

Franklin County Va. July 15th 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 1st 1854

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

1st 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 1st 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. Whereof on 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

First 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

Second 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

Third 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. Fourth 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 15th day of Sept. 1851

Witness
James
John Harrison

Robert W. Smith
C. C.

Franklin County Va. Sept 1st 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. Whereof on the same is truly recorded

W. H. Pennick C. C.

Brancham

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

- 1st I wish all my just debts and funeral expences paid
- 2nd I give to Doctor Tho^s J. Alley of Midway Kentucky one hundred dollars
- 3rd I give to James Sheps Children in Virginia one third of my estate
- 4th I give to Susan Alley of Frankfort Kentucky one third of my estate
- 5th 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 I wish Nelson Alley appointed my executor to carry out this will. Signed sealed this 1st 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 on 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 28th day of September 1854 I have read the contents of the last will and testament of the late John C. Hawkins of the County of Campbell and State of Kentucky

1st It is my desire that all of my just debts shall be paid

2nd 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

3rd 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 herself and of each of my negro man Andrew, which she shall have as long as she shall live. And I desire that she shall have one third of all my estate to the personal use and support of herself and of each of my children, which is to be divided from his portion of my estate. And I desire that she shall have one third of all my estate to the personal use and support of herself and of each of my children, which is to be divided from his portion of my estate. And I desire that she shall have one third of all my estate to the personal use and support of herself and of each of my children, which is to be divided from his portion of my estate.

I do hereby certify that my personal property, shall be sold immediately after my death, except the wheat & Bacon now in the Smoke house, that I wish my wife Hannah, Husbands & I have for her and I shall use the balance to be equally divided between the following children
Wm Elizabeth Miller wife of Samuel Miller of Woodford County Ky. My wife Elizabeth, Hannah
Sondland wife of John Sondland Common Pleas or wife of John Johnson and his son
Wright wife of William Wright of Hamilton County Ky. Thomas Johnson and
Frederick P. Hartung of the State of Prussia and my two Grand Children Elizabeth & Mary Elizabeth James Children of my daughter Ruth Ann James deceased who are now
with me or with my son Frederick P. Hartung at the residence above stated

It is my desire that my son James C. and William K. Hartung shall each have the
sum of four dollars from my estate and no more

It is my desire that my real estate with hereunto devised &c. &c. shall be sold on the 1st
day of January 1856. The proceeds of the sale to be equally divided between the children named
above except Frederick P. James C. and William K. Hartung, as mentioned above
It is my further wish and desire that my wife Hannah, Husbands & I have left them of
the proceeds of the above sale

I have full confidence in the honesty and integrity of my son in law Abraham
J. Adams from my executor to carry out the purposes herein contained
In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and annex a true seal the day & date
above written

Witness my hand

William K. Hartung

J. Adams on

State of Kentucky of Franklin County South Octo Term 1854

Showing first thing to be the last will and testament of Wm K. Hartung dec'd was
this day produced in Court and was proved by the oaths of George Smith and J. T.
Hickman Subscribing Witnesses hereinafter named to a true and lawful account
at the Court house of Franklin County

Know all men by these presents that I Elizabeth C. Cornington of Franklin Co. Ky.
being in my sixth year and of disposing memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of life
I have given and devised this my last will & testament, fully ratifying all others
I have given in my lifetime. I give my farm on which I live now situate in Franklin Co. Ky.
and on the waters of T. Benson containing about forty five or fifty acres more or less, to be
held in trust by my friend Wm. Whittington who has given a regular Acknowledgment
of the farm for the use and benefit of said George F. Black during his natural life, after his
death to go to the Children named herein any lawfully born of this man being
But in case he dies without issue living at the time of his death it is to go to my two
Sons Lewis and A. Mayhew and Ann Curran - It is to be a home for my eldest
Sons to Abate without charge as long as they wish to remain in the farm. I also
give my son Arthur George F. Black my horse called Liberty also all my
farming utensils and twenty choice hogs one choice cow one French Charolais
pig and one black clothing by choice some more sheep and whatever may be left
in the charge of my estate

I give my man Harry Ann Fox to my son Lewis and my daughter Charity
I give my man Patrick to my son James Black my right clothing my tools
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