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In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Higdon Senior of the County of Daviess
by being weak in body but of sound and disposing
mind memory do hereby constitute this my last will
and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore
made.

In the first place I direct that all my just debts
be paid and satisfied. In the second place, I hereby
give grant and bequeath to my beloved wife Artemesia all
my estate both real mixed & personal.

In the 3rd place I direct and advise my said wife
to sell and convey my landed estate particularly my
home residence and plantation as soon as she finds
a purchaser willing to give a fair price upon such
terms and credit as she may deem advantageous and
after paying my just debts the balance of my estate
to be used and disposed of as my said wife may
deem to her advantage with full power to use and
dispose of the same being hereby absolutely given to
her to be disposed of as she pleases during life and at
her death to be given to such of our children or grand
children as she may deem most meritorious or to any
other person or persons whatever. Lastly, I hereby
constitute my beloved wife Executrix of this my
last will & testament. October 20th 1845

Thomas Higdon Senr Ed

Witnesses Present
Harrison Speer
Wm A. Griffith
Hiram P. Ingua

Kentucky Daviess County Court Set
December Term 1845

The within writing was produced in Court and
duly proved by the oaths of Harrison Speer & William
A. Griffith and Hiram P. Ingua the three subscribing
witnesses there to be the last will & testament of the
within named Thomas Higdon in due form and ordered
by the Court to be recorded.

At Wm P. Felt D. for

Wm P. Ware Clerk D.C.C.

State of Kentucky
Daviess County June Term 1867

The book containing the foregoing will having
been destroyed, it is ordered that the same be
re-recorded.

Witness my hand this 15th June 1867
J. C. Jones clk

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In the name of God Amen
I Isaac Crabtree of the County
of Daviess and state of Kentucky being in declining
health but in sound mind and wishing to make
dispositions of my estate to take effect after my
death do make and ordain this as my last will
and testament: as follows to wit
First it is my will and desire and I hereby bequeath
unto my daughter Cordine Pruden and her husband
Malcolm Pruden and to the survivor of them the tract
of land in which they reside containing one hundred
and forty seven acres of land purchased of John Lancaster
to have and to hold said land unto them and the
survivor of them during their lives and at the death of the
Survivor to her in her heirs forever. Secondly

I will and bequeath unto my son Colston Crabtree
the following described tract of land to wit Beginning at
Pruden Brook east corner of Hines line and to run with
Pruden line Southwardly and the course of said line
so far that a line at right angles eastwardly to Taylor
line will include in the tract said Colston's tobacco barn
and at least 150 acres and if by running the line so as to
include the tobacco barn more than 150 acres is included
in the tract I will the same to said Colston. To have
and to hold said tract of land unto him the said
Colston Crabtree and his heirs and assigns forever.
Thirdly. I will and bequeath unto my son Green
Crabtree one tract of land containing about 145
acres more or less being a tract purchased of W R
Griffith adjoining Worthington on the west side Taylor
on the south of my home tract on the east Pruden &
Pruden on the north. To have and to hold said
tract of land unto him the said Green Crabtree
and his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly I will and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Sally Crabtree (she paying all my just debts)
my home farm about 50 acres of land on the
the residue of my land not herein bequeathed
together with all my slaves stock household
furniture farming utensils and personal estate of every
description believing that she will appropriate the
same for a home for herself and maintenance &
education of our younger unmarried children
To have and to hold said land slaves and
personal estate for home comfort and maintenance
of herself and my younger children or assigns
during the natural life or widowhood of my said
wife Sally Crabtree and at her death my will

and devise is and I hereby bequeath unto my youngest son Edward Crabtree my home tract of land aforesaid. To have and to hold said tract of land with the houses & improvements thereunto appertaining and thence (after the death of my said wife) unto him the said Edward Crabtree and his heirs and assigns forever my further will and desire is that at the death of my wife a sale be made of all the personal estate then remaining and that all the slaves with their increase up to that time be divided together with the proceeds of the sale of personal property aforesaid and all that may then be due to my said wife be equally divided between my six daughters to wit Alice Worthington Julia Barnum Emily Winstead Caroline Crabtree Sarah Crabtree and Lydia Crabtree and if each when divided as appraisers of the slaves and personal estate aforesaid shall amount in value to more than the share willed herein to my son Edward Crabtree I give and my daughter Eveline Pruden in land at five dollars per acre and charging Julia Barnum, Alice Worthington Eveline Pruden & Emily Winstead each one thousand twenty dollars each heretofore advanced in property to them together with any other advances that my said wife makes to them said balance to be equally divided among all my children (Edward excepted) my special object being to make all my children equal except Edward who I will my home farm to be provided my personal estate and slaves will make them equal after charging the land willed to Pruden Green & Colston at 10 per acre and each of them the said said children the advances heretofore made & which may be made to any of them by my wife during her life which I leave discretionary with her to do keeping against each a bill But if the slaves & personal estate should not make up the six shares equal in value to each share of land willed to the other three children to whom no land is devised shall have the whole of the personal estate & slaves aforesaid divided equally among them charging each with the advances aforesaid To have and to hold their shares in the slaves aforesaid to them and their heirs or children forever that to be subject to sale by their husband or to be liable for the debts of their husband

Fifthly In the event of my wife marrying my wife and devise is that she have one half my home tract of land and the choice of two of my slaves during her life and that a sale be made of all my personal estate and that my said wife have one third the proceeds of my personal estate and the remaining proceeds of the sale be put out at interest and the remainder of my slaves held out until my son Edward arrives at 20 years of age and the remainder of my home tract of land to be rented out and when Edward arrives at 20 years of age he shall have possession of one half the home farm and the rents of the half paid over to him and the proceeds of the sale of the personal estate by him of negroes and negroes themselves shall be equally divided among my six children herein to whom no land is devised charging each with the advances made to him and at the death of my said wife the two negroes which she may have with their increase if any shall be divided in like manner and Edward to have possession of the balance of his lands.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal the 25th day of September 1846

In presence of
 Saml Calhoun Isaac ^{son} Crabtree
 O. B. Burwell
 John S. McFarland.

Kentucky, Davies County Court Sch
 February Term 1847

The within and foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Isaac Crabtree deceased was produced in Court and duly proven in Open Court to be the act and deed of the said Isaac Crabtree by the oaths of Saml Calhoun O. B. Burwell and John S. McFarland the subscribing witnesses thereof in due form and ordered to be recorded Whereupon the said writing together with this Certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my Office

Attest George C. Sebastian, Secy
 Wm B. Watts, Clerk