

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 4<sup>th</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, W. S. Mayhall, purporting 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. W. Bennett, Seal

Mary Black

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 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 now 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  
P. S. Vandoren  
W. S. Morris

State of Kentucky

Franklin County Court February 18<sup>th</sup> 1841

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Mary C. Lee was produced in Court & proved by the oaths of J. Sargent & A. Morris the subscribing witnesses thereof & ordered to be recorded which is done.

John Morris's Will

I John Morris of the county of Franklin & State of Kentucky do make this my last will & testament and do hereby revoke all other wills by me heretofore made

1<sup>st</sup> I will that my just debts & funeral expenses be paid  
2<sup>d</sup> I leave to my beloved wife Ann Morris one share part of all my estate whether real personal & mixed real or personal widowhood. And here I will of my land is to be laid off as to include my dwelling house

The land thus allotted to my wife is to pass into her as hereinafter directed and the personal & mixed thus devised to my wife are to pass to & be equally divided among my daughters who are now living or may be living at the time of my death and the representatives of such of my daughters as are now dead or may be dead at the time of my death share & share alike that is the representatives of each deceased daughter are to share as a child what their mother would have taken had she been living at the time of my death. But the representatives of my deceased daughter Louisa M. Blain are excluded from this class of my will

3<sup>d</sup> To my grand daughter Louisa M. Blain daughter of John & Louisa Blain I leave in full or her share of my estate the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid to her either in money or property as my Executors may think best

4<sup>th</sup> I devise the tract of land on which I now reside in Franklin County as follows to wit: The tract of land described as lot Number one containing 250 acres and particularly set forth in the plat accompanying this will I leave to my son H. J. Morris

5<sup>th</sup> The tract of land described in said plat as lot Number 2 containing 2 1/2 acres I devise to my son Charles D. Morris

6<sup>th</sup> The tract of land on which my residence is situated marked on said plat as numbered 3 I devise to my beloved wife during her lifetime and after her death to be held by my two sons John J. Morris & H. J. Morris in trust for the use & benefit of Ann Morris the wife of my son William Morris and the children of the said William & Ann Morris as now or hereafter to born that is to say for the benefit of said Ann Morris and said children while the said Ann Morris is the wife of said William and during her widowhood in case the said William should die before the said Ann, and in case she dies before the said William

the tract of land is to be held by my said sons in trust for the sole benefit of the children above named

I have heretofore advanced to my son in law John J. Pendleton & his deceased wife the sum of five thousand dollars

To my son in law H. J. Crutten and his wife Anne the sum of two thousand nine hundred & fifty dollars

To E. C. Coston and his wife Sarah I the sum of one hundred dollars

To W. C. Morris the sum of seventeen hundred & twenty five dollars

To my son Wm. Morris fifteen hundred & ninety dollars

To Charles D. Morris seventeen hundred dollars

To C. S. Bertrand & Maria H. his wife one thousand & fifty dollars

The foregoing advances have been made partly in money & partly in property & the use of property. My children are to be charged with the above advancements & no more, whether heretofore made or hereafter made in pursuance of the equalization under the real clause of my will for which purpose above said advancements have been assumed to

be made. I wish all the residue of my estate not heretofore devised to be divided among my sons & daughters now living and the representatives of those now dead or who may be dead at my death except the representatives of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Pendleton & Louisa M. Blain who are to receive no part thereof except that Louisa M. Blain is to receive her legacy as mentioned heretofore in my will upon the following principles to wit

1<sup>st</sup> that the advancements to my said children are out of said fund to be made equal to them & their representatives and the balance

is then to be equally divided between my sons & daughters now living or who may be living at the time of my death or the representatives of those now dead or may be dead at my death share & share alike

that is the representatives of each child that is now dead or may then be dead is to take the same share that my deceased child would have received if he or she had been living at the time of my death except the representatives of Elizabeth

Pendleton & Louisa M. Blain who are not to receive any thing under this clause. And with this further exception that the share

of my estate which under this clause would otherwise go to my son Wm. Morris shall be held by my two sons Charles D.

& H. J. Morris in trust for the sole use & benefit of the said William's wife & children under the same terms & restrictions

and conditions as contained in the 6<sup>th</sup> clause of this my will

To Susanna Reynolds I have made advancements in money & property in trust for her benefit to the amount of \$1000

Whatever shall be coming to my said daughter Susanna under this my will shall first be paid to her by my executors

and after she has received the same she is to be charged with the