

draw to before me on May 2 Stratten
the 24 day of April 1886

Edward Ford J.P.

Reading before me the time and place of my
office, the above written will, the point on
the front door of the Court house in the town of
Prestonsburg, one on the front door of the Store house of
Mary R. Hatcher at the mouth of Abbott's Run on the
front door of the Store house of George Hatcher at the mouth
of Beaver. Three Public Places in Floyd County. The
Notices were posted upon the 10th day of April 1886, a
Copy of same is filed herewith the date post. of this report.
Filed on the 24th day of April 1886, at my law office
in the town of Prestonsburg. It appeared to take the substance
of the foregoing named Will as to the fact of the
Copy in Conformity of the last will & testament of the late
Solomon Stratten Decd. which said instrument was
probated in the Floyd County Court at its June term 1885
& was last before being recorded viz: J. A. Noble, being
introduced as shown say he had seen the last will &
testament of Solomon Stratten decd. was employed by
his Widow Mary E. Stratten to have it probated he said it
was in the Floyd County Court. He has read the said will
some two or three times since it was probated. He remembers
its contents in substance. The said will devised to Mary
E. Stratten Widow of Solomon Stratten Decd. the house
he lived in Prestonsburg on Second Street. The same
house he lived occupied by Solomon Stratten at his
death and since then occupied by his Widow Mary E.
Stratten. He said the furniture in the said house was
bequeathed to the said Mary E. Stratten. He is of the opinion
that all other personal property on the said lot was
bequeathed to her. The will empowered the Executor to sell
all the land owned by said Solomon Stratten except
the house he lived in Prestonsburg above mentioned and to
pay to all his debts & out of the proceeds to pay all
the just debts of said Stratten & all the money that
was left was bequeathed to his wife Mary E. Stratten.
John H. Mayo, the will appointed Executor of the
Estate. The will was signed by said Solomon Stratten
it was witnessed by J. D. Shell & C. C. Callahan. There
was a Certificate appended to the said will which was
subsequently added to the Original will & modified & so
as to direct the Executor after the debts were all paid to
hold one half the money in his hands for the support
of H. H. Stratten & his child if the same was not
provided it was to be given to his wife Mary E.

Stratten. He W. Spatlan was mentioned in the will as
the brother of Solomon Stratten Decd. The above proba-
tion met all the provisions of the Fairview & the
Estate of said Solomon Stratten was disposed of in the
Manner as above stated. The will was by me produced
in the Floyd County Court & proved to be the last will &
testament of Solomon Stratten Decd. & was probated
in said Court & ordered to be recorded. The will has
since been lost. Witness does not know what became
of it, or how it came to be lost. He has seen the will
in the possession since it was probated & has since
been described diligently & cannot find it. Does not
know anything about it. Notices of this sitting of the
Commissioner were mailed by me as signed by Mr. J. H.
Middleton. One of them was posted by me on the
Court house door on the 10th day of April 1886. The one
was sent to mouth of Abbott's to be posted on Mary E.
Hatcher's Store house door. The one sent to mouth of Beaver
to be posted on Store house door of George Hatcher on the
10th day of April 1886. A Copy of said Notice is filed
herewith the post of my report under marked (A). My
information is that each of these Notices were posted at
the places to which they were sent on the day stated
above to wit 10th April 1886. As further Smith & Co.
James Noble.
Miss Samuel P. State being introduced as shown
states as follows viz: I was present when the will
of the said Mary E. Stratten was read & witnessed by the
Court. I saw Stratten sign the will. He lived in the
house he lived in Prestonsburg. He had household
furniture & kitchen furniture & his wife Mary E.
Stratten & also what personal property he had then
on the place at the time. He directed in the will
that the Executor should sell all his other land and
property & collect his debts. Out of the money
arising from the sale of his land & property and
debts. He directed all his just debts paid.
He directed the Executor to pay the remainder to his
wife Mary E. Stratten. John H. Mayo was appointed
Executor of the will. After the will was made his
wife Mary E. Stratten suggested that she would rather
have the money made for Nelson Stratten
in the will. Solomon Stratten then began writing again
& directed that after the payment of his just debts one
half of the money arising from the sale of his property
& the collection of his debts should be held by his
Executor for the support of his wife Mary E. Stratten
until the death of said H. H. Stratten of this money.

