

This my last will and testament

Publicly: I declare that all of my just debts be paid
2^{ly}: Out of the love and affection which I have for my beloved
wife Mahaleny J. Merchant I hereby bequeath and give unto her
all of my estate, both real, personal and mixed of which I am
now possessor, or entitled to, or which I may be entitled to hereafter
3^{ly}: I commit my beloved wife to the care of that God who
has promised to be a Friend to all those who trust in him
Benjamin J. Merchant

Attest: Ed. M. Johnson
Jury Lee

Franklin County Court
Monday March 3rd 1873

A writing purporting to be the last will
and testament of Benjamin J. Merchant Esq. was produced in Court
and proved by the oath of Jerry Lee one of the subscribing witnesses
therein, who also proved the attestation of Edw. Johnson the other sub-
scribing witness: Whereupon it was ordered that said will be recorded
which is done.

Attest: Jas. G. Crockett Esq.

Julia A. Wise

I, Julia A. Wise of the County of Franklin and State of Ky, this
21st day of March 1873, do protest and object to the will of my husband
Mr. M. J. Merchant, wherein the said will touches my right as to my
portion of the personal estate of said decedent. I claim no portion
of said estate no further than the law gives me to dispose of as
I may see proper.

Given under my hand the date and year above written.

Attest: L. T. Hayden
H. C. Church

Julia A. Wise
Wife

Franklin County Court
Monday March 24th 1873

An instrument of writing over the signature of Julia A. Wise the
widow of William J. Wise Esq. relinquishing what is given her in
the will of said decedent was filed and proved by the oath of
H. C. Church one of the subscribing witnesses therein and ordered to be
recorded.

Attest: Jas. G. Crockett Esq.

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The last Will and testament of James Gibbs of the County
Franklin and State of Kentucky

After payment of my just debts the balance of my
property, both real and personal, of every description, I give to my
wife Elizabeth Gibbs for her separate use and maintenance during
her natural life.

Item 2nd: I will and devise (after the death of my wife) to
my daughter Olyga Ann, wife of John H. Bennett, the following tract of
land bounded as follows: Beginning at William Baugh's South
Water Course on Main Street March, thence Westly up Main Street
with Baugh's line to M. Lewis line, thence North with M. Lewis line
to M. Lewis corner, thence Westly with M. Lewis line to M. Lewis
line, thence North, with M. Lewis road to center of
Main ridge road, thence Eastly with said road passing two oak
on the ridge in a field to a black Ash snag, near the Baugh's
thence same course continued to a planted stake in Baugh's line
thence a South to the beginning - Containing about Six acres be
the same more or less - To have and to hold, 3rd tract of land,
for her own separate use and benefit during her natural life, and
not to be in any manner controlled by her husband, nor to be liable
to or applied to the payment of any debt or debt or responsibilities
of her husband, nor in any manner to be encumbered by him, but
to remain with all its rents, profits and productions, for her sole
separate use and benefit during her natural life. And at the death
of my said daughter, it is my will that said tract of land descend
to the legal heirs of her body and be equally divided amongst them.

Item 3rd: After the death of my wife, I wish all of my real estate and
lands (except the tract of land hereinbefore devised to my daughter
Olyga Ann Bennett) to descend and be divided equally amongst
my six other children, to-wit: James L. Gibbs, William G. Gibbs,
Jas. C. Gibbs, Julius C. Gibbs, Simon J. Gibbs & Milly Gibbs, (wife
of my late Jordan Gibbs)

I should any of my said children have departed this life by that time
it is my wish that the share or portion of such child descended to her
or her heirs at law.

Item 4th: I wish all of my personal property, which may
remain after the death of my wife, and after the payment of any
debt she may owe to be equally divided amongst all seven of my
children, including my daughter, Olyga Ann Bennett. And in
case any of them have died their share to go to their legal heirs
Item 5th: It is my will that whatever portion of my property may
be coming or due to my daughter, Olyga Ann Bennett, (after the death
of my wife) shall be paid to her personally by my Executors or
not to her husband, as I intend it to be for her own separate
use and benefit, not to pay her debts or to be subject to her
husband to be for her own separate & sole benefit.

his hands
him to: For the purpose of carrying my will into effect after
my death, I hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth Gibbs my
Executrix, and my Sons James D. William S. and Jacob S. Gibbs
to act in conjunction with their Mother as Executors until she dies
in aiding her to pay off any bills against my estate or to see
her the enjoyment of my property divided to her by keeping the same
from waste or destruction during her life.

And I further will that the Court shall require no further Security
of my Executors or Executrix, than is necessary to secure the payment
of my debts.

I hereby revoke all former wills made by me.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th Sept
1872.

Witness
J. J. Julian
J. Dawson

James Gibbs

Codicil: Out of the land hereinafore devised to my Children I wish
reserving one fourth of an acre square, for a grave yard for myself and
my Children & relatives, to be laid off so as to take in the former
grave yard near my Dwelling house.

Witness
J. J. Julian
J. Dawson

James Gibbs

Codicil: Since the writing of the foregoing will in regard to
my tract, I revoke that part of my will giving Eliza Ann Bennett a
Certain boundary of land, and that she only take her equal part of
my land, with my other Children named in my will. It is my
further will, that as Julius Gibbs will necessarily have to make repairs
to the dwelling and other out houses and fencing on said farm, my
executors at the death of myself or his Mother is to pay out of my
estate the Certain amount for repairs made by said Julius Gibbs
this 10th Decr 1872.

Witness
Thos Parker
R M Samuel

James Gibbs

Franklin County Court

Monday May 5th 1873

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Gibbs
deceased with a Codicil thereto was produced in Court and the will was
proven by the oath of John J. Julian a subscribing witness thereto and
also provided the attestation of J. Dawson the other subscribing witness
and the Codicil was proven by the oath of R. M. Samuel a subscribing
witness thereto, who also provide the attestation of Thos Parker the
other subscribing witness; Whereupon it was ordered that said will

Codicil be recorded; which is done.

Attest

James G. Crockett, Secy.

State of Kentucky, Franklin County.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Elizabeth Shilton, being of sound
and disposing mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life, do make this my last will and testament
in manner and form following.

- 1st That I wish my body to be decently interred after death.
- 2nd I wish my Executor to pay all of my debts.
- 3rd I give and bequeath and devise to my daughter Susan
Green and her Daughters & Grand Daughters, all of the land of
the said Elizabeth Shilton in the State of Kentucky County of Franklin
in anywise appearing or belonging, to have and to hold to her
the said Susan Green, her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and
bequeath to Susan Green all of House hold and kitchen furniture
and the sum of one dollar to be paid to my Executor Susan
Green, and I hereby appoint my daughter Susan Green Executrix of
this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this the 21st May 1868.

Elizabeth Shilton

W. G. Gibbs

John S. Hedges

I further name with me as attesting witnesses Adeline McCubbin, Margaret
Elizabeth Farrell, and Lavinia Jane Burke the sum of one dollar
to be paid by my Executrix Susan Green.

Franklin County Court

Monday May 5th 1873

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth
Shilton deceased was produced in Court and proven by the oath of W. G.
Gibbs a subscribing witness thereto, who also provided the attestation of
John S. Hedges the other subscribing witnesses; Whereupon it was ordered
that said will be recorded. Which is done.

Attest James G. Crockett, Secy.

I Henry Hokeness of the County of Franklin and State of
Kentucky, do make and ordain this my last will and testament
in manner and form following, To wit:

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret, all my
furniture, and all the rest of my personal property, as long as
she may survive, after paying all my debts. I also