

2. I give & bequeath to my son in law W. C. Chiles the amount which he now owes me in consideration of the fact that he has for a long time taken care of my two aged female servants Sally and Sibby and in further consideration that he has promised to take care of and support my said two servants as long as they may live without further charge to me or my estate.

3. I will and bequeath to all my children in equal proportions the balance of my estate and this shall embrace the slaves and money and any other property which I may be entitled to as the only living heir of my niece Lovetta Bester deceased formerly Lovetta Henderson and wife of General Bester of Wayne county Kentucky.

4. I hereby appoint my son in law W. C. Chiles Executor of this my will and request him to settle my estate in accordance with the above provisions.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of April A D 1862.

Witness

John S. Scott
Joel S. Price

Sally P. Sutton

State of Kentucky

Franklin County Court April 16th 1863.

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Sally P. Sutton dec^d was produced in Court and was proved by the oath of John S. Scott & Joel S. Price the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is truly done.

J. H. Remick offfl

M. C. Sayre - It is my will that the property I own in the shape of stocks of all kinds, land, negroes & as many of my books as he may consider valuable additions to his library, my silver (except some few pieces I shall hereafter mention) my pictures and all round sold articles shall be left in the sole possession of my dear husband B. B. Sayre, I have perfect confidence in his care & provision for our dear child should it live.

South Frankfort

Sept 20 1861

Abelard C. Sayre

All of this is in my own hand writing.

Frankfort Sept 23 61

My ever precious husband

Enclosed in this you will find my will the most substantial and valuable portion of my property I leave wholly to you. I say nothing in reference to any provision for our little babe if it should be spared.

having perfect confidence that for my sake as well as its own you will do all that is necessary & just for it. There are some of my little things that I wish given as mementos to some of my nieces and also to the servants, and of these I thought it best to write them in the shape of requests in this letter to you instead of putting them with more important matters. To my dear Sonny I leave my watch & chain, all my jewelry except my pearl set which I should like kept for my own child should it be a girl but if a boy then the pearls I wish Sonny to have. I shall also except my little breast pen I call little Nora which I always promised to Mary Ruffen my brother Edmund's youngest daughter. The little gold book containing sister Lizzie's hair & her child's which her husband sent me I wish you my dear husband to keep as a memento of them. All my nicest clothing that can be of any use to Sonny & is suitable for her I wish her to have & wear for my sake - my under clothes are nearly all new & of good quality and I would rather she should use them than any one else. Those that are old and of no use to her she can divide among the servants. I would like to leave some small remembrance to all the older servants especially those who have lived with me so long & served me so faithfully. To ^{Louisa} Charlotte, Maria & Mamma I wish five dollars a piece given them from me. To Mary, Ann & ~~Nora~~ Sonny I can give something among my things suitable for them. To Sally who has been so faithful and who I know is sincerely attached to me I would like her to have Ten dollars. Now this is my wish in regard to the servants, but you my dear husband may see knowing more about these things than I do that it would be neither wise nor prudent to give them money particularly at this time. So I leave it entirely to your judgment & discretion. I only want them to have some little thing in remembrance of me.

As mentioned in my will, there are some pieces of silver I wish to leave to others of my family. To my dear Nanny brother Edmund's oldest daughter I wish to leave my silver butter dish. To Sus Ruffen, Nanny's next sister I wish to leave my set of silver salt cellars with the salt spoons that came with them.

To my dear old father I know my melodeon would be very precious and hereafter no tower of in times of peace & security when articles may be sent from one part of the country to another in safety than I would like it sent to him. But should he have passed away in that time and then I want you keep it, knowing it will be valuable for

sake I of course expect none of these requests to be carried out in regard to persons at a distance while political troubles last and shut out all intercourse.

And now my dear dear husband my last gift to you is my bible with the little book (Words of Jesus) I read in daily. May they prove as great comforts to you as they have been to me especially in times of trouble & affliction. I pray for Gods most precious blessing upon you, may he with aid & protect you through life, and when it is his will to call you away Oh may you be prepared to go, and may we all you, dear Ginny, and all our loved ones meet in Heaven there to enjoy an eternity of bliss. May our heavenly Fathers blessing be upon us, all, and whether living or dying may we be his own loving grateful children is the earnest prayer of
Your ever devoted &
loving wife M. C. S.

State of Kentucky Is

Franklin County Court May 2^d 1863

A writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Abner C. Sayre dec'd with a codicil thereto was produced in Court and there being no subscribing witnesses ~~there~~ to the will & codicil Sally Smith & Virginia Sayre being sworn testified that the will & codicil with the signature of testator to each is wholly in the hand writing of Testator and thereupon the same is ordered to be recorded as the last will & Testament of said deceased. Whereupon the same is truly recorded in my office

A. H. Rennie C. C.

In Brauner In the name of God Amen, I John Brauner of the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Kentucky do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit

First I give will and bequeath unto my wife Ann, and all of her children by me begotten Peter, James &c. the Rectory place where I now reside containing two hundred and sixteen acres more or less together with that land which I have lately purchased of Austin P. Love about fifty eight acres all situated lying & being in the County of Franklin and Comth adjacent on the Frankfort & New Castle road. I also will & bequeath unto my said wife and children all my household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, live stock, crop, &c. on the tract of land bequeathed her & them at the time of my death. Do share and to hold said property in joint tenancy with all her children by me begotten so long as she shall remain unmarried. But

after my death the said Ann my wife should marry, it is my will & desire that she take and enjoy, of my property no more than the law may award and command, and further I will and desire that on the death of my said wife that all the property herein ~~before~~ mentioned vest absolutely in the children of my said wife by me begotten, my intention being to give her a life estate only.

Secondly - I will and desire that my three slaves Frank, Dolly and Dan remain with my wife and her children by me begotten until they my children attain their majority and then that the right and title to said slaves vest absolutely in my said children. Provided always that said slaves may be sold at any time if they should misbehave themselves and grow unmanageable and it shall be adjudged advisable so to do, but I request my wife and said children to treat said slaves well, and kindly provide for them.

Thirdly - I will and bequeath to Henry Hanfield a son of my said wife Ann, a good suit of clothes and fifty dollars in cash together with a common education to be paid by my Executor out of my estate, provided he shall remain with his mother and help to take care of her and my children by her begotten until he shall have attained the age of twenty one year.

Fourthly I will and desire and bequeath unto my other sons Thomas, Henry, Franklin and John M. Brauner equally and jointly my Moss tract of land lying on the Newcastle and Frankfort road.

Fifthly - I will and bequeath that the tract of land now in dispute between me Thomas Smiths heirs and Wade, provided it be determined and adjudged to me before my death be equally divided between my three sons Henry, Franklin & John M. Brauner with the exception of a small strip on the West side of the Newcastle road, which said strip I will to be attached to my home tract and be the property of my children named in the first clause of this my will - provided the road can be straightened and if said suit shall not be determined before my death I will & desire that said suit be prosecuted to a final decision by the legates Henry, Franklin and John M. Brauner to whom I have devised the benefit of it. And lastly I hereby constitute make and appoint Simon Hooper and Pat W. Major as my executor and will and desire that after they shall have paid my funeral expenses and paid off and liquidated all my just debts that they proceed to carry out justly and fairly the provisions of this my last will & Testament in accordance with the true meaning spirit intent and purpose hereof. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 26th day of August A. D. 1863