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In the name of god amen, I Archer Johnson of the County of Mercer in State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish the as my last will and testament to wit, First of all I give my soul to god who gave it me and my body to the earth whence it was taken, Hoping that in the general resurrection I shall receive them back again entire, Secondly after the payment of all my just debts and burial expenses it is my wish and desire that all my estate both real and personal shall descend in the following manner to wit;

Item I do wish my land to remain divided just as it has been divided 433 1/4 acres to Ar. Johnson and Susan Johnson my son and daughter to them and their heirs so long as they may live unless said Susan shall marry in that case it is my wish and desire that the said land shall be held by my son Archer as before directed is that he shall in the event of his marriage be the sole proprietor thereof during his natural life.

Item I hereby give and bequeath to my son Samuel the tract upon which he now resides containing 275 acres.

Item I also give and bequeath to my son Gregory Johnson a tract of land on the Green River run containing 245 3/4 acres.

Item It is my wish and desire that the remainder of my property be equally divided among all my children and that in said Division it is my wish that my woman slave Edy remain in the possession of my son Archer during his life.

Knowing that the first item may not fully express my wish in relation to the distribution of my land named between my son Archer & Susan, I for the State, That in the event of my daughter Susan outliving the said Archer my wish then is that she the said Susan Johnson shall become the sole owner of said tract of land specified in the first clause until said Susan should marry viewing it as being an inevitable time for the division of my personal property my wish is that it remain in the present condition subject to the management and control of my son until the present crop is secured.

In witness whereof this day set my hand & seal

Witness Archer Johnson (seal)

Henry Wood Clerk A. McCracken

William A. Wood Samuel Lloyd

this 8th of April 1845

Kentucky Parais County Court

May Term 1845

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Archer Johnson dec'd was produced in Court & sworn by the oaths of Henry Wood & Sam Lloyd two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act & deed of said Archer Johnson & Ordered to be read.

Whereupon the same have been duly admitted to record in my Office

Att John J. McFarland D.C.

State of Kentucky 3 June Term 1867
Parais County

The book containing the foregoing will having been destroyed it is ordered that the same be re-recorded
Witness my hand this 11th June 1867
J. Jones Clk.

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I Henry J. Priest being in a low state of health but of sound mind and disposing memory viewing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and constitute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made heretofore.

My will and desire is that my debts be first paid and that my children Francis Jane Harriet Mercer and Henry be raised and educated out of my estate in general and that they be not individually charged with their expenses & further now I wish them to have a good education & when Henry arrives at a proper age if it be thought advisable by my executor or his guardian if he should have one other than my executor and the interest of my estate at that time should be sufficient to pay all expenses of the estate I am willing that he should have a better or a classical education & further my desire is that my children receive as they arrive at twenty one year of age or marry three thousand dollars each provided nevertheless that if that sum should not exceed one fourth of my estate then & in that case they shall only receive one fourth of said estate to be paid to them by my executor in solvent cash notes cash or property at the real value or part or each as my executor shall think best for the heirs & that the balance of my estate remain together for the support of the other children or child until the last one shall have become twenty one year of age or married and after all shall have received equal to the first one then I