

John Todd of the county of Henderson and State of Kentucky, being in tolerable health and of a sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follow to-wit: First: I will and direct all my estate both real and personal, after my just debts are paid to remain with and in the possession of my wife Elizabeth Hancock for her use and benefit during her natural life and at her death I will and direct that the same be equally divided among all my children who may be living at the death of my wife.

Second: I have in my possession left with me by my daughter Merinda H. Gordon for the purpose of raising her two children Clinton & Balow and Hugh Gordon. One Bed Stead and two Beds One big iron kettle one Bason and tattle One chest One Kettle and one Family Table which I will and direct that all of which property that may not be disposed of by me for their benefit or convenience then or by Clinton A. Balow Hugh Gordon being dead third: I will and direct that all the property which was in the possession or in any wise belonging to my present wife Elizabeth Hancock when I intermarried with her remain with her and be considered her for her to dispose of as she may think proper. Fourth: I will and direct that Albert Jones or James McKing be my executor of this my last will and testament Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1864.

John H. Hancock

Witnesses present
Samuel F. Lains
Geo. H. King
J. M. Dixon

State of Kentucky
Henderson County
April County Court 1864

This last will and testament of John H. Hancock do was produced in Court and proved in open Court by the Oaths of Samuel F. Lains and George H. King two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded which is truly done

Attest

J. E. Allison

John Todd June 24th 1864 I John Todd of the county of Henderson and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory. Make this my last will. I direct that my wife have my riding horses which I value very highly and the farming implements of every description including wagon & carts that she have the care and charge of the cattle four in number the stock of Hogs and sheep also. I also give her the use of my farm free of charge for five years and after that it is to belong to my son John Williams Todd subject to the after named restrictions that is - He is to remain with my wife and under her control until he is twenty one years of age unless in her discretion it be found to his interest intellectually morally and pecuniarily to do otherwise But in the event of her death then the county court shall appoint some discreet prudent person to carry into effect this provision of my will. I give to my wife my negro woman Rebecca that I value at four hundred dollars and to my son my negro Boy Ambrose that I value at five hundred dollars but it is to be distinctly understood that my wife is to have to pay only so

much out of the money given her as will be the difference in one third of the valuation of said slave that is my wife is to have free of pay one third and son two thirds but as above divided. I give her my horse Abd but she is to pay sixty dollars to the estate for it. I give to my son the other horse Tom and give my step daughter Mary B. Bowles the calf. I give my wife my Bee House at its cost twenty four dollars and fifty cents the household furniture is hers and I have no control over it. I think my bed clothes are for my son my watch is for him when he arrives at twenty one years of age the crop of corn wheat and Tobacco and the balance of my cattle are to be sold and the proceeds together with all other funds from every other source is to be equally divided between my wife and son after deducting fifty dollars for W. E. Dowlles. I have paid some notes and are that owing until her I give them all to her and she is not to be charged with them. I desire that my wife give my son a good business education and in the event of his death before he arrives at the age to make a will then his estate is to go to my widow. I hereby appoint J. M. Stone to execute this my will and request the county court to require no security no security of him Given under my hand this 24th day of June 1864.

Attest J. M. Stone
Alfred Williams
Sam. Mowbray

John Todd

State of Kentucky
Henderson County
August County Court 1864

The Last will and testament of John Todd do was produced and proved in open Court by the Oaths of Alfred Williams James M. Stone & Sam. Mowbray subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly. (G. H. E.)

(J. E. Allison) con

Joseph Elkins of Henderson County Kentucky do make and publish this my last will and testament. First: I give and devise to my beloved wife in lieu of her dower the parcel or rather I now reside located on these three lands County and State aforesaid containing about forty four acres more or less during her natural life. And all the stock household goods furniture provision and other goods and chattels which may be then on at the time of my decease during her natural life as aforesaid. The horses and selling so much thereof as may be sufficient to pay my just debts. At the death of my said wife the real estate aforesaid and such part of the said personal property to be sold to the highest bidder at public Auction and the proceeds of said to be divided equally between my daughter Mary Jane and Merinda and their heirs. If however either of my said two daughters should die before the decease of my said wife leaving no children living at the decease of my said wife then the share of said property above devised to said deceased daughter is hereby devised and bequeathed to my remaining daughter and her heirs. If my said wife should not survive then I devise and bequeath the property aforesaid (that is the proceeds of) to my two daughters Mary Jane and Merinda and their heirs for ever. Second: I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother David Elkins executor of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing and delecting said Executor