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

which is on the fifteenth of January next. The said Bond calls for four hundred & fifty dollars. I do also give & bequeath the said Lewis Porter is to pay one of his portion of the estate that shall come in against the estate. I also give & bequeath unto my youngest son John Porter of Virginia all the money due on my pension certificate for my services rendered in the revolutionary war. The said John Porter is to pay out of his portion thirty dollars to my beloved Daughter Catharine Briggs to have & to hold for her only use & to my apprentice Charles Porter & Archibald Porter. I do appoint of this my last will & testamental hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one.

Signed sealed published & declared by the above Joseph Porter to be his last will & testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of

Joseph Porter (Seal)

The testator
Martin Parker his mark
John Higgins Junr.

Franklin County Sct.

December court 1821

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Joseph Porter dec'd was presented to court & proven by the oaths of Martin Parker & John Higgins Junr. to be in his own hand writing & ordered to be recorded whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office.

Att. Willis Lea Clk

I John Higgins senr. of Franklin county & state of Kentucky being in a low state of health but perfectly in my senses & right in mind and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die & therefore commit my spirit into the hands of my maker who gave it & my body to the earth from whence it came to be interred in christian burial by my executors and as it respects my earthly substance (after my honest debts & funeral charges are paid) I do dispose of it in the following manner. The west end part of all I give to my beloved wife Lydia Higgins a plantation on which I now dwell, together with all the farming utensils pertaining thereto with their horses & their increase & which she is at liberty at my decease to make choice of together with the same stock of every description sufficient for her support, all of which she is to hold in fee simple during her natural life & at her decease I give the plantation together with a proportional part of farming utensils stock household & kitchen furniture that may then be in her possession and especially to the oldest my other married children have received to my son Jonathan Higgins & his heirs forever. Except 18 acres of the said plantation I give to my son John Higgins & his heirs forever which is to be taken off the eastern & best part of it the possession of which he may have at the death of his mother or before if she chooses to give him possession & also I give the plain which I purchased of Clark to my son John Higgins & Joseph Higgins the same to be divided between them by the general commissioners which runs through it the said road to be the dividing line the choice of shares they shall determine by lot & the one they get shall not receive of the other any consideration for the inequality of the division. To my daughter Catharine Briggs & her heirs forever I give the balance of my property of every description & I give unto the hands of my Executors to be equally divided amongst all my children at the decease of my wife Lydia Higgins all the property that may then be in her possession & not otherwise disposed of as aforesaid I give also unto the hands of my executors to be also equally divided amongst all my children and lastly I appoint my son John Higgins & Joseph Higgins to pay all debts fair & honest & this my last will & testament which I do constitute & ordain my hand & executors & representatives in certain & hereby revoking & making void & renounce all former wills & testaments or testaments that I may have made and I do acknowledge this to be my last & only act of the kind now & hereunto my hand this 12th day of

John Higgins senr. (Seal)

Sept. 1821

Signed sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us
Jno. Bowman
Jno. Walker
John Parker

Franklin County Sct.

November court 1821

The last will & testament of John Higgins dec'd was presented to court & proven by the oaths of Jno. Bowman & John Walker & John Parker the two subscribing witnesses & was ordered to be recorded whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office

Att. Willis Lea Clk