

I charge my Body to the Almighty God that gave me existence,
I hope through his Mercy to have an entrance in Christ my Redeemer who
died and suffered on the cross for sinners. I desire the following Legacy
to my Polly Brinsford one dollar, my daughter, also to my daughter
Peggy Gethens one dollar also my daughter, Abigail Oliver one dollar
and the residue of my Estate to my wife Lucy Miller after paying my
Funeral Expenses and paying my just debts I wish my wife to give
to school and raise my Daughter Nancy and my two sons William
and Thomas Miller, It is my wish for her to dispose of my Estate as she
thinks proper. She has been to me an affectionate Companion - It is
my wish that my wife Lucy Miller with be my Executor of my
Last Will and Testament to carry the same into Execution, Signed this
Nineteenth day of April 1822.

Witness
William Porter Senr
Stephen Lovingson
Charles D. Porter
Pronkley Morris

John Miller his mark
X

In the name of God amen, I Dennis Bowley of the
County of Franklin & State of Kentucky being of sound mind
but of an advanced age do make and constitute this my last Will
& Testament in manner following to wit:
My primary object in making this will is to secure after my
death, emancipation to my Slaves at such times, and in such man-
ner as I shall hereinafter ordain & specify.
First as a reward for the industry & fidelity of my man Jerome Joe,
and my Woman servant Sarah, for whose it is my will and desire
that they together with their increase hereafter born be liberated
immediately after my death & for their support and maintenance
my Executors (hereinafter to be named) are requested to lay off from
the farm whereon I now reside fifty acres of land which is to be
divided to them & their heirs forever. I further desire, for the same
purpose and above mentioned, that they have given to them out of my
last two cows, six hogs one three plough and gear
Secondly, my last remaining male slave Charles and female

do to be liberated, after the death of my wife Susanna
Bowley; until which time I desire they be held in house by my
Executors for the use and benefit of her so long as she remain
widow. This trust in my executors is entered with a view to prevent
the most treatment of these Slaves, or being taken up or sold as is
the usual intention of emancipating them.
Thirdly, my female Slave Clara is also to be held in house by my
executors for the same reasons as Charles and Aaron, for the benefit of my
wife during her life or widowhood and at the termination of either to be
liberated together with her increase.
Fourthly, It is my desire that my wife retain during her life or
widowhood my farm on which we now reside consisting the fifty acres to be
used before divorce at my death to Joe and Sarah and also all the
household furniture & farming utensils in my possession at the
time of my death, not however otherwise disposed of.
Fifthly, After the death of my wife it is my desire that my executors
do divide my farm into three equal parts taking into the
computation the fifty acres before divorce to be divided to Joe & Sarah
one part to be divided as before mentioned to Joe & Sarah, one part to Charles
and the other part to Aaron, to them and their heirs forever.
Sixthly, In consideration of the long friendship existing between myself
& the late William Brickman I desire my executors to give hereout
of my estate twenty pounds should he be alive at my death, also
and worthy friend James McQuire the sum of one hundred dollars
should he be alive at my death.
Seventhly, after the death of my wife I desire that
my stock, furniture & be sold and the proceeds disposed of as
the discretion of my executors to the poor and away.
Eighthly, To my old friend Henry Miller, I desire to be given for the
use of his Children or those of them who my executors in conscience shall
think may think most meet, the sum of one hundred dollars.
Ninthly, I do hereby appoint and constitute as my executors to the
my last will, Thomas Long of the town of Frankfort, Henry S. Thomas
& James D. Miles & William Porter.
Lastly, Reposing the most entire confidence in the probity and
fidelity of my executors I do require and desire of their part
to appoint them trustees, that they will after the payment of my
just debts, and paying the legacies herein before

Relief of death from and every object of humanity as they may
think worthy of assistance

Teste

Subscribed by Dennis Howley
to his last will and his death
made in our presence the 20th Day
of February 1821.

Isaac Caldwell

James M. Forbes

State of Mississippi Adams County Sec.

Know all men by these presents that I Lewis Weston
Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Law for the County of Adams
of the Second judicial District of the State aforesaid, on this day con-
sidered Isaac Caldwell whose name is described in a certain
instrument of writing to come before me at my Chamberlay Office of
the aforesaid County and said Caldwell having been duly sworn
before the only Evangelist of Adams County do declare and make oath
that in the month of February 1821 in the town of Frankfort Kentucky
Dennis Howley whose name is subscribed to the within instrument of
writing did execute & publish said instrument of writing as and
for his last will and testament, and that he said Caldwell at
the request of said Howley subscribed his name thereto as a witness
in said Howley's presence and that he called James M. Forbes the
other subscribing witness signed his name thereto at the same time
in the presence of said Howley & Caldwell was at said Howley's request
said Caldwell further solemnly declared & made oath that
at the time of the execution & publication of said Will as aforesaid
he believed said Howley was of sound & disposing mind & mem-
ory - That said Howley's name was written to said Will and a seal aff
said Howley's request and in his presence, and that before
the acknowledgment & publication as aforesaid said Howley (being an
illiterate man) made his mark, as appearing in said Will,
said Will having first been correctly read out and explained to
said Howley.

Given under my hand this
20th Day of November 1822 -
at Natchez

Isaac Caldwell

Lewis Weston JP

The Commonwealth of Mississippi the presiding judge of the
Circuit Court of Law for the County of Adams (now sitting) of the
State of Mississippi do hereby certify that the within instrument

Dennis Howley
Teste

announced purporting to be the last will and testament of
Dennis Howley deceased was produced to the worshipful Circuit Court of Law
at their September Court 1822 for perusal and it being suggested
Isaac Caldwell, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto was
the limits and jurisdiction of this Commonwealth.

Now Know ye that we (being to your friends & friends
I speak in diligently examining the said Isaac Caldwell, up-
with, whether the testator signed and published the writing here-
made as his last Will and Testament that he was of disposing
mind and memory and that he the said Caldwell subscribed his name
thereto in his presence and at his request, and that the name
James M. Forbes was signed by the said Forbes in his presence and
his request as a witness to said Will and having taken the alle-
giance that you testify in the manner such acts are usually author-
ized by you to the judges of our said Court without delay including
the same time this will with the said will annexed, Witness the
Hand of the Clerk of our said Court at the Court house of said County the
fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and twenty two year of the Commonwealth the Thirty first Year
of the Independence of the said State

James M. Forbes

In the name of God Amen.

I Rebecca Cannon Shannon of the County of Adams
and State of Kentucky growing old and infirm of body but
and State of Kentucky growing old and infirm of body but
mind and knowing that it is allotted to all men once to die, in
come to this and ordain this my last will and Testament in the
and from following (My) My said may body to the earth for
it came and my soul to be gone to and trusting my words
after paying all my just debts and funeral charges, I do
and bequeath to my loving wife one third of the land in
to be taken after the law made touching and as I wish
my property I wish all my love my love my
my house the and bequeath the same to the said
bequeath the property of my said wife and