Brown Sarah

I Sarah Brown a man of Colour of Franklin County do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner & form following, that is to say — 1st I desire that my Cupboard and one table and one bed & bedstead to Mary Reeves a girl of Colour I bound to me. I give to Rachel Reeves one Bureau one table and one Bed the said Mary is to have choice of the table, and I give and bequeath all my little farm or parcel of land to James Harvey on Condition that he the said James Harvey be a man of Colour and is to live with me in my family and take Care of my self and wife, and is to take choice of the above mentioned Mary and Rachel Reeves and permit them to live with him on the said farm I bequeath to him, until they may marry or may choose to leave him Voluntarily of they shall believe it best for their interest to do so, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my neighbor Benjamin Wingate Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made, I am aware it is but little I do hereby and that it be divided among the several legatees named in this my will. I desire that my executor shall not be required to give security. In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of July 1842

attest W. H. Taylor

John B. Forsee

Sarah her ⊗ mark Brown (Seal)

Franklin County Court September Term 1843

Presenting for probate the last will & testament of Sarah Brown dec'd a man of Colour was produced to Court and was proven by the oaths of W. H. Taylor & John B. Forsee witnesses thereto, and the said W. H. Taylor proved that John B. Forsee the other subscribing witness signed her name in his presence. The property of the dec'd was sworn to be under $500 & that the said will be recorded which is done accordingly

P. C. Kennedy C.F.C.C.

Clover Willis

In the name of God Amen I Willis Clover of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky, being weak in body but sound in mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will & testament, in manner & form following, to wit —

Item 1st I give my wife and desire that all my just debts be paid —

Item 2nd I give my wife and desire that my Executor hereinafter named pay to William S. Church the husband of Catherine Church the sum of Five dollars as her full share in my estate —

Item 3rd I give my wife Elizabeth and I do hereby bequeath unto Rice W. Clover one third of all the property now by me owned by me (excepting of land & negroes or any other whatsoever to them and their heirs forever —

Item 3rd I give my wife and desire and I do hereby bequeath unto my brother John E. Clover, one third of all my estate of every description whatsoever to him and his heirs forever. Item 3rd I give my wife and desire and I do hereby bequeath unto my nephew John Church one seventh of all my estate to him his heirs forever. Item 4th

It is my will and desire that the remaining seventh part be equally divided amongst the said Rice W. Clover, John E. Clover and John Church to them & their heirs forever — And lastly I hereby appoint the said John Church Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking & cancelling all other & former wills by me heretofore made, I am fully do in the manner & among all former wills by me made

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day

of October with my pencil on the [illegible]

Witness present

W. H. Taylor

John B. Forsee

Franklin County Court December Term 1843

Presenting for probate the last will and testament of Willis Clover dec'd was proven in Court and sworn proven by the oaths of W. H. Taylor & John B. Forsee the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done

Ath. A. H. Kennedy C.F.C.C.

O'Bannon

In the name of God Amen I Jesse O'Bannon of the County of Hancock and State of Kentucky being in weak and delicate health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament, to wit — Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy O'Bannon absolutely and unconditionally all the furniture which she had previous and which has been given her since our intermarriage, Consisting of two bureaus, one bedstead, bed and furniture, one Sofa, one piano forte, one large Mirror, chairs, tables and other things not now recollected or else all other household and kitchen furniture she may desire to retain. Item 2d I will and bequeath to my dear wife during her natural life one half of a tract of land lying in Ohio County Kentucky Containing about five hundred and forty acres — I also bequeath to my wife during her natural life one equal undivided eighth part of the four negroes above mentioned, and on the death of her mother Maria L. O'Bannon, she is there absolutely the land hereby bequeathed her mother and also the absolute title control and possession of said negroes and their increase

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Maria L. O'Bannon five hundred dollars in Cash. Item 5th After the payment of all debts I may legally owe at the time of my death I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Frances M. O'Bannon all the Cash & bank notes which may remain on hand amounting perhaps to some two thousand dollars in Cash and some thousand dollars in Cash notes which I wish her guardian to invest at interest and secure by mortgages or mortgages on valuable real estate which will be worth security both for the payment of interest and principle, the interest to be made payable annually & the principle at a longer time, three or five years — Item 6th I give and bequeath to my said daughter Frances M. O'Bannon my gold lever watch & chain — Item 7th I give and bequeath to my nephew Elias O'Bannon son of my brother Cuthbert O'Bannon my present library, Consisting of law books and various other books —

Item 8th Whereas Philip Mannon a friend of Paducah by trade painter indebted to me in the sum of seven hundred ($700) I will and direct that he receive payment or be given credit for the space of twelve months after my death if any be found. Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint the said Philip Mannon Executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other & former wills by me made & done under integrity & honesty, request that on the probate of this my last will & testament I may be proven the Court will not require security but permit him to qualify as Executor. And I hereby nominate & request the Court to appoint my friends Philip Mannon and John Edward Mannon Executors to my estate Frances M. O'Bannon & Elias O'Bannon hereunto set my hand this 20th day of January 1850

Witnesses present

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Franklin County Court March Term 1844

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James O'Bannon dec'd was produced in Court and was proven by the oath of Ellen F. Macundy Hyde, & I have the satisfactory evidence, thereto rendered to be a true Whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office

A. H. Kennedy C.F.C.

Richardson John D.

In the name of God Amen. I John D. Richardson do make this my last will and testament. 1st It is my will that all my just debts be paid. 2d It is my will after all my just debts have been paid that my beloved wife Lucy Richardson shall have the balance of my property to use as she may think proper during her natural life or widow hood. 3rd Item at the death of my wife that my son James A. Richardson have my negro man Harrison and that my daughter Eliza Jane Vaughan have my negro girl Julia in order to make them equal with my other children, therefore give property.

4th Item at the death of my wife, that all my property of my kind & value was bequeathed or mentioned with those exception of the slaves Harrison & Julia Ann above mention which are to go to my above mention children at a public auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between all my children.

5th I do hereby appoint my son James A. Richardson the executor of this my last will & testament. In Witness my hand & seal this 11th day of March 1844

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Lewis Freed

Ellen Fox

John D. Richardson (Seal)

Franklin County Court March Term 1844

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John D. Richardson was produced in Court, was proven by the oath of Lewis Freed & Ellen Fox the subscribing witnesses thereto rendered to be a true and Whereupon the said Will is duly recorded in my office

ath. A. H. Kennedy C.F.C.

Pulliam, G.

In the name of God Amen, I Grace Pulliam of Franklin County State of Kentucky being sick & weak, but of sound disposing memory, do make and ordain, this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. I give unto my son Zachariah O. Pulliam, the track of land, being a part of the farm on which I now live, the same I purchased of Elijah O. Pulliam and Elizabeth his wife, Hardson M. Pulliam and Julia his wife, Catherine Pulliam, and Joseph Pickard Pulliam by their guardian Harrison M. Pulliam and Milton O. Pulliam heirs and representatives of Zachariah Pulliam dec'd which deed is of record in the Franklin County Court office. I also give unto my son Zachariah O. Pulliam the tract of land adjoining the farm on which I now reside containing about five acres on the South side of the old Lexington road, the same deeded to me by Lewis P. Mazon. I also give unto my son Zachariah O. Pulliam a negro girl named Amanda, four bed steads, Wilson family chairs being of the big room, the carpet in the big room, two pewter plates, two glass lamps, two candle sticks, two pewter stands, two kettles, one dozen glass tumblers, three bed comfortables, two table cloths, four marseilles blankets, one grey mare called Bertie, one bay horse colt called Tippecanoe together with a copy share of cotton, hogs and sheep to him and his heirs forever. I give unto my son Eden and Pulliam

[illegible] heirs forever. I do hereby appoint my son Zachariah O. Pulliam executor of this my last will and testament. In Witness of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of January 1844

Signed in presence of

Edmund Vaughan

Anderson Taylor

L. O. Brown

Grace Pulliam (Seal)

Franklin County Court March Term 1844

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Grace Pulliam dec'd was produced in Court and was proven by the oath of Edmund Vaughan & Anderson Taylor two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto rendered to be a true and Whereupon the said will is duly recorded in my office

ath. A. H. Kennedy C.F.C.

Sharp E.J.

Being desirous to make a testamentary disposition of my estate I Eliza J. Sharp of the town of Prestonsburg and State of Kentucky, do Constitute, declare and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit.

In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid and discharged, first of all.

Secondly I will and devise to my mother Catherine Scott such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may select during her life and at her death if any part remain she shall be equally divided between my children. The reason I have my mother not survive me their the whole of my household and kitchen furniture is to be equally divided between my three children, John M. P. Sharp, James McReed and Solomon P. Sharp.

Thirdly I will and devise my father Monadline Tony Taylor Catherine Johnson of Prestonsburg Ky. I desire that each of my sisters shall be provided with a memorial ring or something as they shall elect as a remembrance of me. I give to my sister Ann Isabella Wilcox of Frankfort the portrait of my mother in the event of her not surviving me. I will the said portrait to my brother W. H. H. Scott of New York City.

I will my gold watch and its appendages to my brother Wilson L. J. Sharp. I will to James M. Reed the portrait of her uncle Dr. L. J. Sharp, and to Solomon the portrait of my dear, dear husband, the most valued article I have to bequeath. To John I leave the portrait of General P. Van Cortlandt and I wish him to value it as the relic of one of his mother's family.

Lastly I will and devise that all my just debts, both and funeral charges of my decease and the expenses of which I may die possessed, or that may come to me by inheritance, devise or otherwise shall be equally divided between my three children Jane M. Reed, John M. Sharp and Solomon P. Sharp.

But the bequests to my said sons are to remain in the hands of my executor during the minority of my two sons, understand, I only appoint trustees until they come of age.

I do Constitute and appoint Leander L. Sharp of Prestonsburg and Fidelia C. Sharp of Prestonsburg Ky my executors of this my last will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this tenth day of July 1844.

Eliza J. Sharp (Seal)

Codicil

I request of my children to remain single and that my son Leander be Guardian to them for life. I also desire that a contract I made with Sam to be filled in the spirit that he [illegible] false.

Eliza J. Sharp

Franklin County Court February Term 1844

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament & codicil of Eliza J. Sharp dec'd was produced in Court and proven by the oath of A. H. Kennedy who states that the said and [illegible] are in the handwriting of Eliza J. Sharp dec'd. It has been duly proven that the [illegible] same is duly recorded in my office

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