

Saml Stites
Will

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wish her said trustee to invest the same in some safe and profitable stocks for the use and benefit of her and her heirs as aforesaid. The said land or each of them as may remain unsold and the residue of the purchase money of each of them as may have been sold. I wish will bequeath and devise to be divided equally between my three living children aforesaid and the heirs of each in severalty. My executors shall have the power to sell the whole or any part of both or either of said three tracts of land as may be aforesaid during the life of my wife or within three years after her death then I will and require that my Executor pay the above legacy of One Thousand Dollars for the use and benefit of my said Grand daughter Susannah out of my Estate generally to her said trustee Edmund L. Davidson to be managed and held by him upon the uses and trusts aforesaid.

At the death or marriage of my said wife I will bequeath and devise all the rest and residue of my Estate Real Mixed and Personal to my three living children Richd. Rebecca and Lucy to be equally divided between them and their heirs as required by Item 6th of this Will but the share of my two daughters Rebecca and Lucy are to pass to and be vested in their brother Richard as trustee and his executors to be held and managed controlled and disposed of in all respects as required by Item 6th in this my last Will and Testament except the proceeds of the sale of the two tracts of land aforesaid and their share in which are to pass to my said two daughters in severalty directly and in fee simple at the time hereinafter specified in this Item 10. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife Rebecca B. Stites the sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament for and during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage or failure to qualify I hereby nominate and appoint my son Richard my Executor but I wish and will that neither my wife nor my son shall be required to give any security when either of them qualifies as my executrix or executor as aforesaid but I require and empower it upon each of them to take the best attainable legal counsel and advice in their respective management control and administration of my Estate as my executrix or executor under the provisions of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 30th day of May 1859.

Saml Stites (Seal)

The foregoing instrument of writing containing eleven pages and a fraction is on this the day of its date aforesaid signed sealed and published in our presence & sight by the Testator Samuel Stites as his last will & Testament and acknowledged by him as such all which we at his request and in his presence & sight do hereby attest as subscribing Witnesses. This 30 day of May 1859.

Adm^r H. Hopkings

W. H. Ingram
Thomas Evans

Whereas I Samuel Stites of the city of Anderson and State of Kentucky on the 30th day of May 1859 made my last Will and Testament of that day I do hereby declare the following to be a correct copy of the same said Will and Testament as attached to said last Will and Testament.

In the 3rd Item of my said Will it ought to be so construed that the Dividends made on my wife two shares of Farmers Bank Stock has not been drawn and used by her but will be due her from my Estate but the Stock being held in her own name the dividends have been and will continue to be drawn and used by her as declared and made by said bank. Also the Dividends on the two shares of Farmers Bank Stock certificate No 11 given by me to my two daughters Rebecca A. and Lucy B. Stites have been and should be regularly paid over to them as made by said bank. In my said last Will & Testament

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I named and constituted Edmund L. Davidson of Washington County Kentucky as trustee for his daughter and my Grand daughter Susannah B. Davidson but he being unable from the property bequeathed by me to my said Grand daughter and believing it will be for her interest to have some one here to act as such, I hereby constitute and appoint (any thing in my said Will to the contrary notwithstanding) to act as trustee in his place for my said Grand daughter Susannah B. Davidson my wife & executrix Rebecca B. Stites and at her death or failure to qualify as trustee, my son Richard Stites but only for the purpose of carrying out the execution and stipulations of the bequest to her my said Grand daughter Susannah B. Davidson as set forth in said last Will & Testament. Having purchased for my wife Rebecca B. Stites in her own name and for her separate use and benefit Forty Shares of bank of Kentucky stock at a premium of 2 1/2 per cent amounting to the sum of Four Thousand One hundred Dollars which sum is to be deducted from the amount of her funds in my hands as stated in the fourth Item of my aforesaid last Will and Testament the interest on said funds having been paid over to her regularly on the 1st day of November in each year since in my possession Witness my hand this 9th day of May 1861.

Saml Stites

State of Kentucky

Henderson County 2nd April County Court 1863 (27th)

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Stites dec^d was produced in Court and read and published in open Court by the Acts of Nathl. H. Ingram and Thomas Evans two of the undersigned Witnesses thereto and the copies appended to said Will was proved at the same time by the Acts of James B. Lyons to be wholly in the hand writing of the said Saml Stites dec^d and thereupon the said Will is ordered to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done.

H. B. Allgood Clerk

My Son I know all men by these presents that I Samuel Stites of Henderson County and State of Kentucky conscious of the sanctity of life and the certainty of death and desirous of disposing of my property during my lifetime and being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. hereby revoking all former Wills made by me heretofore.

I Will that out of my personal property and money due me and all my just debts shall be paid by my Executor who are hereunto to be named. I Will and bequeath to my son Richard J. Stites, the tract of land upon which he now resides, also twenty four acres adjoining the above tract and to be known from what is known to be the Patton tract. I also give to him the slave Kate Phipps and her children and Mary the brother of Hannah to have and to hold said land negroes during his life and at his death to descend to the heirs of his body, the intention of the above gift is that it shall be held by the said Samuel J. Stites during his life and shall use and enjoy the land during his natural life but shall not be responsible for his debts in any manner whatever, and for that purpose I decree that it shall be held in trust by the Executor hereinafter named or each of them as may qualify for his use and benefit.

I give and bequeath to my Grand son James B. Lyons the tract of land upon which he now resides, also the tract of land purchased of Hector B. Breen by me, and the negro boy Henry son of Violet and also the son of Violet. I give and bequeath to the children of the

Said James Pritchett for the purpose of educating them two thousand dollars to be placed at interest by my Executor, and the interest to be used for the purpose of educating said children, as long as it is sufficient for that purpose but when it is insufficient the principal is to be used as it may be needed. The remainder after educating said children is to be divided among them, and in the event of their death to devolve to their father.

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Cassandra Green daughter of Gabriel I Green the negro Mary Ann and Henry Children of Hannah and my Gold Watch and Chain together with my Silver Spoon and Ladle. But if said Cassandra Green should die without the above named property it is to devolve to her own brother and sisters the children of Gabriel I Green.

My negroes Jasper and Violet having been faithful servants I hereby give them the privilege of remaining in the family if they should prefer it but if they should not I give them the privilege of selecting their own masters to whom they are to be sold for a reasonable price which is to be judged of by my Executor or such as may qualify.

The balance of my estate of every description not heretofore devised I wish to be equally divided amongst all my children of my son Gabriel I Green. I desire that all my money notes and accounts found in my possession and due to me at the time of my death, except the two thousand dollars bequeathed to the children of James Pritchett to be placed at interest for the sole purpose of educating the children of my son Gabriel I Green the interest to be used for that purpose as long as it is sufficient but if it should prove to be insufficient then as much of the principal as is needed as it may be necessary the remainder after educating the children is to be equally divided among them.

Having full faith in the judgment and honesty of my nephew Grant Green J B Vance Esq and M B Smith Esq I hereby appoint them Executors of this my last Will and Testament such as qualify to act, and in the event of the failure of all of them to act, I desire that they or any one of them in law they cannot act together to name a suitable person to the Court to be appointed as the executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal the 26 day of December AD 1862

Witness
Grant Green
Charles Elliott
Mary Landrum

Elizabeth I Green

State of Kentucky
Henderson County

July County Court 1863
This last Will and Testament of Elizabeth I Green dec^d was produced in Court and proved by the Oath of Grant Green and Charles Elliott Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done

N. D. Allison Com

1863
The last Will and Testament of James S. Ricketts

I do hereby and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth Ricketts all and singular my estate and property real and personal including hereby of course all former Wills Settlements & Conveyances made by me in favor of her.

I hereby appoint and constitute my friends Paul A. Blackwell Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

I direct & will that my business and brock shall be conducted by my said Executor for the period of five years after my death in all respects as though I were alive & attended to it myself. So that in that period my affairs may all be wound up, debts collected, dues paid, savings provided.

My said Executor is however not prohibited from: but on the contrary authorized and encouraged to commence & carry out new operations and business in the shape (as heretofore) of my said negotiation and business as Banker & Broker hereinafter. I hereby ratify & confirm & make legal in every respect so far as I can what my said Executor may do in the premises.

I direct & request that no party whatever may be requested or demanded by his Court of or from my said Executor having full confidence in his integrity as well as in his discretion.

So my executor is authorized to carry out my purpose of purchasing the savings for said period of five years. And I desire & will direct him to take charge and act as my executor in the ordinary manner winding up & settling my business as the law directs.

I wish & direct my executor to be paid well and reasonably for all his services ordinary or extra ordinary. In Testimony of all which I have set my hands & seal the 22nd July 1863.

Liquide habetis Acknowledged & published as for his last Will & Testament before me this Undersigned by James S. Ricketts this 22nd July 1863.

J. A. Ballam
J. Thompson
J. T. Berry
John Morris

J. S. Ricketts

State of Kentucky
Henderson County

July County Court 1863
This last Will and Testament of James S. Ricketts was produced in Court and proved by the Oath of John T. Berry and John A. Morris two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done

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North Elliott (Being) in the enjoyment of good health and unimpaired mind and being able to declare that the proper time for arranging all things which we desire should take place after death should be done which is in the enjoyment of such blessing do declare that when it shall please Almighty God to call me hence the following to be my last Will and Testament I wish the individuals named that is coming to me from the estate of my Father (Mary Dixon) I give and bequeath to my children in the following manner To Henry S. Green twenty five dollars (\$25) To Grant Green twenty five dollars (\$25) To John A. Green half of the remainder to be held by him and his heirs. And the other remaining half to John Henry Ricketts