

deposited papers, as books, maps and put his
name on the children Elizabeth Jones, Jane Brown, William
Schubler, Letcher and George Robinson all my names, I am
deposited in the book on testimony whereof there is a true
name the 25th day of March 1844

Witness James Robinson
Margaret Estlin
James L. Robinson
Margaret Estlin

Franklin County Court, February Term 1849

After duly perusing the last will & testament of Margaret
Johnson dec^d was produced in Court and was proven by the oath of James
L. Robinson subscribing Witness thereto, and it was further proven by
the oath of the said James L. Robinson on that he subscribed his name as a
Witness in the presence of James Robinson, Margaret Estlin & others subscribing
Witness thereto that they all signed them to some other instrument
whereupon it is ordered that the said will be received and the same is truly
recorded every office
A. H. Kennedy C. C.

Wm. J. Meigs

I William J. Meigs of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky,
being of sound mind but in bad health, and knowing the uncertainty of life,
do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all others
this 2nd day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Item 1st That after my death it is my will that a portion of my
estate out of the perishable property which my wife can best spare shall
be sold to pay my just debts, and my funeral expenses, and after which
my wife Nancy Meigs shall enjoy her benefit of the residue of the said
estate during her widowhood - Item 2^d It is my will after
my said wife ceases to be my widow by marriage or by death, the balance
of my estate and the increase of the same shall be divided and out of
which I leave to William J. Meigs my oldest son Twenty dollars
which is as much as I can afford or intend to give him, and the
remainder of my said estate shall equally be divided among my five named
daughters to Elizabeth Meigs one fifth, to Mary Estlin Meigs one fifth
to John Johnson one fifth, to Rebecca Johnson one fifth, to
Eliza Ann Meigs the sum of fifty dollars as a dower and under the
day and date above written.

Witness John Meigs
W. J. Meigs

Franklin County Court, March Term 1849

After duly perusing the last will & testament
of William J. Meigs dec^d was produced in Court and was proven
by the oath of John Meigs and W. J. Meigs the subscribers thereto
and it is ordered that the said will be received and the same is truly
recorded every office
A. H. Kennedy C. C.

Elizabeth Meigs of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky
being of sound mind but in bad health, and knowing the uncertainty of life,
do make and ordain this my last will and testament

1st It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid
2^d It is my will that my said Elizabeth Meigs have my furniture of
every kind - 3^d It is my will that my beloved sister Sarah Meigs
have all my other property during her lifetime and at her death

It is my will that my negro woman Fanny and her four children
William Henry, John, Mary Elizabeth, and Lewis be freed if the youngest
attained the age of twenty one years, if any are under that age at her
death, they may be given to any person she may designate unless they
arrive at that age. Should said negroes have any increase they are to
be freed under like conditions of the above mentioned Slaves -

4th It is my will that my sister Sarah Meigs be my executrix of
this my last will & testament

Teste Lewis Freed
John C. Freed
Elizabeth Meigs

Franklin County Court, March Term 1849

After duly perusing the last will and testament of Elizabeth
Meigs dec^d was produced in Court and was proven by the oath of Lewis
Freed and John C. Freed subscribers thereto and it is ordered that the same
whereupon the same is truly received every office

A. H. Kennedy C. C.

Payton

Be it remembered that I Elizabeth Payton of the County of Franklin State
of Kentucky of sound mind & disposing memory and being desirous to dispose of all
such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me do hereby
this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth

First I give and bequeath to my sister Rebecca G. Howell all the money
right and title the tract of land now live on during her natural life and
then at her decease to be divided between the same land which
I called home by my father Thomas Payton - I give to my sister Rebecca
G. Howell my negro woman Hannah the care and then when
she ceases to be under the control of my sister Sarah along as they live
together

3rd It is my will & desire that my negro man George be under
the control of my sister Sarah & Rebecca Howell they live here out for
the term of five years and receive the proceeds of the hire at the expiration
of that time it is my will and desire that George be free and that they give
him his freedom - And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint
my sister Rebecca G. Howell executrix to this my last will and testament
all other former wills - In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of August 1848

Elizabeth Payton
Witness
Sarah Meigs
John C. Freed
Lewis Freed