

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 and 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 thereto, at 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

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announced purporting to be the last will and testament of
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 (listening to your prayer & prayers &
petition in diligently examining the said Isaac Caldwell, up-
on oath, whether the testator signed and published the writing thereto
made as his last Will and Testament that he was of disposing
mind and memory and that he the said Caldwell subscribed the same
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
at his request as a witness to said Will and having taken the afore-
said oath that you certify in the manner such acts are usually autho-
rized by you to the judges of our said Court without delay enclosing
the same to this writ 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
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

from and approve hereby to my Executors that he and they
as may not be made use of as may not be made use of for the comfort
support shall descend to my son Lewis Shannon and his heirs down
in fee and all the property that my son Lewis Shannon and Eliza
at his wife now owns together with its increase is not to be taken in
the above divided valuation I also will and bequeath to my daughter
Ann Shannon as her real property to dispose of as she may think
proper a certain Negro woman named Queen.

Secondly as Hannah had who married my daughter Eliza
Shannon have received of my Estate their full part according to my
present circumstances including in Negro boy that gave them at their
Marriage named Betty which I hereby fully confirm I wish
them to receive in addition to the above forty dollars in cash or property
as the parties may agree.

Thirdly as my son Doct Thomas Shannon has received his full
share I will and bequeath him twenty dollars my watch and great
Books and my silver watch as a memento of his Brother Doct Thomas
Shannon's death and my own.

Fourthly I will and bequeath to James Richardson twenty dollars
with marriage my daughter Mary and to his son George Madison
Richardson and James Richardson, both with a good valuable property -
also to Thomas Richardson, the other son of the said James I will
and bequeath one hundred and twenty dollars in cash or valuable
property which his late ingenious Dutch planter in the hands of
Executors for their use with a guarantee is properly appointed
to take charge of the same.

Fifthly As my will that my son Lewis Shannon shall have and
hold by deed the tract of land I now possess in Franklin County and
State of Virginia by purchase by George and his heirs and Captain
Acers and deeded to me by Benjamin Bennett and Major John
Arnold, and if at any time the above named Lewis Shannon
may think proper to sell the whole or any part of the above land
the money or the greater part thereof I should wish to be laid out for
other land where the said Lewis may think proper this my fifth
bequest to my said son Lewis of my land is not to interfere with
any wife's dower in the land during her lifetime and as far as
my will whatever of my estate may remain after making
the above distribution I shall desire to my son Lewis Shannon.

Sixthly I do appoint to this my last will and Testament James
Patrick Marshall Rice, and Doct Thomas Shannon as Executors
to see that this my will shall be executed any two of whom may
act.

Seventhly This my last will and Testament shall not be nullified
unless by the consent of all the legates and my Executors.

And testimony of this my last will and Testament I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 26th day of September 1791.

James Shannon
Doct Thomas Shannon

In the name of God Amen.

I Edmund Vaughan of Franklin County and State of Virginia
feeling and knowing the uncertainty of life and the necessity that I
must die being weak in body but sound in mind do constitute full
power and appoint this my last will and Testament.

Item 1st I Give and bequeath unto my son William Vaughan during
his Natural life one equal half of the tract of land whereon he farms
by purchase being the same tract of land I purchased of John Smith
also the one fourth part the following Slaves and their increase to wit
Kiniah, Vester, Manuel, Mary, Abily, Vork, Sarah, Frank, James
Cynthia, Anne, George, Albert, Granville, Emittus, Harriett, Mary
Isabella, Ned, & boy I purchased from Harrison Planters, Washburn
Margaret, Lucretia, & Joseph, Madeline's Child - and at his decease
to be given to such child or children as he may have living.

And if the said William Vaughan should die without leaving issue
then it is my wish and desire that the one fourth of the above mentioned
and divided Slaves and their increase and the appraisal value of the
society of Land & Society of Land should be equally divided between my
three sons John, Edmund, and Walker to them and their heirs.

Item 2^d I Give and bequeath unto my son John Vaughan during
his Natural life one equal half of the tract of land whereon my son
William formerly resided the same tract of land I purchased
of John Smith, also the one fourth part of the above mentioned
division Slaves and their increase also one further six and a half
one cow & calf, and at his decease to be given to such child or children
he may have living. And if the said John Vaughan should die with
out leaving issue then it is my wish and desire that the above
one fourth of Slaves and their increase and the appraisal value of the
society of Land should be equally divided between my three sons William
and Walker to them and their heirs.

Item 3^d I Give and bequeath unto my son Edmund Vaughan during
his Natural life the tract of land he now lives on being the same
purchased of Thomas Martin, also one fourth part of the above
mentioned Slaves and their increase, and at his decease to be given
to such child or children as he may have living. And if the said
Vaughan should die without leaving issue then it is my wish
that the above mentioned one fourth of Slaves and increase

should be equally divided between my three sons William
and Walker to them and their heirs.

Edmund Vaughan
Doct Thomas Shannon