

John Hancock  
Will

SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 1835

I John Hancock of Henderson County and State of Kentucky being sick in body but of a sound mind and Memory doe make this my last Will, in the manner and form following: I give unto my son Harrison One hundred acres of land, and one hundred and twenty five dollars Cash in a negro boy. I give unto my son Melan two Negroes Solomon an Dinah, and two hundred dollars Cash. I give unto my son Sillman & two Negroes Come and Robt. and seventy dollars Cash. I give unto my son Cleareus two Negroes Jerry and Jane. I give unto my son John L two Negroes Dave and Adam. I likewise give unto my four sons, Harrison, Melan, Sillman & John L. One hundred acres of land. I now live on and one Negro man Harry to be equally divided among them. I give unto my wife Driscilla one Negro woman Jane that Come by her, to doe whatever she please to doe with her, I likewise leave her an equal part with my three Daughters Lemman, Fekah, and Caroline of One hundred acres of land. I now live on, One negro man Frank, One woman Eve and all my stock of Horses Hogs and Cattle, and household and Kitchen furniture and farming utensils, at her death, the same to be divided between my said three daughters all but Frank and Eve, I wish them to be set free fourteen years from this date. I likewise give unto my said three Daughters two negroes a freed Licenna a negro woman name Lucinda and her child Abe. Julian a woman name Melina da a boy name Frank. Caroline a girl name Althea and a boy name Will. Should any of them alter their state of living together as they are now in, they can take what I have given them, all but the land and Frank and Eve, which must stay together as long as they keep house, if two or but two of them together. As witness my hand and seal this day and date above written

Test James Ward  
John R. Dixon

John Hancock

State of Kentucky  
Henderson County  
October County Court 1838

This last Will and Testament of John Hancock dec. was produced in Court, and proved in open Court according to law, by the oath of John R. Dixon and James Ward subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.  
(See Order Book of page 372)

Attest Will D. Allison CLK

James William  
Will

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I James William of the County of Henderson, and State of Kentucky do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: I give to my wife Ann William One Hundred acres of land the tract I now live on, & the following named Negro Slaves to wit: Big Sam, Bob, Riney and Betty, to hold use and enjoy the said 100 acres of land & four Negro Slaves during her widowhood, but should she marry, it is my wish that she shall have sufficient to make her comfortable, and I empower it to my children to see that she does not suffer. I also give and bequeath to my said wife, her choice of two Horses out of my stock, two yoke of Steers and one wagon, as her absolute property. I give and devise to my son Matthew William five hundred acres of land in Muhlenburg County, or in Ohio County, as he may elect, as I own a tract of 500 in each of those Counties, and this in addition to the money & property I have heretofore given & conveyed

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to him, is the full portion, I intend to give him of my Estate. It is my Will and desire that all my just Debt be paid, out of such funds as my Executors hereinafter named shall think best for the interest of my Estate.

It is my Will and desire that my younger children should have a liberal education as my Executors may direct, and the expenses thereof paid out of my Estate or the proceeds thereof. It is my Will and desire that my property be kept together, and my plantations kept up until my son William arrives at the age of twenty one years.

I give, bequeath and devise unto my three sons Jackson, James and William all the land I now or may hereafter appropriate of or entitled to, to be equally divided among them, after my said son William arrives at the age of 21 years, together with the 100 acres willed to my wife during her widowhood which is also to be divided among my said three sons Jackson, James & William after the death or marriage of my said wife, but Jackson is to have seventy five acres of land off of my tract on Green River Island at its value to be taken from the upper part next to the Mill. I give & bequeath unto my three sons Jackson, James and William, and my three daughters Ann Standley, Catherine and Martha Ann, all my negroes, money, Debt & personal property of every description to be equally divided among them (including the negroes which I have heretofore given to my wife during her widowhood) And upon a division of my negroes, money, Debt & personal property of every description, my son in law John W. Standley is to be charged with \$375 money, and six negroes at their value at this time, which money a negroes he has already received as an advancement. And my son Jackson to be charged with \$500 money and two negroes at their present value, which I have advanced to him. It is the true intent and meaning of this my last Will and Testament that all the land of which I may hereafter appropriate or entitled to, except the 500 acres devised to Matthew, shall be equally divided among my three sons Jackson, James & William. And that all my other property of every description, money, Debt, goods, Chattels and effects shall (after paying all just Debt & expenses for educating my children) be equally divided among my six children, Jackson, James, William, Ann Standley, Catherine and Martha Ann. It is my Will and desire that my wife, Ann shall have the possession & control of all my household and Kitchen furniture until my son William is twenty one years of age, provided she does not marry again, and in any event I lend unto her one third of my household & Kitchen furniture during her natural life.

It is my Will and desire that no Sale shall be made of any of my personal Estate, except such portions of my stock of Cattle & Hogs & produce of my farms, as may be suitable for market from year to year at the discretion of my Executors.

I do hereby appoint my son Jackson William my son in law John W. Standley and William D. Allison executors of this my last Will & Testament, and desire that they shall not be required to give security as such. I do hereby revoke & annul all other or former Will or wills by me heretofore made. I declare this to be my last Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I

have hereto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal at my own house in the County of Henderson aforesaid, this thirtieth day of March One thousand, eight hundred and thirty nine

Signed sealed & published  
& declared in presence of

L. White  
Jas. B. Allen  
Jonathan A. Hop

James McBlain

State of Kentucky Det. April County Court 1839.  
Henderson County

This last Will and Testament of James McBlain dec<sup>d</sup> was produced in Court, and proved in Open Court, according to law, by the oaths of Larkin White, James B. Allen and Jonathan A. Hop subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

(See Order Book D page 394)

Attest Will D. Allison clk

Ann G. Gill  
Will

In the Name of God Amen. I Ann G. Gill of the Town and County of Henderson & State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing Memory (revoking all former Wills made by me), do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (that is to say)

It is my Will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named, shall after my death, sell and dispose of, upon such terms as he may think most advantageous for my estate (all the property both real and personal of which I may die possessed, or to which I may have right or title, Subject to the Conditions & exceptions hereinafter made).

It is my Will and desire that my house and lot situated in the Town of Henderson, State of Kentucky in which I now reside, remain unsold, and be occupied and used as a residence by my three daughters Mary E. Barnard, Eliza G. Gill and Maria Louisa Gill free of rent until my youngest daughter Maria Louisa Gill shall arrive at the age of twenty one years - then it is my wish and desire that my said Executor sell the said house & lot on such terms as he may think most advantageous for my estate - It is my Will and desire that all the money of my estate which may come to the hands of my Executor be by him put out on interest, and the interest arising therefrom be appropriated to the maintenance & education of my two youngest daughters Eliza G. Gill and Maria Louisa Gill, until the youngest shall reach twenty one years of age. I do give and bequeath my bed & bed clothes to my two daughters Eliza G. Gill & Maria Louisa Gill to be equally divided between them.

I do give and bequeath to Archibald Dixon of the County & Town of Henderson and State of Kentucky in Trust for my Daughter Mary E. Barnard a small musical Clock made by my husband Isaac Gill. And of the money arising from the sale of my said property, when the whole of it shall be sold by my Executor as aforesaid, I give and bequeath two fifths of the same to my two sons William G. Gill & Joseph G. Gill to be equally divided between them - but they are not to have the same until after the sale of my house & lot in the Town of Henderson - Upon my youngest

daughter Maria Louisa Gill reaching twenty one years of age: the interest of said money to that time to be appropriated to the support of my two youngest daughters as aforesaid. And the other three fifths I give and bequeath to Archibald Dixon of the Town and State aforesaid in Trust for the use and benefit of my three daughters Mary E. Barnard, Eliza G. Gill and Maria Louisa Gill (their interest in the same to be equal). It is further my will and desire that the said Archibald Dixon, whenever he shall think it best to do so shall divide equally between my three daughters (said Mary E. Barnard, Eliza G. Gill and Maria Louisa Gill the money arising from the sale of my said property which I have bequeathed to them as aforesaid and until he thinks it best to make such division. My wish is that he should loan the said money out, and appropriate the interest to their support. And if either of my said Daughters shall die without issue, it is my will that the money and property herein bequeathed to her, shall go to, and be equally divided between her surviving brothers and sisters or their children. I appoint Archibald Dixon executor of this my last will & Testament in witness of all which I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1839

Witness L. M. Powell  
Elizabeth G. McBride

AG Gill

State of Kentucky Det. August County Court 1839 -  
Henderson County

This last Will & Testament of Ann G. Gill dec<sup>d</sup> was proved in Court at the May Term 1839 by the oath of L. M. Powell one of the subscribing witnesses, and at the present Term was further fully proved by the oath of Elizabeth G. McBride the other subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded

(See Order Book D pages 397 & 406)

Attest Will D. Allison clk

Jonas Parker  
Will

I Jonas Parker of Henderson County and State of Kentucky do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.  
2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my Daughter Harriet Alexander Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars  
3<sup>rd</sup> I give to Elizabeth Trice Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars  
4<sup>th</sup> I give to Wesley Parker Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, and my will and desire is that said Wesley be at liberty to act and work for himself, when he arrives to Eighteen years of age - 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son George Parker Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars, when he arrives to the age of twenty one years, and that he be free to act and work for himself at Eighteen years of age - 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Joel Parker Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars when he arrives to the age of twenty one years and that he act and work for himself when he arrives to the age of Eighteen years - 7<sup>th</sup> I give to my Daughter Mary Ann Parker Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars when she arrives to the age of twenty years, or if said Mary Ann marrys before she arrives to the age of Twenty one years, if her mother is living, and thinks proper she may pay the said Mary the above said sum