

State of Kentucky, Breckinridge County, Circuit Court
Circuit Court October Term 1857

I, Adam S. Jolly, Clerk of the Breckinridge Circuit Court do hereby certify that the within & foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Bent was read this 20th day of said court established by an order of said court to be the last will and testament of said William Bent and that the same be certified to the Clerk of the Breckinridge County Court for Record which is hereby certified

Given under my hand this 3 day of November 1857

Adam S. Jolly Clerk

Kentucky Breckinridge County Court

Court Monday November 16th 1857

This writing was received in court certified as above and ordered to be recorded

Att. Jo Allen Clerk

March 23^d A.D. 1858

In the name of Almighty God amen I William Whelan being sick and feeble in body & in the strong opinion of mind and understanding do ordain and make this my last will and testament & I will and bequeath my soul to god who gave it and my body to the Lord in a decent manner I will that all my just debts be immediately paid and my whole estate both real and personal to be distributed in the manner following First 3^d That all my real and personal property be sold and that after my burial expenses are paid the remainder be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth Carleth Bent my dear daughter Margaret Branchamp my second daughter and Adam Wooty and Josephine Whelan heirs of my son John Whelan dec^d That is that the said heirs of my son John to have one hundred dollars if that either of the other married heirs of John Whelan dec^d die without heirs its part to fall to the other husband if both die without heirs then the said part to be equally divided between the above named Elizabeth Bent and Margaret Branchamp 4th and that I do hereby appoint David Bent and Alexander H. Branchamp as my executors in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date at the within
Jonathan P. Branchamp
John B. Jolly
William Whelan Esq.

Kentucky Breckinridge County Court

Court April 12th 1858

The within writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Whelan did was duly found by the oath of John B. Jolly a subscribing witness who swears that the testator signed sealed and acknowledged

said writing to be his last will and Testament and that he & Jonathan P. Blanchard the other witness signed it in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other and he bequeathed him to be of Sound Mind and Memory otherwise the same is ordered to be recorded

Attest Wm P. P. P. D. B. B.

Exemplified I Ephraim Rucker of the county of Rockbridge and State of Kentucky being weak of body but of sound mind do make this my last will and testament First I desire that all my just debts be paid Secondly As regards the residue of what property I have over and above the payment of my debts of what kind soever it may be whether real or personal whether in possession or in action as we have no children I will & devise the same to my beloved wife Aia dema Rucker with power to use sell or dispose of and convey any part thereof that she may deem proper for her own use and benefit and the proceeds of the sale to be held by her under her own absolute control and for her own absolute use If however any of my said property should remain or be on hand at the death of my wife it is my will and desire that the property so remaining shall be equally divided between my next of kin and the next of kin of my wife to such person as would inherit or be entitled to distribution from us respectively This last qualification of the devise to my wife is not intended to restrict her right to sell dispose of or convey absolutely any of my property but to provide only for the disposition of such as may remain after such use of the same or the proceeds of the same as she may think proper to make and she is to be accountable to no one for what use she may make of the same

I hereby appoint my friend & Brother in Law Elijah R. Estridge Executor of this my last will and testament In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of June 1858

Witness

John W. Kinchloe

G. H. Beard

Robt. Gardner

Rockbridge County, Kentucky

County Court for June 1858
The within and foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Ephraim Rucker Decd was produced in court by E. R. Estridge the Executor and was duly proved by the Oaths of J. W. Kinchloe and John H. Beard two of the subscribing witnesses that to be the last will and Testament of E. Rucker Decd and was sworn to by Elijah R. Estridge the executor and the same is ordered to be recorded

Attest
Wm P. P. P. D. B. B.