

J. Steppney

I Joseph Steppney ^{column} ^{of color} of the town of Frankfort
State of Kentucky do hereby make ~~my~~ my last Will & Testament
I hereby ratify & confirm the freedom of my son Richard Steppney
whom I bought of Mr Todd & whom I have already set free by
a regular deed of emancipation witnessed by Mason & Orlando Brown
My said son is now in his nineteenth year & will be nineteen on
the 7th day of next November

I devise to my beloved wife Frances Steppney one third in
value of my real estate including the said third as part thereof
my dwelling house to be used by her as directed in & during her
natural life and after her death to pass in fee to my son
Richard subject to the limitations hereinafter mentioned

I also devise to my said wife forever one third of my personal
estate - All the rest residue of my estate whether real
personal or mixed I devise to my said son Richard and the
heirs of his body in law as well as in equity but if he
should die without leaving issue I give the real estate in
the will devised to him is to go to my other sisters Mary
Stepney & their heirs & me & mine alike

I have Mason Brown to my executor as this my will
is witnessed by me and seal this 23rd day of March 1849
Mason Brown
Orlando Brown
Geo. G. Brown

State of Kentucky
Franklin County Court March 15th 1860
A writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of J. Steppney
as was produced in Court proven in the oath of Mason Brown
& Orlando Brown the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered
to be recorded as such is done & recorded in
Atty 4th November 1860

M. C. Gore

In the name of God Amen - I Mary C Gore of the City
of Frankfort do hereby make and ordain this as my Will
and Testament in manner and form following to wit
1 After my death I desire my Executor hereinafter named
to have my body decently interred in my lot in the Frankfort
Cemetery and to place a neat substantial tomb stone over my
2 I direct that all my slaves to wit Lewis & Maria and
her four children Lewis John Allen & America and their
increase be set free at my death and also direct my
Executor to purchase Albert & Charles the two boys purchased
by Mr Todd at the sale of my deceased husbands estate
and since sold by Capt Todd to some person residing

Anderson County Ky. said boys when purchased by my Executor
are to be set free in like manner as those of whom I may see
possessed And my Executor is hereby directed to defray out of
my estate such sum or sums as may be necessary to purchase the
two boys Albert & Charles and also to defray the expenses of
appointing them all their set free and purchased names by
Lewis & Maria Lewis John Allen America Albert and
Charles with their increase or such of them as may be living at
the time to the Republic of Liberia and I give to the said
slaves or such of them as remove to Liberia a sum sufficient
to support them for six months after their arrival and also
a present of ten dollars to each one of them after they
arrive in Liberia. In the event of the above named
slaves or any one of them being unwilling to remove to Liberia
my wish and desire is that they be removed to some free
state or territory of the United States with the same provis-
ion for their support as if they went to Liberia
3^{rdly} - I give to Nelson Hojfer & his heirs forever the
house & lot in which I now reside and one half of my
lot in the Frankfort Cemetery leaving the same to be kept
in good order

4^{thly} - To the purpose of purchasing the two men Albert and
Charles and removing them with the slaves named to Liberia
or some other free state or territory my Executor is fully
authorized and empowered to sell my Bank Stock and
other personal property and to collect all debts due me
at the time of my death

5^{thly} - I hereby constitute and appoint Edmund
Mc Taylor of Frankfort Executor of this my last Will &
Testament revoking all other and former Wills by me
heretofore made

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this
27th day of March 1860
1860
M. C. Gore
Geo. W. Swain

State of Kentucky
Franklin County Court May Term 1860
A writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of
Mary C Gore dec. was produced in Court and was proved by
the oaths of H. Wingate & Geo. W. Swain the subscribing
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and the same
is truly recorded in my office
A. H. Pennick c. l. c.

Riddle
 The last Will & Testament of Anderson Riddle
 I Anderson Riddle of the County of Franklin and State of
 Ky being sound in mind but frail in body and knowing the
 certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do hereby make
 this my only and last will & testament.

I desire that all my just & lawful debts be paid by my
 Executor hereafter named. I desire that he confer with my
 wife Martha and ascertain what she may want of my personal
 property for the use and comfort of her and my children and
 give it to her and then sell to the highest bidder all the
 balance of my personal property on such or as he may
 think for the benefit of the estate.

It is my desire and request that my friend Barton W. Adams
 do and be appointed my sole Executor to carry out the
 provisions of this my last Will.

It is my desire and will that my wife Martha after the
 estate shall be settled up to my use as above named have
 the use and control of all the balance of my estate, both
 personal and real for her use and the children as long as
 she shall remain my widow but whenever she shall be
 such then said shall have only one third of my estate
 and my children the other two thirds.

It is my desire that my wife educate my children as liberally
 as the means of the estate will allow.

Given under my hand and seal this the 21st day of March 1860

Anderson Riddle seal
 Test my Eliza

Franklin County Court April Term 1860
 A writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of
 Anderson Riddle dec. was produced in Court and was proved
 by the oath of Leiding C. Lee a subscribing witness thereto
 and ordered to be recorded.

A copy test

H. G. Fenwick C. J. C.

Franklin County Court May 10th 1860
 The Writing purporting to be the last will & testament of
 Anderson Riddle dec. was fully proved by the oath of
 Jesse S. Sinclair a subscribing witness thereto and ordered
 to be recorded which is done accordingly.

J. S. Fenwick C. J. C.

R. R. Revell
 In the name of God, Amen I Rankin H. Revell
 of Frankfort Ky being weak in body but of sound mind
 disposing memory do make and publish this as my last
 will and Testament.

First After the payment of my just debts I give and
 bequeath to my kind and affectionate mother Katharine
 Revell One thousand dollars.

Second I give and bequeath to my sister Eliza S. Adams
 One thousand dollars.

Third I give and bequeath to Ellen Allen Mary Ann
 and Joseph Adams (Children of my said sister Eliza
 Adams) each One hundred dollars.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my son Joseph C. Revell
 my gold watch and chain.

Fifth I give bequeath I devise to my beloved wife Eliza
 Revell the residue of my estate during her widowhood
 when she ceases to be my widow then whatever may be
 remaining of my estate I give bequeath and devise

to be equally divided between my beloved wife Eliza S. Revell
 and my children Alice J. Sarah Jane Joseph C.
 Anna B. Revell. And I desire and here provide that

my beloved wife shall have in addition to a simple
 estate and share in the residue of my estate as above pro-
 vided the full and absolute power to use sell or in any
 manner dispose of any part or all of the same during her
 widowhood as aforesaid without restraint or hindrance
 reserving to my children & wife as aforesaid or remainder
 such of my estate as may remain and be on hand or
 hand or as proceeds of what may have been disposed
 of by exchange or by sale & reinvestment or otherwise at the
 termination of my wife's interest heretofore provided for.

Sixth I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my
 beloved wife Eliza S. Revell Executor and her Jas
 Doct H. B. Gale Executor of this my last will & testament
 hereby directing & empowering them & each one of them
 to sell all such of my lands and other estate as they may be
 deemed advisable upon such terms and bonds as they may see
 proper and one or both as may be convenient to make all
 such deeds or deeds of conveyance or other instruments or in-
 struments of writing as may become necessary to pass the
 title to the purchaser or purchasers or as may be necessary
 and proper in carrying out the purposes of this will.

And also one or both to have full power to make any
 conveyance of title to any lands or estate of any kind
 which I may be under obligation to convey by deed or
 otherwise. And furthermore to have full power