In the name of God Amen I Joseph Parker of the county of Franklin and state of Kentucky, being weak of body and considering the uncertainty of this world in life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be the Almighty god for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz — First I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons and son in law Charles Parker, Archibald Parker and Elam Gunn a certain negro girl slave by the name of Diner to be equally divided between each of the above named Charles Parker, Archibald Parker and Elam Gunn —

I do also give to the said Elam Gunn a certain brown mare [illegible] to my board and bridle —

I do also give and bequeath unto my younger son Lewis Parker a certain bond on Samuel Arbuckle which is due the [illegible] of January [illegible] the said bond calling for two hundred and eight dollars and all my Chattels — The said Lewis Parker to take [illegible] all of the debts that [illegible] and the [illegible] state debts that [illegible] all of [illegible]

I also give and bequeath [illegible] Lewis Parker [illegible] the following [illegible] certificate [illegible] revolutionary [illegible] The said [illegible] to be [illegible] with the [illegible] and [illegible] the executors of this my last will and testament [illegible] shall either former will by me made — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty [illegible] —

Joseph Parker (Seal)

Signed sealed, published, and declared by the above Joseph Parker to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witness in the presence of the testator

Martin his mark Parker

John Mitzner Senr

I Susanna Sullivan of Franklin County and state of Kentucky being in perfect body but of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament — Whereas Theodorick M'Noel has rendered me many services, and my estate being small I do hereby devise and bequeath the whole of my estate both real and personal a part of which is in Ohio county in Virginia and the balance or the rest of it is in Kentucky consisting chiefly of land and slaves to Theodorick M'Noel after all of my debts are paid —

Lastly, I do hereby constitute the said Theodorick M'Noel Executor of this my last will and testament —

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal — this first day of February 1822 —

Susanna her ✗ mark Sullivan (Seal)

Signed sealed published in presence of us —

[illegible] Major
[illegible] Mosby
[illegible] Owen

Be it known to all whom it may concern that I Elizabeth Brown of the county of Franklin & state of Kentucky do hereby make & publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking annulling & disannulling all wills & writings made by me void. also I make or publish this of hereby [illegible]

1st I direct that [illegible] provision be made for the [illegible] of all my just debts 2d I lean to my negro Barah Brown for & during her natural life the house yard & garden where I now live. also such part of the household & kitchen furniture as she may want. Also my negro woman Chilly & her children Ben & Dennis also by Jerry & girl Chilsa & her death to be disposed of as herein after directed

3d I give to my daughter Polly Blake by my [illegible] Thompson three [illegible] in each case [illegible] given them or more of them I can [illegible] my children for I give to my [illegible] three negro boy named Henry & [illegible]

5th I give to my daughter Anna Templeman one negro girl named Charlotte and one boy named Ned, to her & her heirs forever also three hundred dollars in cash

6th I give to my daughter Lucy Richardson one negro woman named Nancy (the younger) & her child Martinette one woman named Nancy (the elder) & her child Grace Negro man Ben Bay Edmund & girl Maria to her & her heirs forever upon condition that she shall pay to my estate the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars (being that much more than her proportion) & also that she is not to consider Lucy (the slave) as a slave & that should said Nancy survive my said daughter Lucy then she shall have the privilege of living a home among my children so long as she shall take care of her as long as she lives and my Executors shall see that she is properly treated & necessary shall reserve a suitable portion of my estate to be appropriated to her support in consideration of her faithful services

7th I give to my son Elizabeth Brown one negro man named Stephen & woman Nancy to him & his heirs forever

8th I give to my son Harry Brown one negro man named Rachel & child Pompey also one negro boy Jeffries also at the death of my wife I give to my son Harry Brown my negro man named Forest & children Edmund & Lucinda to him & his heirs forever upon condition that he shall pay to my estate the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars it being that much more than his proportion

9th I give to the children of my deceased daughter Molly Waters the sum of four hundred dollars in cash to be equally divided among them or the survivors of them when they shall marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years 10th I give to the children of my deceased daughter Betsy Walker the sum of four hundred dollars in cash to be equally divided among them or the survivors of them when they shall marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years 11th It is my will that my faithful old negro man Sunday shall be privileged to select a home among my children & the one selected shall take care of & support him as long as he may live & that my Executors shall have an eye to his treatment & if necessary shall reserve a suitable portion of my estate for his comfortable support & maintenance during his life for and on account of his thirty faithful services to me & my family

12th It is my will that my freedman Napoleon Dudley shall have the farm whereon I now live (supposed to contain ten hundred acres) with its appurtenances to him and his heirs forever upon condition that he shall pay to my estate such sum therefor as may be fixed by three discreet men mutually chosen and as a reasonable compensation for the service rendered to me at different times and sources received at his hands he shall be allowed two years to make the payments therefor from & after the price shall so may have been fixed or agreed & I do hereby appoint my son Harry Brown & son-in-law John D. Richardson to execute a deed therefor on payment to said Dudley reserving the life estate to my wife of such part thereof as is now occupied by her

13th At the death of my wife I wish my executors to dispose of the balance of my estate whether real personal or mixed & divide the net proceeds thereof into seven equal parts one of which they shall pay to my daughter Anna Templeman one to Lucy Richardson one to Elizabeth one to Harry Brown one to the children of my deceased daughter Molly Waters & the other to the children of my deceased daughter Betsy Walker to them & their heirs respectively forever 14th I hereby nominate & appoint my son Harry Brown my son-in-law John D. Richardson my friend Napoleon Dudley Executors of this my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal at my residence this 25th day of December 1819

Witness
Fred. H. Johnson
W. S. Johnson
J. S. Johnson
Thomas Long

Elizabeth Brown (Seal)

In as much as my wife Sarah Brown may not be reconciled to this will & may thereby create some difficulties with my Executors I have considered it advisable to attach this as a codicil to my said will that should she refuse the provision herein made & adopt such provision as the law makes for her then and in that case my will is that my Executors shall allow her the third of all my estate & appropriate the other or they shall think proper & most advantageous to my children out of the estate of my said wife immediately after which they are to proceed & appropriate as is herein provided for — Given under my hand & seal this 27th day of December 1819

Witness
Thomas Long
Wm. S. Johnson
Fred. H. Johnson
J. S. Johnson

Elizabeth Brown (Seal)

I Elizabeth Brown of Orange County having written some [illegible] since the making & signing my will which bears date on the 25th day of December 1819 & the codicil thereto dated on the 27th of the same month which I wish to change & have better fitted to my circumstances & property therein which are as follows to wit: First in the 4th article of my said will strike out the words "three hundred & twenty" & insert in lieu thereof "seven hundred" Second in the 5th article same strike out the words "three hundred & twenty" & insert "seven hundred" Third in the 6th article same strike out the words "Washington" & insert "Napoleon" & insert "Pontiac" (born since my death) & strike out of the 6th line of said article the words "five hundred & fifty" & insert "seven hundred & fifty dollars" Fourth in the same article strike out the words "Negro woman Nancy (she having died) & insert "three hundred dollars" & in the 8th article strike out the words "four hundred & fifty dollars" & insert "three hundred & ninety five" 9th in the ninth article strike out the words "four hundred dollars" & insert "four hundred dollars" 10th in the tenth article strike out the words "four hundred dollars" & insert "four hundred dollars"

The foregoing are alterations I hereby make in my said will and insert this as an additional codicil to be attached to & part of my said will and to be read as part of the same & I do hereby ratify & confirm the same

[illegible]

Given under my hand & seal at my own house this 18th day of January 1821

Hezekiah Brown

The foregoing bequest to the wife of Hezekiah Brown was read over to him in our presence when he signed & acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & requested our signature thereto as witnesses on the day & date

Thos. P. Johnson
Nelson Mitchell
mark

Franklin County Sct

September Court 1821

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament (& the codicil on the back of the original will) of Hezekiah Brown dec'd was proven by the oath of William P. Johnson, Jos. K. Johnson and Thomas P. Johnson three of the subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered to be recorded, and the second codicil was proven by the oath of Thomas P. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered to be recorded whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office

Att Willis A. Dr. C.F.C.C.

[illegible] Franklin County in the state of Kentucky being in weak state of body but of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say In the first place it is my desire that all my just debts be paid. Item it is my desire that my beloved wife may have & enjoy the school of the farm on which I reside during her widowhood. Item I give unto my wife Charlotte also it is my desire that my wife Charlotte enjoy all the stock of every description with the household & kitchen furniture, she giving up to each of my children as they come of age or marry a good bed & furniture, also it is my wish she should have all the farming tools. Item it is my will after the above provision is made for my wife that all the residue be divided equally amongst my ten children taking into consideration the advance already made to some of them which is hereafter set forth. To my daughter Polly a horse bridle & saddle, bed & furniture, cow & calf, two sows & pigs, two ewes & household furniture to the value of Eighty Eight dollars. To my daughter Polly Major a horse bridle & saddle, bed & furniture, cow & calf, two ewes two sows & pigs & a Bureau the whole worth one Hundred & three dollars. To my son Samuel a horse bridle & saddle, bed & furniture, cow & calf, two ewes two sows & pigs the whole worth Eighty Eight dollars. To my daughter Elizabeth Richardson one horse bridle & saddle, one bed & furniture, one cow & calf, two ewes two sows & pigs & a Bureau & a Major Dye the whole worth Five hundred & three dollars. To my son William one horse bridle & saddle, one bed & furniture, one cupboard, one cow & calf, two sows & pigs which worth one hundred & forty four dollars & fifty cents. To my son John one horse worth forty dollars, to my son Nathaniel one horse worth forty dollars. It is my desire that the above mentioned property be divided as aforesaid on the 1st day of January next. It is my will that the above mentioned property should be delivered into the general store and equally divided amongst my children if they should not choose to release them they or either of them shall take it for their share. Item as the Land in this case of Brown contains a bounty of Bolivar claim I give to my son John, but to be accounted for in the division, and then it is my desire that my other nine children shall be made equal to Elizabeth Richardson & the balance equally divided amongst the other — it is understood & we direct that the property to be advanced upon division of my estate specified to my two Daughters Polly Brown & Polly Major for ever shall immediately vest in Samuel & William Payne in trust for the benefit & support of them the said Polly Brown & Polly Major during their lives & after their death with the direct absolute ownership for the benefit of their children until the eldest comes of age when the trust shall cease as to him or her & the estate equally divided among the children of said Polly & Polly equally so as give to him or her their part & the trust continues as to the rest until they become of age equally under the youngest shall become of age when the trust shall cease. I appoint my friends Samuel & Wm. Payne & John & Washington Payne to be my last will & testament revoking & disannulling all other by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty

William Payne

Acknowledged before
Robert Blackburn
John Gregory
Franklin County Sct April Court 1822

The last will & testament of William Payne dec'd was produced in court & proven by the oath of Robert Blackburn & John Gregory the two subscribing witnesses thereto & was ordered to be recorded whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office

Att Willis A. Dr. C.F.C.C.

In the name of God. I Joseph Parker of the county of Franklin and state of Kentucky being weak of body & considering the uncertainty of this mortal life & being of sound & perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same do make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following (viz) First I give & bequeath unto my beloved son & son in law Charles Parker Archibald Parker & John Gregory four negro girls share by the name of Dinah to be equally divided among each of the above named Charles Parker Archibald Parker & John Gregory & the also give to the said John Gregory a certain Brown [illegible] for my beloved wife & the also give & bequeath [illegible] to my son Joseph Parker