devoted~~ to her)
and loan out the same for the support of my
said wife Lucy during her life my will is that
the interest which may be made upon said one third
shall be paid over to my wife Lucy as she may want it
but should my executors not be able to make six per
centum per annum on the amount they are not to
be responsible for for the deficiency It is expected that
my Executors will endeavor to loan said funds safely
& to good men but if a loss should happen they are
not to be responsible It is my will that my wife
shall have the right at any time to use the
profits of said Estate so devised for her use during
her life and her veto to the Executors for the same
shall be good against all my devices and if it shall
be necessary for her comfort to use any part of the principal

3^d After my death I will and desire all my slaves
except Tom & Manarra above desired be divided into three
lots as nearly equal in Value as possible by the Commissioners
appointed to appraise my estate one of said lots of
Slaves I desire to give to John Board one third to Nancy
Skillman wife of Richard Skillman and one third
to Lucy Skillman wife of Wm Skillman and the
difference in Value of said lots of Slaves shall be paid
by said devisees so as to make them Equal

The different shares shall be determined by lot
by said Commissioners should said devisees not be able

227 to make the allotment themselves under the said
deed all the slave I now have is intended to
pay except the two devised to my wife. The number
being 19 slaves which I value at the sum of five
thousand five hundred dollars and divid of said
sum is to be charged to each of said ~~three~~ devises
and no more and I do this from the fact that
sometimes negroes are run up far above their real
value & fall into the hands of bad masters, if any
of said slaves should die before the devises gets
possession of them. The loss is to fall on my Estate
& the amount made up in proportion to the above
valuation of the whole. The increase of said slaves
by births from this time until the taking effect of
this will & receiving possession of said increase by
my devises is hereby will directed to pass to the same
persons to whom the above 19 slave are devised with
this difference only that a fair valuation is to be
put on said increase of said slaves by births by
the Commissioners aforesaid and divided and
allotted in the same way of the other slaves and the
difference in value of the three lots in both cases
is to be made up by said devises individually
& not out of the residue of my Estate so as to
make them parts equal and said three devises
are to be charged with the valuation of said increase
by births of said slaves when made equal amongst
the three devises. Should my daughter Nancy &
Lucy Skillman, or either of them die before their
husbands in that event their said husbands may have
the use of the slaves hereby devised to their wives for
their own lives free of hire should they so long remain
single but at the death of the said Richard & William
or when either of them shall marry again.

The slaves devised to their wives as above shall
rest in the children of the said Nancy & Lucy
Skillman. The object being to give to the husbands
of my said daughters the use of said slaves so
long as they remain single but upon their death
or marriage to vest the title in my grand children.
4th I hereby devise to the children of my daughter
Polly Hardaway who are living to the children
of such of them as may be dead the following
property to wit my house & lot in Hardwicke
which I value at Eight thousand dollars
I also devise to them one equal fourth part
of my Estate in value including the said
house and lot a like I devise them no slaves
They are to be paid by my Executors out of
my estate a sum in money that will make

their part including said House & Lot equal to the valuation of the slave to the other three children
 3rd whereas my said Jubal Board & myself jointly hold a patent for 289 acres of Land in Jones Creek as some compensation to my said son for the trouble he has for some time past had with my business acting as my agent & for which he has accounted & settled with me up to this date

I hereby devise to him ^{my} undivided half of said tract of Land to him & his heirs forever for which he is not to be charged in the Settlement of my estate
 6th after my death my will & desire is that my Executors sell my Lands on a credit of One & two years and as soon as they can pay my debts and the legacies herein required to be paid and collect my debts & the proceeds of the sale of my Lands & personally that the same be divided in to four shares One fourth I devise to Jubal Board one 1/4 to Nancy Skillman one fourth to Lucy Skillman & one 1/4 to the children & heirs of Polly Hardaway

6th At the death of my wife Lucy I devise slave Tom to my daughter Nancy & Lucy Skillman Tom having come into the family by ^{my} wife I consider it right at her death that Tom shall go to her & my said daughters Nancy & Lucy Skillman without being charged to them in any way the probability is he will be old & of but little value

7th I will & devise to Jubal Board Nancy Skillman & Lucy Skillman (subject to the life estate of my wife) slave Merriena & her increase in the same manner that the future increase by births of the 19 slaves are devised to them and they are to be charged with their fair valuation for home use & not for the Southern trade
 8th on the death of my wife that part of my estate devised to her for life & not herein otherwise disposed of is to be collected by my Executors & all other of my Estate not then distributed shall be so distributed amongst my four children devised before named as will make the share of each equal regarding strictly the Valuations made so far as I have made them The Children and Grand Children of Polly Hardaway being regarded as one heir and entitled to one share as their mother would have been if she was living

9 I consider I have done Justice to all my legacies and I hope they will so receive it and let peace and harmony prevail among them

for my memoranda take no advancements heretofore made is to be taken into calculation I consider all equal

20 I hereby constitute and appoint my son Jubal Board & son in Law Richard Skillman Executors of this my last will and Testament with full power to sell & convey any Land I have and to act jointly or severally each one having the full power to carry out all the provisions of this will in as full & ample manner as both could do and as I am not in debt & having full Confidence in my Executors request that the Court of probate will not require Security of them Signed sealed delivered & published by ~~Wm~~ Board as his last will in our presence & in the presence of each other this 25th day of March 1853

William Board ^{his} mark

J. Jennings

Abraham Skillman

I William Board being still of sound mind & disposing memory do make & ordain this codicil as a part of my last will & Testament above written dated the 25th day of March 1853 viz

Whereas Since making my said will some of the 19 slaves valued at \$5500 have become sickly & I regard them of little value in consequence of which I now reduce the valuation put on said negroes \$1000 and now fix their valuation at \$4500 instead of \$5500 as above stated

It is my further will & desire that if any others of my said slaves should become sickly or die before my death the decreased value of such sicker slaves is also to be deducted from the value of the whole now fixed at \$4500 This estimate and deduction is to be made by the Comptroller named in my will with this alteration I hereby add this to my said will & republish the same this 3rd day of Nov 1853 In presence of

J Jennings
Abraham Skillman

William Board ^{his} mark

~~Witnessed by~~ ~~Brookridge County~~ ~~Oct 29th 1853~~

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Notary Brookridge County Oct. 29th 1853
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