

Critcher
Lewis B
I Lewis B Critcher of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory and remembering that it is appointed unto all men and to each desiring to dispose of such estate as it has pleased God to bestow upon me, do make public and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, and do hereby revoke and annul any and all wills and testaments heretofore made by me.

1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors hereinafter named, as soon after my death as practicable without the sale of any of my real estate if I have sufficient of money and other estate to pay the same;

2nd After the payment of said debts and expenses, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth S. Critcher, any and all personal property that may remain to be hers in her own right forever.

3rd After the payment of said debts and expenses I give and bequeath to my said wife all my real estate to be held unto and enjoyed by her during her natural life, and at her death all the property embraced in the provisions of this clause shall go to and belong to the persons hereinafter designated in this will.

4th After the death of my said wife, it is my will, and I so direct that my executors, procure as soon after her death as practicable to sell and dispose of the real estate mentioned in the last preceding clause either at public or private sale, either for cash or upon reasonable time for the best price they can reasonably obtain one half of the proceeds arising therefrom to be paid over as soon as collectible by them, to such person or persons, and in such amounts, and under such restrictions and terms, as my said wife may direct by her last will and testament - it being my intention hereby to authorize her to dispose of one half of such proceeds, by will made and executed in due form of law. (By the real estate mentioned in this will I mean all the real estate I may have at the time of my death.)

5th And it is my will and I do direct that the other half of such proceeds arising from such sale or sales, be paid over by my executors when collectible as follows, viz: - One hundred dollars to be paid over to Albert Bailey, son of my deceased sister Polly Bailey, or in the event of his death before the provisions of this will take effect to his children - Five hundred dollars to be held by my executors hereinafter named as trustees for the children of my father Jesse G. Critcher, to be paid over by said trustees to said children in equal proportions from time to time as such trustees may deem proper, for the education or support of said children, - Three hundred dollars to be used by my executors as they may deem proper for the benefit of Mary Spring Church in Woodford County, Kentucky. - One hundred

to be paid to my nephew, Lewis Critcher, son of Thomas Critcher; - One hundred dollars to be paid to Lewis Johnson of Indiana, son of my niece Elizabeth Johnson, formerly Elizabeth Bailey; - And I will and direct that one half of the remainder of said proceeds be divided equally between the children of my father Richard Critcher, viz: Washington Critcher, Safford Critcher and Florence Cotton; The other half of said remainder of said proceeds to be paid to William Bailey, son of Polly Bailey, provided however, that if the amount hereby devised to William Bailey shall amount to more than three hundred dollars, one half of such surplus shall be paid to Albert Bailey, or in the event of his death to the children of Albert Bailey.

6th And lastly, I do nominate and appoint Washington Critcher, son of Richard Critcher and William Bailey, son of Polly Bailey as executors of this my last will and testament and desire that the County Court will permit them to qualify as such without requiring of them any security.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of February 1871, in presence of witnesses.

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of February 1871, in presence of witnesses.
Albert G. W. Owen
Lewis B. Critcher

Franklin County Court
Friday July 19th 1872
A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lewis B. Critcher dec'd, was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of G. W. Owen & John N. Critcher the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon it was ordered that said will be recorded. - Which is done.
Attest Jas. C. Critcher cler.

Franklin Co. Ky
I, Octavia Brown, ordain this my last will and testament.
1st All my debts and burial expenses be first paid.
2nd I give to Daniel Henry (colored) my son-in-law, col'd, also give him fifty dollars and two quilts and a cover lid; and wish that Alfred B. Reese be his guardian.
3rd I give my step-son, Jesse Brown, fifty dollars, as some compensation for his care and attention to me.
4th I give to Susanna Jett Twenty five dollars and some clothes that she may make choice of for her care and attention to me in my illness.
I wish that Daniel Henry is to have a deed of partition made. I appoint my brother John Jett my executor.

Sovereign and if there is any thing left of my estate I give it
 him to dispose of as he sees proper.
 Given under my hand this the 31 day of August 1872
 Samuel Pierce
 William Pitt

Franklin County Court
 Monday September 16. 1872
 A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Octavia
 Pierce ditto was produced in Court and proven by the oaths of Samuel Pierce
 & William Pitt, the subscribing witnesses thereto; Whereupon It was
 ordered that said will be received - Which is done
 Attest: Jas. C. Crockett, cfer.

Saml Pierce - I Samuel Pierce of the State of Kentucky, County of Franklin and
 being of sound mind do hereby make my last will and testament
 in manner and form following, that is to say:
 First - I desire that all the perishable part of my estate be
 immediately sold after my decease & out of the money arising
 therefrom all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid - Should the
 perishable part of my property prove insufficient for the above purposes
 then I desire that my Executor hereafter named may sell such land
 as he may set apart using his own judgment & after the payment
 of my debts & funeral expenses I give to my Grand Son, John S. Pierce and
 his wife Mollie fifty acres of land on the Rocky Branch the home place
 where he now lives including Spring & Spring Mt. & to be enjoyed by them
 forever. 3. I give to my son Stephen Pierce a tract of land adjoining
 the land he now owns in Sulphur like twenty five acres, more or
 less, - the place where his son James Pierce lives, to have and enjoy
 forever. - 4. I give the same farm to my wife Susanna, to
 during her life & desire my Executor to attend to the farm & raising
 for her, if she should marry again, I desire my Executor not to let
 any thing be wasted or timber be destroyed on the Meadows house
 After the death of my wife I desire said house & farm divided among
 Stephen Pierce's four children, namely, James A. Pierce, Martha
 J. Burchfield, Albaine Pierce, Stephen Pierce Jr. & William Pierce
 to have and to hold forever. 5. I desire to give my two daughters
 Martha Robts & Jane Parsh, three hundred dollars apiece to
 have them out of my perishable property - one hundred dollars has
 already been paid Martha Robts so my Executor can pay her two
 hundred dollars & lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my Grand Son
 John S. Pierce my Executor of this my last will and testament to act
 without bond, having full confidence in him, hereby revoking
 any former wills or testaments by me heretofore made,
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

my Seal this eleventh day of June in the year 1872.
 Signed Sealed & delivered as
 for the last will and testament
 of the above named S. Pierce in
 the presence of us.
 W. M. Breston
 William Pryor
 Henry Burchfield

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Franklin County Court, Monday September 16. 1872.
 A writing purporting to be the last will and testament
 of Samuel Pierce ditto, was produced in Court and proven by
 the oaths of W. M. Breston & William Pryor, two of the subscr-
 ibing witnesses thereto; Whereupon It was ordered that said
 will be received - Which is done.
 Attest: Jas. C. Crockett, cfer.

Widow - I Dr. Rodgers of Franklin County having now lived beyond
 the allotted period of human life, and being advanced too
 in the ordinary course of human nature I must die, and wishing
 to set my house in order in every respect so far as I can,
 I do hereby ordain, establish and publish this following to be
 my last will and testament hereby revoking all former
 wills, devises, testaments or Codicils.
 First - I give and bequeath unto my will beloved wife Frances, for
 and during the term of her natural life, all of my property of
 my personal of every description whether real personal, or mixed, of which
 I may be possessed at the time of my death, after my debts and
 funeral expenses shall have been paid.
 After the death of myself and my wife, the said Frances, or the
 survivor of us, I direct that my property of every description
 shall be divided in kind among my heirs, so far as may be
 practicable, by Appraisers or Commissioners to be chosen by my
 Executors or Administrators or appointed by the proper Court and any
 property not susceptible of being thus divided, or equalized by such
 property, may be taken by any one or more of my heirs at valuation
 by consent of the other heirs or majority of interests in my estate.
 I hereby appoint as Doctor of my Son Abner Rodgers and
 William Rodgers.
 Witness my name and Seal in Franklin County
 Kentucky, on this 21st day of October 1872

Franklin County Kentucky, Set
 Me the undersigned President of