

personal estate his full share of my property
2. I devise to my wife Mary Y Brown all my estate real
personal or mixed which I now have or may have at the time
of my death to be held & enjoyed by her during her natural
life or widowhood and after her death or marriage (should
she again think proper to marry) the same is to pass equal
to my sons John Mason Brown, Yoder Brown, Knox Brown
and my daughters Margaretta M Brown, Mary Y Brown
Elega Brown and any other children that I may have by
my present wife

3. I make my beloved wife sole executrix of my will
and request that no security be required of her as such
But should she marry again her power as executrix &
her interest in my estate as above given is instantly to cease
and she is to be remitted to her widows third of my personal
estate and her dower in my real estate & slaves; and in
such event she is to be held responsible to my children for
the manner in which she has managed my estate, &
otherwise her acts are not to be called in question by my
children

4. I authorize my executrix to sell any of my real
estate or slaves she may think proper.

5. My executrix may advance to my children
portions of their share of my estate as they respectively come
of age or marry, or not at her election. But I earnestly
advise her never to make any advances inconsistent with
her independence and always to return in her own hands
a full & ample support for her station in life

6. The charges of the education of my children after my
death must be equalized between them and those who may
be then educated in the joint division of my property;
should my wife die before they are all educated

Witness my hand this 14th day of March 1865

Witness
P Sargent
J L Phythian

State of Kentucky Do

At a county Court held for the county of Franklin
on Wednesday the 15th day of February A D 1867

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of
Mason Brown deceased was this day produced in Court and proved to
the oaths of P Sargent & J L Phythian the subscribing witnesses
thence and ordered to be recorded - Whereupon the same was
truly recorded

Attest
A N Remick, Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Wm Hunt dec'd
I Wm Hunt now in good health and of sound & disposing mind &
memory deem it prudent to make & ordain this as my last will &
testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made

Item 1st I do hereby appoint my beloved wife and my two sons
George B Hunt and William C Hunt my sole executors and
request that no security shall be required of them and hereby vest
them with the legal title of all my estate of every description
with full power to sell & convey any portion thereof which they
in their discretion may think advisable and in case of the
death of any of them the same power is hereby vested in the
survivor or survivors to hold said estate in trust for the
following purposes. Viz

Item 2nd To pay all my just debts

Item 3rd To allot to my beloved wife her dower according to
law, or if she should prefer it, to give to her an equal child
part in fee simple

Item 4th To carry on all my plantations either by hiring
laborers, renting them or working them on the shares, and
for this purpose they are authorized to make any contracts
they may deem advisable

Item 5th I require that my family shall be kept together
and supported out of the proceeds of the estate and the minor
children educated without any separate charge against
either of them and without any separate charge against
any of the children while they live together or manage the
property jointly

Item 6th To divide the estate equally between my wife if she
should select it in lieu of dower, and all my children,
share & share alike whenever my youngest child comes of age
or marries, but my executors may divide & deliver to my wife
her part whenever she desires it, and to each of the children
who are of age or as they become of age their respective shares
according to the value of the estate at that time and retain
the residue in common for the purposes before mentioned &
upon such division the legal title shall vest in the persons so
receiving it

Item 7th I will and desire that all the provisions of
this will shall apply to whatever estate I may own at my
death whether heretofore or hereafter acquired

Item 8th I do hereby make my son George guardian
for my infant children

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name
affixed as forw'd as my seal this first day of February
William Hunt

Witnessed in the presence of the testator who

acknowledged at our presence 1st day of February 1866
Geo J Blackburn
J B Gray
W H Keene

State of Mississippi
Washington County

By the Probate Court of said county at
the March A.D. 1866 Term thereof.
Be it remembered that at a regular term of the Probate court
of said county held at the house of Louis Caffal in the town of
Greenville that being the place provided & designated by the board
of Police of said county for the courts of said county to meet, there
being being no court house in the county according to law
among other orders then & there made was one in the words
figured following to wit

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purport-
ing to be the last will & testament of William Hunt deceased
Upon reading and filing the petition duly verified of
William E Hunt and George B Hunt for probate of a certain
instrument of writing purporting to be the last will & testament of
William Hunt late of this county deceased and for letters
testamentary thereon; and on taking in open court the
testimony of George J Blackburn and J B Gray two of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, the Court after hearing all &
singular the proofs allegations adduced proffered & submitted
and maturely considering the same being now satisfied
that W H Keene the other subscribing witness to said instru-
ment is dead and that his genuine signature appears to
said instrument as one of the subscribing witnesses thereto,
And the Court being satisfied that the said deceased sign
sealed published and declared said instrument to be his
last will & testament in the presence of the said subscribing
witnesses on the day of the date thereof, and that the said
testator was of sound disposing mind & memory and more
than twenty one years of age and that the said George J
Blackburn J B Gray and W H Keene the aforesaid subscri-
bing witnesses subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereto
at the instance & request and in presence of said testator and
in the presence of each other on the day & year aforesaid,
and the Court being satisfied that said instrument of writing
is the true and last will & testament of said William Hunt
and that the same as such is fully and legally established
It is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed that said instrument
of writing be admitted to probate and recorded as the true last
will & testament of said William Hunt deceased. And it is
further ordered adjudged and decreed that letters testamentary

of said last will & testament be granted to said petitioners William E
Hunt and George B Hunt upon their taking the oath of office
And that in conformity to said last will & testament no bond or security
be required of them
J B Valliant
Judge &c

In the matter of the last will & testament of William Hunt deceased
This day George B Hunt and William E
Hunt executors of the ^{said} last will & testament appeared in open court
and took the oath of office

The State of Mississippi
Washington County

By the Probate Court of said county
Whereas William Hunt deceased late of said county made in
his lifetime his last will & testament which at a term of our said
Court begun and held at the Court house of said county on the
fourth Monday of March in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred & sixty six was proved approved & admitted to
record in said Court and probate thereof granted to George B Hunt and
William E Hunt two of the executors thereof and therein appointed
and the said George B Hunt and William E Hunt having com-
plied with the provisions of the statutes in such case made and
provided; Therefore to the intent that the said will may be
well & truly performed, we do give grant & commit unto the
said George B Hunt and William E Hunt the administration
of all & singular the goods chattels and credits of & belonging
to the estate of said testator with full power to take the
same into their hands and possession and to ask levy recor-
er and receive the same wherever they may be in this
State hereby requiring and enjoining upon the said George
B Hunt and William E Hunt to make a true & perfect
inventory of all & singular the said goods chattels and
credits which have or shall come in their hands possession
or knowledge or into the hands or possession of any other
person or persons; for them to exhibit the said inventory
to our said Court within the time limited by law; to
well & truly administer the said goods chattels & credits
according to law, to make a just & true account of their
actings & doings therein when thereto required by our said
Court; and to well & truly pay & deliver all the legacies
contained and specified in the said will so far as the
said goods chattels and credits will extend and the law shall
charge them hereby conforming the said executors with full
ample authority to dispose of all & singular the goods chat-
tels and credits according to the tenor of said last will &
testament and the true intent & meaning of the said