Benjamin Smith in trust to sell & convey [illegible]
for the purposes of paying my just & just debts which
sale and conveyance to be by my Executors or by a majority
of them or a majority of the Survivors shal deem the
Sale of the said land conducive to the Interest of the
Estate & of my children and provided said land should
not be sold then my will and devise is that the sur-
shall be equally divided amongst all my children or the
the money arising from the sale of said land provided
it is sold under the authority aforesaid after the payment
of my debts shall be equally divided among all my chil
dren I give bequeathe & devise to my Son ~~Francis~~ Edmd
H Hopkins a Negro man ~~Slave~~ Slave named Scot to my Son
Francis J Hopkins a named ~~Dick~~ Dick to my Son Samd Hopkins
a Negro boy named Billy to my Daughter Elizabeth H
Hopkins a Negro Woman Slave named Violet to my Son
John J Hopkins a Negro boy slave named Claiborne to
my Son Signal J Hopkins a Negro boy slave named Lewy
to my Daughter Martha H Hopkins a negro Girl Slave
named Charity to them their heirs & assigns forever my
will & devise is that no part of my estate either real or
personal should unless deemed absolutely necessary by my
Executors excepting the land heretofore mentioned the
Sale of which is left entirely to my Executors But that
the whole of my estate of what kind soever should be
kept together under the management of my hereinafter
named Executors for the purpose of making crops & the
the proceeds of said crops should be applied to the payme
nt of my just debts & for the support & maintainance of
& to defray the expences of all my children herein ~~[illegible]~~
named My further will & devise is that all my negroes
after the payment of my Debts shall be equally divided a-
mong my children herein before named excepting Stock of
negroes as are herein before described specifically devised it is
further my will & devise that any estate should not be kept
together as herein before directed for a longer period than five
years and that the same shall be divided as herein directed So
soon as my just Debts shall be paid soon before the expiration
of five years I hereby constitute and appoint Edmd H Hopkins
Francis J Hopkins & Samd Hopkins Executors of this My last
will & Testament & my will and devise is that my before
named Should not be compelled or required to give Security
for the performance of their duties as Executors My fur ir
will & devise is that my before named Executors shal
select three or friends to divide my negroes not specifically
devised among all my Children herein mentioned and my
personal estate excluding negroes from that appellation
after the payment of my just Debts should be sold and
the money arising from such sale should equally divided
among all my Children herein mentioned
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Seal this eighth day of March in the year of our
Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty five Signed & acknow
ledged to be my last will and Testament in my own hand
writing

Edmd Hopkins (Seal)

Henderson County S.S. December county court 1826

This last will and testament of Edmund Hopkins deceased
was presented in court by Edmund H Hopkins Francis J Hopkins
and Samuel Hopkins therein named who took oath to the same according
to law the same being proved by the oaths of Lee Jones William and
William D Allison to be in the hand writing of the dec'd is ordered
to be recorded and which is truly recorded

Attest J. Mill D.C.

Jennings Will

In the name of God Amen I Jemima Jennings of the County
of Henderson & State of Kentucky being low in health & weak in body
but possessing a sound & disposing mind, do make this my last Will
& testament hereby revoking all former Wills heretofore by me made
Imprimis I will & bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Berry all my right
title & interest to a certain Tract of land lying in Christian County
State of Kentucky which I hold jointly with my Sister & my Sister
Irvins) during her life and at her death to descend to my Sister Eliz
Buckner & Sister Glovers Children Item The money & Debts due
me yet in the State of Virginia I will & bequeath to my Sister Eliz-
abeth Berry who after paying the balance due on my land in Christian
County, Will also pay & give to my friend Mr Lacy P Posey fifty
Dollars to my friend Mrs Elizabeth Housman fifty Dollars
to my friend Mrs Mary P Hart fifty Dollars to my friend Miss Elizabeth
S Rankin fifty Dollars and to my friend Miss Mary Dixon fifty Dollars
Item I will & bequeath all my Negroes to my Sister Elizabeth Berry during
her life and at her death to descend with her increase, to be equally divided
between my Sister Buckner & her children and my Sister Glover & her
children and my niece Elizabeth Berry, daughter of my Brother
John Berry Item My Carriage I will & bequeath to my sister Elizabeth
Berry Item All my estate real & personal not above bequeathed
or mentioned I do hereby give & bequeath to my sister Elizabeth
Berry I do hereby constitute & appoint my sister Elizabeth
Berry my Executrix to this my last Will & Testament done
by me this first day of October 1834

Jemima J Jennings (Seal)

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of Emma Harrison Sen
Emma Harrison Jun

State of Kentucky Henderson County S.S. October County Court 1834

This last will & testament of Jemima J Jennings deceased was presented
in Court and proved by the oaths of Emma Harrison & John Emmons
according to law to be the same writing of the deceased is ordered
to be recorded & which is truly recorded

Attest Mill D. Clerk