

Arnold H. J.

In the name of God Amen, I Henry J. Arnold make my last Will and Testament, as follows, viz: First I will that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my Executrix Second I will that all the rest and residue be left by my beloved wife, Catharine during her widowhood, but that if she at any time marry again then and in that event it is my Will and desire that my entire estate shall be equally divided between my six children Elizabeth, Fannie, Merriam, Thomas, Francis and Susan, and the heirs of such as shall have died, the heirs to have the portion of their deceased parents per stirpes In the event that my said wife should not marry again it is my will and desire that she shall have the whole of my estate until her death, after which I will that my estate be equally divided among my six children above named and their heirs. Lastly I appoint my said wife Catharine Executrix of this my Will. In Testimony of all which I hereunto set my name this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1877

Signed & published by testator as his  
Last Will in our presence and signed  
by us in his presence and at his request  
and in presence of each other this 26<sup>th</sup> day December 1877

Jas. G. Crockett,  
Wilson Allen,

Franklin County Court  
Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1878

A writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of H. J. Arnold Decd was produced in Court and proven by the oath of Jas. G. Crockett et al one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of Wilson Allen the other subscribing witness. Whereupon it was ordered that said will be recorded, which is done.

Attest  
Jas. G. Crockett C. J. C. C.  
By W. D. Graves D. C.

Simpson B.

I make and publish this my last will and testament as follows  
1<sup>st</sup> I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.  
2<sup>nd</sup> I desire that my executrix hereinafter named shall as soon as in her judgment may be best sell my land in the Bald Knob precinct containing about 30 acres and after paying all my just debts and funeral expenses that of the proceeds of said sale that he invest the balance that may be left in some safe investment and pay to my beloved wife Martha Simpson during her natural life the interest annually on said balance. 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Simpson my house and lot where I now live in the city of Frankfort on Blanton Street which was conveyed to me by Eli M. Doniel, which together with all the furniture

Now in the house where I now live. I desire that she shall have use and enjoy during her natural life and at her death I direct my executor herein after named to sell said house and lot and furniture and divide the proceeds of the sale & sales equally amongst all my children and grand children as follows, to my son Basil Simpson one seventh to my daughter Mary Beon one seventh to my daughter Susan my son one seventh, to my daughter Sarah Simpson one seventh, to my son James Simpson one seventh to my grand son, Basil Demoss and grand daughter Belle Demoss children of my deceased daughter Henrietta Demoss one seventh and to my granddaughter Susan Rice daughter of my deceased daughter Susan Rice one seventh.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my wish that my family after my decease shall occupy the house I now live in in Frankfort as they now do during the life of my beloved wife and that she and my son James shall continue to take care of and raise my three grand children as here before mentioned as well as they can under the circumstances. 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint Frank Lehman my executor with authority to sell and convey my lands and town property as directed herein.

Witness my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1877.

Attest Frank Lehman  
Robert Martin

Basil Simpson  
mark

Franklin County Court  
Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1878

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Basil Simpson Decd was produced in Court and proven by the oath of Frank Lehman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of Robert Martin the other subscribing witness. Whereupon it was ordered that said will be recorded, which is done.

Attest Jas. G. Crockett C. J. C. C.  
By W. D. Graves D. C.

I James Featherstone of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky do make this my last will and testament to wit, First after paying all my just debts and burial expenses I will and bequeath to Sarah K. Featherstone widow of William K. Featherstone Decd and her 3 children, William P. Featherstone, Lewis M. Featherstone and Jimmy B. Featherstone One thousand dollars to Margaret J. Featherstone Five hundred dollars to M. Featherstone five hundred dollars to my daughter

Thomason six hundred dollars. To Sarah Elizabeth  
 hold one hundred dollars. To Taylor Featherston (child  
 dren of Martin Featherston one hundred dollars and  
 the residue of my Estate, if any To Sarah E. Featherston  
 & her children. As Margaret J. Featherston owes Twelve  
 hundred & fifty dollars she is to pay to R. W. Featherston  
 his five hundred dollars two years from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1878 wit  
 interest at 6 per cent. She is also to pay to Sarah Elizabeth  
 the one hundred dollars given to her. She is also  
 to pay to Taylor Featherston the one hundred dollars giv  
 en to her.

Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1878 James Featherston  
 Witnesses } C. Mann  
 W. Jones

Franklin County Court  
 Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 A writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
 of James Featherston was produced in Court and proven  
 by the oaths of C. Mann & W. Jones the subscribing witness  
 is that Whereupon it was ordered that said Will be  
 recorded. Which is done.

Jas. G. Crockett C. F. C. C.  
 By W. D. Graves D. C.

Stivers  
 B. F.

I Benjamin B. Stivers being of sound mind yet possessed of  
 bodily infirmities do make publish and declare this my last  
 will and Testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I will that my just debts and funeral  
 expenses be paid. 2<sup>nd</sup> After the payment of said debts and  
 expenses I will and devise all my property real and personal  
 to my beloved wife Sarah E. Stivers during her widowhood  
 if at any time however my said wife should again marry  
 that went. I will my said wife for her support and for her  
 use during her natural life one third of my estate and the  
 other two thirds to my children equally, and if any of said chil  
 dren should die before they arrive at the age of 21 years without  
 issue I desire that said decedents portions shall be equally  
 distributed among the survivors share & share alike and if  
 my wife at any time should so marry it is my wish at her  
 death that the one third bequeathed to her for life as  
 shall revert back to my children share & share alike, and  
 should she continue my widow until death I desire my  
 entire estate then to my children share and share alike  
 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby appoint my beloved wife and eldest son of  
 Stivers executors of this my last will and Testament.

Testament and request the County Court of Franklin  
 County to permit them to qualify without security.  
 4<sup>th</sup> I also empower J. C. B. Stivers one of my executors to  
 sell my real estate when in his judgment it will promote  
 the interest of my children and redirect the proceeds of said  
 sale in Real Estate for the benefit of my said wife and children  
 as indicated in articles first and second of this will  
 Witness my hand and seal this April 10<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 Witness } W. D. Graves  
 J. A. Moore B. F. Stivers



Franklin County Court  
 Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878  
 A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of  
 of B. F. Stivers Decd. was produced in Court and proven by the  
 oath of W. D. Graves one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
 who also proved the attestation of J. A. Moore the other subscri  
 bing witness, Whereupon it was ordered that said will be  
 recorded. Which is done.  
 Jas. G. Crockett C. F. C. C.  
 By W. D. Graves D. C.

arrant  
 W. D.

Bridgeport Ky  
 April 11, 1878

I William A. Arnold of the County of Franklin and State of  
 Kentucky, do make this my last will and testament and declare  
 it to be my wish that my heirs and the law shall respect it  
 as such. First I desire my wife to have and to hold all my  
 Estate both personal and real so long as she remains my widow  
 giving her the legal power to sell any and all of my personal  
 property as may be necessary to pay my just debts and if a  
 sufficiency of money is not thus raised she shall be empowered  
 by to sell any portion of my real estate executing her deed for  
 the same which shall warrant and convey title building  
 myself and my heirs the same as though I myself have  
 executed and acknowledged the same. These rights shall not  
 be vested in her in case she contracts a second marriage  
 after her death or second marriage I then declare that all  
 my children shall be made equal in the division of the  
 labor of personal or real estate shall remain after my death  
 her said just debts shall have been paid, except that  
 my son John shall in addition at my death have my  
 watch. And I hereby appoint my said wife executrix  
 ararrant my sole administrator and that she shall  
 do be acknowledged by all Courts of this County  
 wealth without the usual formality of a bond.