



Franklin County Va. July 15<sup>th</sup> Term 1854

Handing probating the last will and testament of James Harrison dec'd was produced in Court and was proved by the oaths of J. Mayhall and A. Neal the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to record. Whereof on the same is truly recorded

W. H. Pennick C. C.

Hughes P.

Franklin Co. Va. June 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

I Sarah Hughes being of sound mind but weak in health, do make this my last will and testament

1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Ann Waller and her heirs, assigns & forever my negro woman named Charlotte. Also my negro woman named Margaret and all of her children. Witness my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty four

Leah N. Hall  
A. Neal

Sarah Hughes (Seal)

Franklin County Va. July Term 1854

Handing probating the last will & testament of Sarah Hughes dec'd was produced in Court and was proved by the oaths of W. Hall & A. Neal the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to record and the same is truly recorded in my office

W. H. Pennick C. C.

Brancham

I Gloria Brancham, a woman of color legally emancipated & enjoying the rights and privileges of a free woman of color, hereby constitute this paper as my last will & testament

1<sup>st</sup> I direct my executor, which I name dealely after my death, to sell when such reasonable terms as he may think proper, my land and all the personal property of which I am possessed, and out of the proceeds pay all my just debts, funeral expence and cost of administration. The balance of the money remaining, I desire to my executor in trust for the sole support and education of my three sons, all of whom are now Slaves, namely and called Peter Brancham, John Brancham and Wyatt Brancham, to be equally divided and paid to each of them when they shall be of age, and not to any other person or persons whatsoever

2<sup>nd</sup> In the event I should survive my executor or he should decline acting I request the County Court to appoint a prudent, safe and discreet man as administrator with this my will annexed who is hereby invested with all the powers of my executor

3<sup>rd</sup> My executor or administrator who may be appointed on the contents above stated shall have full power to execute a conveyance in due form of my land. From this I constitute Robert W. Smith executor of this my last will hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me

In Witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1851

Witness  
James  
John Harrison

Robert W. Smith  
C. C.

Franklin County Va. Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Term 1854

Handing probating the last will and testament of John Brancham dec'd (a free woman of color) was produced and proved by the oaths of James Harrison a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to record. Whereof on the same is truly recorded and the same is truly recorded in my office

W. H. Pennick C. C.

Brancham

In the Name of God Amen, Susan Brancham, do make this my last will and testament

- 1<sup>st</sup> I wish all my just debts and funeral expences paid
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to Doctor Tho<sup>s</sup> J. Alley of Midway Kentucky one hundred dollars
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to James Sheps Children in Virginia one third of my estate
- 4<sup>th</sup> I give to Susan Alley of Frankfort Kentucky one third of my estate
- 5<sup>th</sup> I also give to Rebecca Montague of Midway Kentucky the remaining one third of my estate which consist of a house and lot in Midway Woodford County Ky and cash notes and money, and Sarah Nelson Alley appointed my executor to carry out this will. Signed sealed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1854

Witness

James Shannon  
B. C. Melam

Susan Brancham  
M. A. C.

Franklin County Va. Sept Term 1854

Handing probating the last will and testament of Susan Brancham dec'd was this day produced in Court, and was proved by the oaths of James Shannon and B. C. Melam subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to record. Whereof the same is truly recorded

W. H. Pennick C. C.

Hawkins  
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In the name of God Amen, I William H. Hawkins of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky do hereby certify that this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1854 I have read and considered the last will and testament of the late John C. Hawkins of the County of Campbell and State of Kentucky

1<sup>st</sup> It is my desire that all of my just debts shall be paid

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my desire that my wife Hannah Hawkins shall have the full possession of my farm, and to have the use & benefit thereof as she may think proper for the term of one year after my death

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my desire that after my death that my beloved wife Hannah Hawkins above mentioned shall have one third of all my estate to the personal use and support of her children with except my negro man Andrew who I wish to have sold and the proceeds thereof to be divided equally between all my children hereafter named except my son Julius H. Hawkins whom I have already given and advanced two hundred dollars and one third of my children, which is to be advanced from his portion of my estate. I may have done or may be hereafter mentioned