

Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifth day of February One thousand eight hundred and forty four 1844

Witness
Dr George Hilding Bates
David Elkins
John Boggs

Joiah Elkins

State of Kentucky, ss
November County Court 1844

This last Will and Testament of Joiah Elkins as was produced in Court and proved in said Court by the Oaths of Dr George Hilding Bates and John Boggs subscribing Witnesses, thereto and charged to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done

Attest

R. E. Allison Clerk

John Spencer
1844

John Spencer of Henderson County in the State of Kentucky do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

First: I will my body to the dust from whence it came. And my soul to God who gave it in the unwearied hope of eternal life. I leave to my wife all my real and personal estate of my Real Estate I ever gave or shall receive as to my estate & property with which it has pleased God to bless me I leave & bequeath to my beloved wife of my estate for & during the term of her natural life upon the following terms & conditions to wit: I will my son R. B. Spencer continue to live on the place where he now lives & she will let my other sons as they arrive at age to get married settle on the other portions of my land as to her may be convenient and proper I will a portion of my said children mine as mine as to her may seem proper & advisable my stock of cattle horses mules sheep & hogs or money after repaying to herself a comfortable & easy support & dependent upon and upon and whereas my beloved country is now & ever shall be by war I will on all my lands out that my wife have all of her slaves & other stock upon such a happening my wife shall have full & ample power to buy even a house of the place occupied by my said sons so in the aggregate to furnish her a good & independent support after the death of my wife it is my will & desire that my lands be divided between my three sons as follows R. B. Spencer to have the place he lives on containing 114 acres my son D. H. Spencer to have the same farm containing 120 acres my son George H. Spencer to have the same farm containing 120 acres the balance of my estate & what is to be equally divided between them

Witness my hand & seal this 5th day of September A.D. 1844

Witness
Shadrach Rankin
James H. Allison

R. B. Spencer by his brother Thomas Spencer recorder of this my last

Will Testament Attest R. B. Allison
H. C. Linton

John Spencer

State of Kentucky, ss

Henderson County Court 1844

This last Will and Testament of John Spencer as was produced in Court & proved in said Court by the Oaths of Shadrach Rankin and James H. Allison two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and charged to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done

R. E. Allison Clerk

John D. Anderson
1844

John D. Anderson of the County of Henderson in the State of Kentucky do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all other and former wills by me heretofore made

First: My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid I do in addition to the gifts and conveyances heretofore made to my daughter and her husband I do hereby give and bequeath to her for her own separate use First share of my Bank Stock in the Farmers Bank of Kentucky this she is to control after her own free will her individual transfer of the same or her individual receipt for dividends on the same shall be as valid as though she were a free soul I also give her my work beast and Buggy harness all my household and kitchen furniture all my wearing apparel

I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Martin A. Towles Esq. my Gold watch and chain and Gold spectacles to be kept by him as long as he lives and to be given by him to the eldest son of my daughter Susan I also give to him before the death of my daughter Susan a pair of silver hands which have been in my family from before the American Revolution I also give him in fee simple First share of stock in the Farmers Bank of Kentucky

And I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Lucy A. Stephens my clock First I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan after named my servant girl Patience to be held by him up to the following term and condition she shall be entitled to receive all her earnings she shall have hold and possess in her own right all her clothing and furniture including her wardrobe bedstead and bedding in fact to be treated as a free woman as near as the law will allow it to long as she remains in the State of Kentucky And if at any time she may elect to emigrate to Liberia or any State or Territory within the United States it shall be and it shall be made the especial duty of my said executor to see that she is furnished with all necessary and proper papers to show her right and title to freedom And for this purpose I hereby give and bequeath to said Executor One hundred dollars and whatever amount of said sum remains unexpended after furnishing her necessary free papers is to be paid over to her

And All the rest and residue of my estate not heretofore mentioned and disposed of I will and bequeath to my said Executor in trust for the use following he is to put out my said estate and land out all money that may come to his hands and such rent, issue and profits shall once in every year be paid over to my daughter Susan D. Towles and her individual receipt for the same shall be as valid a receipt for him as though she were unmarried