

balance of the heirs. Also the interest on three hundred dollars of Bank Stock in the Farmers Bank so long as she remains single.

Truly - The balance of my estate to remain in the hands of my administrator until the death of my wife Mary Church then all the land and negroes to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between my children. The administrator accounting for the interest on all the money in their hands to said heirs to wit: William Church, Robert Church, John Francis Church, James Church, and King Clay Church Daughters Elizabeth Graham, Nancy Sullivan & Mary Church. In the event of my daughter or either of them dying before said money coming into their hands said money to go to their heirs. I appoint Robert Church and James Church my executors and give them one hundred dollars each for their services out of the estate.

Witness My Hand & Seal  
Wm. Patton  
James Church

State of Kentucky

Franklin County Court August Term 1857

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Church dec'd was produced in Court and was proved by the oath of Wm. Patton & James Church. And the same was ordered to be recorded. Which is truly recorded in my office.

A. H. Newman Clerk

I Abraham Zook being of sound & disposing mind and memory do hereby make and ordain this as my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

Item I desire whatever just debts I may owe to be first paid.

Item After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses it is my wish and desire that all that I have worth may be collected together and divided into three equal parts and Sally Kall my sister shall have one part Polly

My dear my niece shall have another part and Lewis Pettit my niece shall have the remainder.

I desire that my friend Charles Morehead will act as Executor of this my Will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1854

Signed & acknowledged

A. Zook (23)

in our presence

Wm. N. Pettit

G. R. Penn

In the bequest above to my niece Ann S. Pettit I mean the daughter of my sister Mrs. Duane Pettit who

now living with John A. Graham

Wm. N. Pettit

G. R. Penn

State of Kentucky

Franklin County Court Dec 27 1857

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Abraham Zook dec'd was produced in Court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that W. N. Pettit & G. R. Penn the subscribing witnesses to said Will have departed this life and Charles S. Morehead being sworn stated that he did write said Will of Abraham Zook at his instance that the said Wm. N. Pettit & G. R. Penn were present at the time and signed their names as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other and that the said testator delivered & acknowledged the same and that the said testator delivered and signed the same in his proper mind and senses. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Will be recorded which is done accordingly.

A. H. Newman Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Elijah Lea of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make & ordain publish & declare this to be my last will & testament. That is to say First That all my real & personal property to be sold and then all my just & lawful debts to be paid & discharged, the residue of my estate I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Lea all my lands to her as long as she shall remain my widow and during her natural life without marrying and then to be divided between my children equally. By request of Elijah Lea his Executor are authorized to sell a portion of said lands to meet the demands against him if necessary. Likewise I make and constitute and appoint Wm. A. Wetzel Thornton Executor to be my Executor of this my last Will & testament, here by revoking all former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1859

Elijah Lea

— Jackson Allison

Elijah Lea (24)

Franklin County Court December Term 1857

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Elijah Lea dec'd was produced to Court & was proved by the oath of Lewis S. Lea and Jackson Allison the subscribing witnesses, trusts and ordered to be recorded. Which is done accordingly.

A. H. Newman Clerk

W. Bennett

Wishing to wind up my worldly affairs and knowing that death is certain and life is uncertain

1<sup>st</sup> I give my soul up to God who gave it, for dust thou art and dust thou shall return

2<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath unto Eleanor my wife Eleanor Bennett my tract of land lying on Big Benson in Franklin County supposed to contain fifty eight acres to hold and to have during her natural life and after her death to fall back to my brother John W. Bennett and his heirs

3<sup>rd</sup> I also will I bequeath unto my wife Eleanor Bennett my boy Anthony aged about 37 years or thereabouts at this time to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death the said boy shall fall to my brother John W. Bennett and his heirs to be well taken care of

4<sup>th</sup> I further wish that there should be a sale of all my personal property and after my funeral expenses and my just debts are paid the balance of any should be left go to my wife Eleanor

5<sup>th</sup> I further desire that my wife Eleanor shall have all the profits arising from my rumpike stock in Franklin County leading to Danville and at her death to go to my brother John with the other property as above mentioned

Given under my hand & seal this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1859

Witness W. S. Mayhall & J. C. Hawkins

J. W. Bennett, Seal

Franklin County Court, December 7<sup>th</sup> 1859

I, Abner Purpoting to be the last will & testament of Isaac H. Bennett dec. was produced in Court and read proved by the oaths of W. S. Mayhall & J. C. Hawkins the subscribers being witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly

J. H. Bennett, Clerk

Mary Black's Will

In the name of God Amen I Mary Black of the County of Franklin & State of Ky. being now of sound mind & disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being desirous of making a disposition of my little estate of every description that a kind providence has been pleased bestow upon me - do now make record the my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will & desire that my just debts if any remain unpaid at the time of my death together with all necessary funeral expenses be first paid

2<sup>d</sup> It is my will & desire that my two servants V. J. Raper

Henry now about 20 years old & Henry a young man now about 27 years old shall be free from & after my death, and I hereby declare them free from said servitude and my Executor hereinafter named is charged & requested to see that my said servants are permitted to go free and settle & locate in any free state that they may desire or select as their future residence and in order that my said slaves may be placed in a comfortable situation to remove & locate in a free state I hereby will & bequeath to my Executor hereinafter named or whoever may qualify & act as my Executor or Administrator with this my will annexed for the out use & benefit of my said slaves Henry & Henry all my estate of every kind & description that I may possess at the time of my death after the payment of my just debts funeral expenses as aforesaid to be held by my said Executor or Administrator as aforesaid and paid over to said Henry & Henry to enable them to either as they see fit in case of the death of either of them to remove & locate in a free state or to remain to remove & locate in a free state. It is further my desire & I hereby give my Executor power & authority to hold control & manage said slaves Henry & Henry and new them out from time to time until a sufficient sum in his judgment is raised from their hire to pay their expenses & make them a comfortable location in a free state in the event that there should not be a sufficient amount of my estate remaining for said purpose at my death. I also hereby solemnly declare in this my last will & testament that the mortgage executed by me many years ago upon said slaves Henry & Henry to me and B. S. Clarke the debt named in said mortgage was fully paid off to my said son long before his death which fact was well known to his name but my said son died without having released said mortgage and this declaration is now made for the purpose of guarding against said mortgage thus far if any claim should be set up after my death. I hereby nominate & appoint William S. Vandoren of Franklin Ky. Executor of this my last will & testament and hereby clothe him with full power to settle up my business connected with my estate & carry out & execute this my last will & testament fully in spirit & meaning. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1856

Witness  
W. S. Frankles  
W. S. Morris

Mary Black

W. S. Vandoren having departed this life I hereby constitute & appoint W. S. Frankles my Executor to this my last will

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1856  
Witness  
W. S. Frankles  
W. S. Morris