

J. A. Smith
W. J. J.

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Know all persons that J. Thomas A. Smith of Henderson County State of Kentucky do on this 6th day of September Eight hundred and Sixty Six dictate and request to be recorded this my last Will & Testament in regard to my family and property which Almighty God has blessed me with 2d. I desire request and will that my property all be kept together for the benefit of my ever cherished wife Margaret E. Smith and our children during the natural life or widowhood of said wife and moreover 1st. I do hereby appoint said wife and our oldest son William A. Smith my Executive Executor and also as Guardians for our children to act without security and after the children have reached the age of 21 years (in number) have each been supported and educated or schooled as those now of age and Harry or the youngest then living because of age then I will that what should or may be left be equally divided between our children after 10 years that are taken out being married and I further declare that the above has ever been my desire & will as the Testator whose name is here subscribed we say Well the above, Praying all persons to let it thus be, I have signed with my name & seal praying the Testator to do the same Amen.

Witnesseth
Benja. F. Lister
John Matthews
Marshall Smith

State of Kentucky
Henderson County } 10th October County Court 1866
The last Will and Testament of Thomas A. Smith do was produced in Court and proved in open Court by the oaths of Benja. F. Lister and John Matthews subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done.

J. P. Breckinridge C. K. C. C.

J. A. Hatfield
W. J. J.

Bradley County Ark. March 30th 1863
I have seen the 12th January Sixty five times the illnesses of my body makes it probable I shall never see it again. I therefore make these lines for the instruction of my family I give to my youngest daughter Cornelia two hundred acres of land lying in the County of Bradley State of Ark. conveyed to me by J. B. Lister the deed for same rec'd in the Clerk's Office of said County, of Bradley also a negro girl named Eliza & a boy named Caesar. One horse saddle & saddle. One feather bed & bedding. To my wife Cornelia I leave the tract of land on which I now live & all the negroes not heretofore given away during her life. all other property I give to her to do with it as she pleases with what money I may have on hand at the time of my death subject to the payment of my debts at her death my son Edwin or his heirs shall inherit the land and the negroes shall be equally divided among my five youngest children, namely Eliza Collins, M. Kirby, Virginia Lister, Edwin Hatfield & Cornelia. I appoint James B. Lister my executor and knowing his probity, his honesty, request the Court

to let him undertake the duties of executor without giving security. I am C. A. who controls the destiny of nations overrule in the affairs of the South until the independence of the Southern Confederacy be established on a basis that may endure forever & peace & prosperity take the place of War & devastation which now reigns. May He guide my family unto all truth & admit us all into his everlasting kingdom

State of Kentucky
Henderson County } 10th October County Court 1866
The last Will and Testament of J. A. Hatfield do. was produced in Court and proved in open Court by the oaths of John A. Hart and Paul A. Blackwell who testified that said Will was wholly & entirely in the hand writing of said J. A. Hatfield which being deemed sufficiently proved is ordered to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done
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J. P. Breckinridge C. K. C. C.

J. Williams
W. J. J.

I Alfred Williams of Henderson County in the State of Kentucky being somewhat advanced in years in good health and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid and my funeral expenses defrayed out of my personal and personal estate 2 I give, devise, and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary H. Williams One third part of my estate both real, personal and mixed that I may have and own at the time of my death for and during the term of her natural life I except from this bequest my Chick Horse House on mill Creek which I desire to be rented out from year to year during the life of my said wife and One half the rent paid to her 3 It is my will and desire after my beloved wife shall have received for third part and the rent above provided; all the rest and residue of my estate including the balance of the rent, above stipulated shall be equally divided among my children and Grand children. In making said division my daughter Kelly Ann Green wife of Peter R. Green must be charged with Fifteen hundred Dollars advanced to her in lands and cash many years ago And my son William D. Williams must be charged with Five hundred Dollars cash heretofore advanced him. 4 After all the rest of my children have been made equal to my daughter Kelly Ann Green, the balance of the two thirds exclusive of the Chick Horse House is to be divided as follows: One portion to my daughter Kelly Ann Green for her separate use and maintenance, and subject to her use and control and not to be, in any event, liable for the debts and contracts of her husband and at her death to be equally divided amongst her children One portion to the children of my daughter Elizabeth D. Williams to them their heirs or assigns forever. One portion to the children of my son John A. Williams to them their heirs or assigns forever. One portion to my son Stephen J. Williams to him or assigns forever if he be living if he be dead then to his children their heirs or assigns forever. One portion I give and bequeath to my son William D. Williams on trust for the use and benefit of his wife and children he shall at all times have the possession and control of the same, and shall receive the rents, issues and profits thereof as such rents in common with his wife and children so long as they live together if any of his children marry or otherwise quit the paternal residence then he is still to retain the possession and control of said property during his life and at his death the same shall be equally divided between his lawful descendants and is not to be liable for his debts. One portion to my daughter Sarah A. Williams during her natural life free from the control of any husband she may have at her death to be equally divided between her children or their descendants. Lastly it is my will and desire after the death of my beloved wife all that part of my estate heretofore bequeathed her including the Chick Horse House and whatever money may be on hand unexpended after the payment of all her reasonable and just debts

return to my estate and be equally divided amongst my descendants in the manner before provided. Witness my hand this 5th day of July 1866.

H. A. Ross

H. E. Allison

H. E. Allison Jr.

Adam Rankin

P. O. The land mentioned in the bequest to my daughter Sally Ann Brown is the tract of which she with her family's husband at present reside and contain One hundred and thirty acres more or less.

H. E. Allison

H. E. Allison Jr.

H. A. Ross

State of Kentucky

Henderson County February County Court 1867 (125)

The last will and testament of Alfred Williams deceased was produced in Court and proved in Open Court by the oath of H. E. Allison, Adam Rankin & H. A. Ross Subscribing witnesses thereto to be the national act and deed of said Alfred Williams, and ordered to be recorded which is truly done. (H. Page 95)

J. P. Archibridge exco.

R. P. Litcher

Will

Robert P. Litcher of the City and County of Henderson in the State of Kentucky do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid. Second I give to my wife Anna M. Litcher (after the payment of my debts) all of my estate both real, personal and mixed, for and during the term of her natural life upon the condition that if she marry again she must advance to each of my children born of her as they arrive of age or marry such equitable portion of my estate as can be conveniently spared after reserving to herself a comfortable living or support out of the whole, and after the death of my said wife Anna M. Litcher all my estate must be equally divided between my children born of my present wife Anna M. Litcher including any advances she may have made to them. Provided however that my son Hyatt Litcher son of my first wife shall have out of my estate a Gold Watch worth Two hundred Dollars my reason for distinguishing between my children born of my present wife and my son born of my first wife is this he having inherited from his mother (deceased) I think full as much as would make him equal with the balance of my children born of my present wife This I April the 15th 1864.

Witness

A. H. Saltwell

Geo. L. Brown

State of Kentucky

Henderson County February County Court 1867

The last will and testament of Robert P. Litcher deceased was produced in Court and proved in Open Court by the oath of A. H. Saltwell & Geo. L. Brown Subscribing witnesses thereto to be the national act and deed of said Robert P. Litcher deceased, and ordered to be recorded which is truly done. (H. Page 97)

J. P. Archibridge exco.

David Light's Will

In the name of God amen I David Light of the County of Henderson and State of Kentucky, now in perfect health, mind and memory thanks to almighty God for the same and knowing the Absoluteness of all men kind and that it is appointed to all men to die, I do hereby make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following viz: 1st that all my Real and personal estate I sold after my death and that all my just debts and funeral expenses paid I give unto my daughter Matilda A. Brown one hundred and twenty eight dollars, 2nd I give unto my daughter Mary of Nelson one hundred and twenty eight dollars, 3rd I give unto my daughter James M. Brown one hundred and twenty eight dollars, 4th I give unto my daughter Sabelled M. Ray one hundred and twenty eight dollars, 5th I give unto my son Leonard I give twenty five dollars, 6th all the rest of my estate I desire may be equally divided among all my children which I give to them their heirs and assigns forever, and assigns forever, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends George A. Light and John Collingham Executors of this my last will testament here by revoking all other or former Will as testament before heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11th August 1859. Signed sealed published and declared as and for the last will testament of the above named David Light in the presence of us
J. C. Collingham
H. Dunlap

The Commonwealth of Kentucky
To E. T. Taylor an examiner in the City of Louisville Jefferson County Kentucky, greeting
In witness that we trusting to your fidelity and provident circumspection in examining Henry Dunlap a subscribing witness to the writing hereunto annexed purporting to be the last will and testament of David Light deceased whereunto departed this life in the County of Henderson in said Commonwealth? We command you that on such certain day and place as you shall think fit the witness aforesaid you do call and cause to come before you, and him diligently examine on oath whether the said Testator signed and published the said writing hereunto annexed as his last will and testament or whether some other person signed it by his direction; whether he was at the time of disposing mind and memory and whether he subscribed his name thereto in his presence and at his request and his examination when so taken you will plainly certify and send enclosing therewith the said writing and this commission, to the presiding Judge of our said County Court in the town of Henderson, Witness our hand this 27th day of February A.D. 1867
James P. Archibridge c. H. C. E.

In Obedience to the above commission I E. T. Taylor Examiner for Jefferson County Ky did on the 13th day of March 1867 did cause to appear before me Henry Dunlap who says on oath that he is the identical person whose name is affixed to the hereunto annexed purporting to be the last Will and testament of David Light deceased affiant further says that he subscribed his name thereto as a subscribing witness at this instance and request and in the presence of the said David Light, further says that the name of David Light was written he thinks by Mrs. John Collingham and that said Light did thereby sign and publish the writing hereunto annexed as his last will and testament. Further says that said Light was at the time of signing & publishing the same of disposing mind and memory