

The Last Will and Testament of John Harrison of Henderson
County State of Kentucky, I John Harrison Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I give, and bequeath unto my beloved wife Charity Harrison all my land estate where I now at present live in Henderson County, N. W. of Green River to have and to hold to during his natural life, on Condition she lives until my youngest son John M. Harrison is twenty one years of age. If she should live longer she still continues in possession of said land. But if she then thinks best to let said land be sold, she may let them sell it. I also give and bequeath to her after paying my funeral charges and all other just debts, And lastly to all the rest, residue and remainder of my other lands and personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature so ever, they may be, to have and to hold the same during her natural life. I give and bequeath unto my six children that is now living the children of my last wife, after my wife's death all my land estate that I am now in possession of, is then to be sold and equally divided amongst and between them all, and also all my personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature they may be to be sold, and also divided between them equally, that is to say, Elizabeth H. Harrison lately, Elizabeth H. Harrison, Samuel G. Harrison, Martha E. Harrison, Lucy T. Harrison, Alfred H. Harrison and John M. Harrison all living heirs of the above named John Harrison in this his last Will and Testament - I also give and bequeath to Sarah B. Harrison ten dollars for her share of one portion in my debt left to my wife and children, and further bind my wife and all the rest of my lawful heirs, to take good care and do to Sarah B. Harrison that she does not come to want or suffering for any thing to make her reasonably comfortable, while she may think proper, or see fit to stay with them - this was if she gets them with out a good cause they are to be no longer bound to take care of her. - I do hereby appoint my wife Charity Harrison sole executrix of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former will by me made - In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty five!

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said named John Harrison to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

George Vanada
Geo. McCormick
Marlin Vanada

John H. Harrison
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State of Kentucky, 2d. December County Court 1835
Henderson County

This last Will and Testament of John Harrison dec'd was produced in Court, and proved according to law, by the oaths of George Vanada, George McCormick, and Marlin Vanada subscribing witnesses thereto, a Sherriff ordered to be recorded. (See order Book 2 page 207) Attest Will J. Allison CLK

I Jehu Reader of the County of Henderson and State of Kentucky, being in Common health of body, of sound mind and disposing memory, but knowing that it is appointed of all mankind once to die, do make my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following viz:

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son John Reader the tract of land on which he the said John now resides, lying on the brassy fork of Canoe Creek 300 acres more or less, there has been a survey line made by myself and John Reader which is to be added to the tract of land on which I now live

I also devise to my said son John the following slaves for life which he now has in his possession to wit: John, Alfred, and Priscilla and all her increase slaves for life, and what other property he has now in his possession.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda H. Hoff to her and her legal children or the legal issue of her body the following property two negro girls called and known by the name of Maryann & Patsy and their increase to the said Matilda & her children, slaves for life, with what other other property she has now in her possession which I gave her.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son William Reader a tract of land which I purchased of John Hancock containing One hundred and eight acres more or less, lying on the waters of Canoe Creek, also a negro boy by the name of September 1st of this, and a negro girl by the name of Elvira her & her increase, Bed and furniture, a young mare, Cow and Calf, two Sows and pigs.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Wall who is married with Ottoway Wall, and her legal children, or the issue of her body the following property a negro girl by the name of Arrena, One by the name of Purline, them and their increase to the said Sally and the legal children of her body slaves for life, with all the other property which I have previously given her, and which she has in her possession.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy E. Fox who is intermarried with William Fox, and her children, or the legal issue of her body, the following property, to wit: One negro girl by the name of Margaret, and another by the name of Fernelia, and their increase to the said Lucy and the legal children of her body slaves for life, with all the other property which she has in her possession.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my son Jehu M. Reader the tract of land on which I now reside, containing three hundred acres more or less, I have made an agreed upon line between the tract of land will to my son John and the one will to my son Jehu M. in which division line, I have added a small part to the tract I now devise to the said Jehu M. Reader, my son Jehu M. is now under age I therefore will not name the negro boy and girl, which he is to have, but leave it to his choice and discretion to select one boy and one girl out of eight which is from Ellis Dow, when he arrives to the age of twenty one. I also devise to Jehu M. One Horse out of my estate which he may make choice of when he arrives to the age twenty one, One Bed and furniture, One Cow and Calf, two Sows and pigs.

It is my will and desire that if any of my children herein before mentioned should die and leave no legal issue of their body, that then and in that case, the property will to her or him shall return and revert back to the survivor or survivors of them. As I and my wife are both living It is therefore my wish, desire and will that neither division shall take place during the life of me or my wife, and if my wife should outlive me

she is to have all the property which is not herein particularly devised to all of our children, which are six in number, subject to her management and Control during her life, and at her death all the property in her possession is to be equally divided among all my children herein before named. I hereby nominate and appoint my son John Reader as Executor to this my last Will and Testament to carry it into full force and effect.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 21st day of April 1835.

Attest A. H. Bailey
Peterson Wall

John Reader
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State of Kentucky }
Henderson County }
April County Court 1836

This last Will and Testament of John Reader dec. was produced in Court, and proved by the oaths of Alexander H. Bailey and Peterson Wall subscribing witnesses thereto, according to law, and Ordered to be recorded (See Order Book B page 268)

Attest Will D. Allison clk

Ben: Wall's Will

In the Name of God Amen - I Benjamin Wall of Henderson County & State of Ky. do make this my last Will & Testament in the following manner - Item 1st I give to the heirs my Daughter Lucy Petty One Negro Boy named Alexander; the Service of said Negro may be claimed by said Lucy provided she may want or wish them.

Item 2nd I give to my son Nelson Wall the tract of land I now live on which is the tract I bought from New Sandford son?

Item 3rd I wish said Peterson to support his Mother during life in a good and decent manner to be provided with every thing in a reasonable manner during her widowhood. - Item 4th I wish my said son Peterson to take Care of his Sisters Angelina & Frances so long as they may remain unmarried on the said Mamon house tract of land, or shall otherwise think proper to live with their Mother & myself.

Item 5th I give to Angelina Wall & her sister Jane Reader 54 ac of land lying on Green River as per patent to be equally divided between them - 6th I give to my two daughters Angelina & Frances to each of them a Horse to be worth as much as the one I gave Jane Reader, also a Cow & Calf and Bed & bedding.

Item 7th I give to my son Peterson One bed with bedding of equal value with girls, also one Cow & Calf, also one mounted Rifle gun.

Item 8th I give to my wife One Negro woman named Gadette together with her youngest child during life, and at her decease to be divided equally between my sons Peterson, Angelina & Frances.

Item 9th I give to my Daughter Angelina a Negro girl named Lotty to her and her heirs forever - Item 10th I give to my Daughter Jane Reader one Negro girl named Hannah to her and her heirs forever.

Item 11th I give to my daughter Frances one Negro girl named Dicy to her and her heirs forever. - Item 12th I give to my son Peterson One Negro boy named Bob or other called Robert to him forever. - Item 13th I give to my three sons Neal, Henry & Adkins Wall Henry, Nelson, Mary & James

to be equally divided between them forever. Item 14th I give to my wife one bed & bedding during her widowhood & at her death to be divided between my sons Nelson, Angelina & Frances. - Item 15th The property of Angelina & Frances I wish for to be kept together under the Care and Control of Peterson for their maintenance so long as they shall live unmarried. - Item 16th I give to my son Adkins twenty five Dollars out of the proceeds of my property. I wish my two sons Henry & Henry Wall be executors to this my last Will & Testament - Given under my hand 19th of May 1836

Benjamin Wall
Benjamin Wall
John Long

Benjamin Wall

State of Kentucky }
Henderson County }
May County Court 1836

This last Will and Testament of Benjamin Wall dec. was produced in Court and proved according to law, by the oaths of Benjamin Wall, Bennett Sandford Jr and John Long subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded (See Order Book B page 273)

Attest Will D. Allison clk

W. Wall

In the Name of God Amen. I James M. Wall of Henderson County and State of Kentucky, being weak in body and knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament revoking all others of whatever tenor or date. In the first place it is my will and desire, that my two sons William M. Wall and Joseph M. Wall shall have and hold the land lying behind their River survey on to the front line and also the Negro Boys named Addison and Washington to be equally divided between them. Secondly it is my will and desire that my daughter Orinda M. Wall shall have and hold the land I have purchased from my son Samuel M. Wall together with the land lying behind it, to the grant line, and also the land lying behind her twenty five acres, willed to her by her Father to the front line, but my deed not being lawfully executed to my son Samuel M. Wall, I empower my Executors to perform all that is wanting on my part to fulfill my Contract. - Also I bequeath to my daughter Orinda three hundred and fifty Dollars in Cash which I wish to be put to interest with the rent of her land, out of which it is my will she shall be educated; Also two good feather Beds and furniture.

Thirdly It is my will and desire, that all my house hold and Kitchen furniture together with my Stock of every kind, and farming utensils and the Crops, shall be sold and the money put to interest. Fourthly, I bequeath to my daughter Lawrence M. Wall my Negro girl named Sally, and also One hundred Dollars out of the Sale money, and the balance of the Sale money to be Continued on interest and the interest to be drew yearly by my two daughters Lawrence and Orinda until they marry, or until my two youngest sons, comes of age, at which time the principle of the Sale money shall be equally divided between them.

Lastly it is my will that any of my children dying without lawful issue their property shall return to the remaining part of my family. - I also appoint my son John M. Wall