

Franklin County Court November Term 1845

Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Martin Cook deceased, produced in Court, and was proven by the oaths of Munk Penn and Wiler Penn, subscribers thereto, which when read over recited as the last will and testament of said Cook, which said will is truly recorded in my office

att. A. H. Pennington J.C.

Harris James

In the name of God Amen. I Jane P. Harris of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this my last will and testament. First I desire that all my debts of any kind be paid - Secondly I give to my son William P. Harris my negro woman Julia Ann and my negro boy James the two valued at \$100 also my silver sugar dish and cream dish my heart's Regd - Thirdly I give to my son Daniel H. Harris my negro man George and my good white lin linen table cloth linen and table 2 each should my issue in all children I am possessed by

Fourthly I give to my son John P. Harris, my negro boy Jim and my negro girl Sophia the two valued at \$700 also my dozen of Silver tea spoons & table spoons, 1 pair of sugar tongs, plated leather Tray, set of castors - Fifthly I give & devise to my son William P. Harris my negro boys Rich & Willis & John and my negro girl Frankie, and the bed bedstead and other furniture in my own room in brick house for the full value here and hereafter viz his to permit the said son Charles Henry Harris to use and enjoy said furniture and he is to purchase the annual hire of said slaves and then encase like nothing I have left of my said son Charles Henry during his life or to permit said Charles Henry to use such of them as said trustee may deem expedient to let, at the death of said Charles Henry, I direct that said trustee shall have being to the lawful heirs of his body should he have any if not then in equal portions to my sons Wm P. Harris, Daniel H. Harris, & John P. Harris, or to the heirs of each of them as may at that time be dead

In the event of the death or absence from the State of my son Wm P. Harris then I direct and empower my relative Harry S. Bradley to act either as executor or trustee for my son Charles Henry Harris and I revoke said Bradley with the same power & authority over the property hereby devised for the benefit of said Charles H. that is hereby given to said Wm P. Harris

Sixthly I direct & devise that my negro woman Violet shall live & belong to such one of my sons as she may desire & I empower it upon said son to attend to her & pay her for her inheritance

Sevently - All the balance of my property in clothing my negro woman Ellen & her children I give to be equally divided between my sons William P. Harris Daniel H. Harris and John P. Harris, but out of the same I desire & direct that the value of the servants being said three sons as herein set forth shall be equalized, hence that three be paid to my son William P. the sum of seventy five dollars and to my son John P. the sum of fifty dollars their marriage their share to be \$100 each, the balance to be paid to the said Charles Henry

son Daniel and lastly I nominate Elizabeth Robinson for executor of this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of August 1845

Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of

R. M. Henderson & Bradley

Jane P. Harris (L)

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Writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Jane P. Harris deceased produced in Court, and was proven by the oaths of R. M. Henderson & R. Bradley subscribers thereto, which when read over recited as the last will and testament of the said Jane P. Harris deceased which is done accordingly

att. A. H. Pennington J.C.

Reagon Franklin County Kentucky Sept. 15th 1845

In the name of God Amen I Pamela Robson being in a sound state of mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament. First I direct that my daughter Rebecca to have all of my household furniture and all of the money that I find due me or acts. I may have for money due me by the West of Tenn or in any way I may not be hold the same for the support of her self and children

Secondly I give my further will that my daughter Rebecca to have an equal share of my lands that may be come from the U. S. Government - 3rd I give my will that my son in law James P. Wright be my executor of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand this day & date above written

Test L. W. H. accy Wm Wright Geo. Force

Pamela Robson

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Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Pamela Robson deceased produced in Court, and was proven by the oaths of L. W. H. accy and Wm Wright subscribers thereto, which when read over recited as the last will & testament of the said Robson and the said will is truly recorded in my office

att. A. H. Pennington J.C.

Graham

January 1839

I William Graham of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky being a sound and advanced in the seventy one year of my age and of full enjoyment of my senses and reason but not knowing how long I may continue to be the holder of the land now remaining from the Common Cause of a debt that my father paid to the said Common Cause I therefore think it expedient to try with the help of the Court to make a testamentary disposition with best effect hereunto I have caused to be written the following provisions to be contained in this my last will and testament



but the interest on said portion or more if they think she requires it for her maintenance  
benefit support and comfort (unless she has a child or children then to give her  
a portion as to the other children) The portion coming to Nancy Bacon to be  
divided equally among her children and the when the interest arising on such  
portion until her children become of age the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1846

Witness Edmund Vaughan

Thomas Jeth

William <sup>his</sup> Graham  
witness

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Showing such things to be the last will & testament of William Graham dec'd was  
produced in Court and was proven by the oath of Edmund Vaughan a subscribing  
Witness and was also proven by the said Thomas Jeth the other subscribing  
Witness signed his name in his presence in the presence of Justice whereupon the Court  
that the said will be received as the last will & testament of the said Wm Graham  
dec'd

Attest A. H. Remond J. C.

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The last will & testament of William Graham dec'd was this day fully proven by the  
oath of Thomas Jeth a subscribing Witness & the same is now to be  
received as the last will & testament of said William Graham dec'd and the said  
will is truly received in my office

A. H. Remond J. C.

Bacon  
Tom

In the name of God amen - I Thomas Bacon (a free man of colour) do make my last  
will testament in manner and form following

1. I request my Executor when he shall be appointed after my death, and to pay all  
my just debts, the only one of any magnitude being due to Jacob Lusk Esqr
2. I appoint all my property both real and personal to be sold by my executor on such  
terms as he may think proper (and for that purpose I devise the whole thereof  
to him) My wife is to be entitled to support during her natural life, and  
to have the privilege of retaining such of my household furniture as she may  
desire to keep together with one horse & buggy

3. I hereby appoint Jacob Lusk Esqr Executor of this my last will & testament  
At Witness my hand and seal the 13 day of September in the year of  
our Lord 1843

Signed and published

in the presence of

J. J. Warren

H. Wingate

Thomas <sup>his</sup> Bacon (Seal)  
deceased

Franklin County Court January Term 1846

Showing such things to be the last will and testament  
of Thomas Bacon dec'd (a man of colour) was produced in Court and  
was proven by the oath of J. J. Warren and H. Wingate subscribing Witnesses  
and the same to be received as the last will & testament of said Thomas Bacon  
dec'd when the said will is truly received in my office

A. H. Remond J. C.

Hickman

I William Hickman being of sound mind & disposing memory do make the my last  
and testament in First That all my just debts shall be paid  
Second I leave to my wife Elizabeth during her natural life or until she has been found  
wherein I have cause and bound as follows - To pay to her the North West Corner and  
running thence with G. Patton Hamel Readings line to my N. E. Corner between Readings  
and myself thence S. to the stone corner near my gate thence East on water to the  
thence South to J. B. Patton line thence with Pt. line North to J. B. Patton line thence with the  
North West Corner Lusk and to contain about sixty five acres and all and to give the  
Appurtenances thereto belonging or also his choice of a horse saddle & bridle two cows and  
Calves ten sheep ten hogs three feather beds bedsteads furniture desk side board table and  
and case table & cupboard furniture pair looking glasses old chairs & chairs furniture the  
whole of her own collection

Third I order the sale of my land upon which  
Samuel & Titus and church that they be held out by my exec in any way he may think best  
the proceeds to be annually divided among my legal heirs after a amed. The balance of  
my estate real personal or mixed I direct my exec to dispose of at such public sale or other  
such credit as he may think best the proceeds of which I give to my children and George  
Hickman Nancy Brown, Lydia Lusk, Patsy Thacker, William Hickman and  
the children of my dec'd daughter Caliza P. Bailey to wit Amos, George, James  
Francis, Martha, Elias, Mary & Medience, & Lydia Bailey being the children of my  
children of my first marriage and Mary, John, Benjamin W. and Elizabeth P. Hickman  
children of my present wife if my new children share and share alike the ground children  
to have their mother's portion to be divided in the same manner - Provided to any extent  
among my children my exec will ascertain what has been given to each of my grown children  
and deduct it from which would be their portion so as to leave each one an equal share  
(lack of money to paid children annexed)

Fourth I hereby authorize and empower my exec to enter in all and every case to defend  
promote the interest of my children to settle all and all manner of claims for or against  
to compromise sell or otherwise dispose of any of my property, make and execute any and  
all deeds of conveyance, join, sue, give, take or be taken of which is to be  
to be held valid to all intent and purpose

Fifth I appoint my friend  
B. P. Sheffield Executor of this my last will and also Trustee for my son George Hickman  
Also Trustee for the children of my dec'd daughter Bailey and Trustee for my  
infant children, Mary, John E., Benjamin W. & Elizabeth P. Hickman and leave  
in his hands as such the care and having granted to them respectively to be used for  
their benefit for Geo during his life or until he is twenty one years of age and for the other until they  
arrive at twenty one years of age respectively

Sixthly At the death of my wife all the property herein bequeathed to her shall be divided  
a to be divided equally between my four infant children by her exec to receive & take  
them share & share alike but Mary Hickman, John E. Hickman, Benjamin W. Hickman  
and Elizabeth P. Hickman in testimony of the foregoing have subscribed and  
with the distribution of my property after my death I declare the foregoing to be  
an a respects and therefore sign my name with my own hand and seal of my  
last will & testament

Wm Hickman  
J. B. Patton