Davis

First — It is my will and desire that all my just debts & debts beyond sea be paid

2nd. I will and bequeath unto Alexander H. Davis, Alonzo Davis, Frances Mary Davis, Mellissa Jane and Sarah Ann Bryson and daughter one dollar each to them and their heirs forever

3rd. It is my will and desire that my daughter Minerva Davis have the ballance of property both real person or thing to her and to heirs and assigns forever. But in case the said Minerva Davis is dead before me, and without issue. It is then my will and desire that my friend Abraham Chambers shall inherit the ballance of my said estate which the said Minerva Davis to have inherited should she have lived —

And Lastly I hereby appoint my friend Abraham Chambers executor to this my last will and testament, and request him to see this my last will and testament carried into full effect.

Signed Sealed & published in the presence of the witnesses hereto this tenth day of December 1844

Test A H Kennedy
J G Murray

Minerva Davis (Seal)

State of Kentucky }
Franklin County Circuit March Term 1850

Hereto fore to wit the last will and testament of Minerva Davis was produced to court and was proven by the oaths of Alexander H Kennedy and James G Murray the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office

A H Kennedy C F C

Ellis Wm

I William Ellis of Franklin County Kentucky being of disposing mind and memory, make this my last will and testament as follows, 1st I desire the payment of all just debts demands immediately after my death

2d. After the payment of my debts I will and devise the remainder of my estate real personal and mixed to my wife Mary Ellis during life —

3rd. At the death of my wife I will and devise to my nephews Benjamin E. Ellis son of my brother James Ellis the house whereon I now reside containing seventy eight acres more or less to them their heirs forever —

4th. I further will and devise after the death of my wife that my slave Tabby be liberated and set free from servitude

5th. I hereby constitute & appoint my wife Executrix of this my will & desire that no bond or security be required of her — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25th day of July 1849.

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of the subscribing witnesses

P Sargent — W Franklin

Wm E Ellis (Seal)

Franklin County Circuit May Term 1850

Hereto fore to wit the last will & testament of William Ellis decd was produced in court & was proven by the oaths of P Sargent & W Franklin the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded — whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office

A H Kennedy C F C

Cochorn Hugh

In the name of god amen, I Hugh Cochorn of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky being sound in mind but weak in body make this my last will and testament

After the payment of all my just debts I bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Cochorn all my remains including the farm whereon I now live, and all my stock and house hold and kitchen furniture so long as she remains my widow, but so soon as she may marry she may depart to her share of my property

It is my desire that my son Adam remain and live with his mother and be entitled to all over and above that which is necessary for a support for the family as a compensation for his services —

It is my wish that my sons John, Richard Alexander and George and son Henry when them has arrived at the proper age be bound to some discreet & Moral man or men to learn some useful mechanical art and receive some education and moral instruction and that my son Hearrion be bound to a blacksmiths trade on the same terms of the others and if my wife Hannah Cochorn continues a widow until death I desire that after death all the property be equally divided among all my children.

And further I hereby appoint Wm L Ollard and my wife Hannah Cochorn as executor and executrix of this my last will and testament and to prosecute the law suit commenced for possession of my grandfathers land to a final decision — Given under my hand this 9th day of april 1850

Attest Sanford Tomlinson
John his + mark Baker
David Crouch

Hugh his + mark Cochorn

Franklin County Circuit May Term 1850

Hereto fore to wit the last will and testament of Hugh Cochorn decd was this day produced in Court and was proven by the oaths of Sanford Tomlinson & David Crouch subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded Whereupon the same is duly recorded in my office

A H Kennedy C F C

Davidson Mathew

In the Name of God Amen

I Mathew Davidson of the County of Franklin and state of Ky being weak in body but sound in mind do ordain this my last will and testaments. Item 1st the payment of just and lawful debts I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret S Davidson all my property viz. Ben Rebekah Mary and her child together with one third of the balance of my estate both real and personal for during her natural life Item 2d It is my will that my lands be not divided until the payment of my debts is completed the proceeds of which are to be appropriated to that purpose. Item 3d It is my will that on a final distribution of my estate each and every one of my children shall [illegible]