

Richard Beel of Davis County being of sound mind and memory but afflicted in body do make this my last will and testament first I give and bequeath unto my wife the two female slaves, Eliza and Martha also one third of my land also as much of my household and kitchen furniture and the same of my stock as she may think she stands in need of to have and to hold as long as she lives then dispose of the same as she may think best I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth my two slaves Isaac and Beulah also the other two thirds of my land to have and to hold as her own property when she comes to be twenty one years old but until that time the two slaves is to be hired out yearly and the land rented and the money to be put out on interest for her benefit when she comes to twenty one years old But if she dies before her mother without an heir then all to say her mother to dispose of as she may think best the balance of my personal property to be sold and my debts paid it is also my will as my man Abraham has been a good and faithful slave to me, when he comes to be fifty five years old then to have his freedom until that time to have the privilege of hiring his own time and the money to go to pay my debts thereby appoint Henry Head & William Head my executors of this my last will and testament whereas I now being named in the presence of Bryan D Barnett and William B Head this fourteenth day of April 1840

Bryan D Barnett

Witness

William B Head

Richard Beel.

State of Kentucky
Davis County
County Court May Term 1840

The foregoing will of Richard Beel deceased was produced in Court examined & proved to be the act and deed of the said Beel by the oath of subscribing witnesses and ordered to record in my office

Attest John D McFarland Clk
By William J Smith D.C.

State of Kentucky
Davis 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 10th June 1867
J. G. Jones C.K.

Wm Lanhams
Witness

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In the name of god Amen I William Lanhams of the County of Davies and state of Kentucky being some unwell but of a sound mind & disposing memory thank be to god for the same but calling to mind the uncertainty of human life knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say firstly and first of all I give and recommend my soul to the hands of almighty god that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my friends and as touching such worldly estate whereof it has pleased god to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath in the following manner that is to say I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Lanhams in case that she should be the longest liver all of my real and personal estate during her natural life do as she thinks best as I named for the benefit of the family and after the death of my said wife Elizabeth Lanhams my will and desire is that the whole of the real and personal estate be equally divided between my children to wit George Henry Lanhams William Harris Lanhams Richd Oliver Lanhams Mary Ann Lanhams James Nathaniel Lanhams to be disposed of in what anyway a majority of the heirs may think best of my will and request is that Elizabeth Lanhams my wife be my Executrix and that there be no expenses except the recording of the will that there be no appraisement at my death or nothing of the kind my will and request is that all my debts be paid if any out of the personal property such as can be the best use of the place and as the children manners of if my wife or Executrix or administrator think proper to give each one of the heirs so much of the estate as can spare from the place by having it released and charging each heir with the amount that if may seem it is also my will and desire that the children be equally schooled as near as practicable in testimony whereof I hereunto put my hand and seal this 15 day of March in the year of Our Lord 1840

Wm Lanhams Seal

Thos. O Hagan
Richd D Barnett