

with the exception of forty dollars which is to be taken from the  
share and be given to Francis Marion Taylor  
6<sup>th</sup> I give to Charles Thomas Taylor, Malinda Ann Taylor  
Francis Marion Taylor & George Chidiak Taylor (Children of  
my deceased daughter Malinda) one sixth part to be  
equally divided between them

7 I give to my Grandson Francis Marion Taylor the further  
sum of forty dollars to be taken as above divided the share of  
John & Charles Taylor. And it is moreover my will that  
my children shall take their shares as soon after my death  
as my executor can make the necessary arrangements for  
my affairs so as to enable them to make the division, and  
it is my will that my grand children shall take their  
proportions as they respectively attain the age of twenty one years  
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Orlando  
Brown & Mason Brown execution of this my will & testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed  
my seal the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord  
eighteen hundred and thirty seven

Francis Marion Taylor  
will & testament of the within named Charles Thomas Taylor (decd)  
expressed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1837  
at West. of Tenn

Franklin County Clerk for Term 1840  
The within will & testament of Charles Taylor decd was known and  
introduced into proof by the oath of J. J. Taylor & J. J. Taylor the  
Subscribing witnesses there to be believed to be recorded which  
return is recorded only  
atb

J. J. Williams of Tenn

Wesley Pord  
© S. Wesley Pord of the County of Rowan and State of  
Kentucky do make this my last will and testament, revoking all  
others here before made by me. 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my  
grand daughter Rebecca Bledsoe (widow) of my little  
one born named one saddle and bed (furniture) one Breakfast  
table one Spinnery wheel one set of chairs together all my  
clothing and book to have and enjoy forever the above mentioned  
property for her faithful waiting on me during my sickness for  
a term of years past, also she is to have all money left by  
me except what she will provide for  
and by my will that my great grand daughter Sarah  
Bledsoe have one of my cows and calves and enjoy it forever  
for her kind attention to me  
Item 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that my grand daughter Rebecca Bledsoe have my  
Aunt's property which is now in her possession

Item 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my daughter Mary Susan and  
Elizabeth Bledsoe have ten dollars each and enjoy it forever  
I do appoint Andrew Bledsoe my executor for my last will  
and testament as witness my hand and seal the 11<sup>th</sup> of March  
eighteen hundred forty  
Charles John Madden  
Wesley Pord

Pierces & Double  
Franklin County Clerk for Term 1840  
I do hereby certify to be the last and Testament of Wesley Pord  
decd was produced in Court being sworn by the oath of John  
Madden & Pierces & Double the Subscribing witnesses there to  
be believed to be recorded which return is recorded only  
atb J. J. Williams of Tenn

In the name of God I do make and establish this  
writing to be my last will and testament Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give  
to my wife during her natural life the farm in  
which I live together with the furniture utensils beside  
the furniture and horse sufficient to cultivate the farm  
which at her death are to be divided equally among my  
children hereafter named Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give each  
to my children Alexander Bledsoe, Adeline and the share of  
my deceased daughter Malinda an equal distribution of  
all my estate after the payment of my just debts which I  
do hereby to demand equally by the 1<sup>st</sup> Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my wife  
Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my son William and my son in law  
John H. Bledsoe to act as Executors to this will and I  
do give them to sell my farm in which Alexander Bledsoe  
now is is with fifty acres adjoining the same making one  
hundred and fifty acres and I further desire them my  
said Executors to sell my saw mill and land attached  
and all my saw mill stock and the money appears paid  
to the payment of my debt as far as necessary and the  
balance equally divided among my children as above  
directed in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> Item 4<sup>th</sup> I have accustomed  
my son William ten thousand four hundred dollars  
and I do not desire him to receive any additional sum  
until my children are here named in this will Item 5<sup>th</sup>  
I desire the like sum of two thousand four hundred  
dollars the advancement to my daughter Elizabeth  
one hundred and forty acres of land Item 6<sup>th</sup> I have  
advanced to my son in law John H. Bledsoe one  
thousand four hundred dollars which I desire to be  
credited in part of the payment of the debt of my  
daughter Malinda and

them as if I were my wife & my children & my property  
with any man than I desire to give the control  
and management of my estate named in this  
1st Item of this will to my said Executors to be by  
them equally divided among the children with  
their names in the second Item of this will after  
giving her the benefit of it during her life &

I do not desire my Executors to give priority to  
the court for their faithful performance &

In Testimony whereof I have set my name &  
affixed my seal this 7th day of December in the year  
of Christ one thousand eight hundred and forty  
eleven

Samuel Payne (read)  
John D. Richardson  
Peter J. G. G.  
George L. L. G.  
Franklin County

December, Term 1840

A writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Samuel Payne did appear  
in court in and as follows by the oath of John  
D. Richardson Peter J. G. G. & George L. L. G.  
to be the act and deed of said Payne & to contain  
the same was read & is recited as follows  
followingly

John D. Richardson

To Mason Brown & Jacob Sargent, Justices and  
the survivors of them I bequeath my books that I  
have compiled for sale viz one volume of Dana's  
Reports Northern Part & Samuel P. D. Marshalls  
in sheets folded and bound to be by them sold  
from time to time at the unequal price as they may  
be called for & paid for to be paid the proceeds  
of sale to be paid over to my executor to be by my  
executor divided between my wife in law Lucy  
Dana of Lowell Mass Mahala Webb Dana my  
nephews widow Matilda Freeman Dana her  
daughter share and share alike If either of  
them die before the receipt of 50 percents then  
the share of her or them should die before the receipt  
of the 50 percents then the whole of the proceeds  
not paid over are to go to the survivors and if  
they all die before the whole of the proceeds are

paid over then the whole of the proceeds are to go  
are to go to my nephew Boston Samuel D. Dana  
of Lowell Mass absolutely I desire and request my executor  
to pay my debts honestly & lawfully especially as notes due  
I gave to Samuel Beech my brother in law in 1810 for the  
I gave to Thomas Brown at the same time & time that I  
gave to Amos Smith about 1818 with interest on all  
of 50 cents of interest to be compounded at the end of each  
three years Samuel Beech my brother in law & my mother  
Executors a most generous & upright man knows all about  
these transactions and will see that the payments go  
in the right direction he was formerly a member of the  
W. S. State Prison at New Hampshire - I authorize  
& empower my executor to give, sell, or dispose of in  
such manner as he may deem proper & expedient for the  
purpose of paying my debts & to give or any portion of  
my real personal or mixed estate I desire my executor  
to be free & unimpeded at the age of twenty and years  
provided he continues sober honest & becomes indigent. If he  
proves to be deficient in any of these qualities he is not to be  
free then but to remain a slave for four years longer - I wish  
Sergeant James Brown or the survivors of them are to  
determine when the said boy attains the age of 21 whether he is  
within the meaning of this enactment, sober honest & industrious  
then & by a vote of 17 years old - the said persons are to  
be the manner to determine whether he shall go free at 20  
years of age If such Judgment is against him then I  
give him to my niece Martha D. Green wife of George  
D. Green son of Amos & Lucy Maryland - I have in  
certificated given what I give to Albert C. Hodges together  
with one hundred dollars in money as a mark of  
my respect & gratitude for his kindness &c. I give one  
hundred dollars to Osborn Bell in sign of my  
friendship and gratitude - I give one hundred  
dollars to Ann Mary Bell daughter of Joseph  
Bell in sign of affection & gratitude to her I give  
fifty dollars to A. C. Brown in sign of affection &  
gratitude I give my watch to Franklin Stone  
The rest and residue of my property real personal  
& mixed after the payment of my debts & charges I  
give as follows to wit - to my niece Martha D.  
Green wife of George & Green two shares thereof  
To my niece Maria Dana two shares thereof to my  
nephew Samuel Justice Dana of Lowell Mass one  
share thereof to Lucy Bell wife of Samuel