

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 Besson and table 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 the same 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

Witness

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.

Witness
Alfred Williams
Sam. Mowbray

John Todd

State of Kentucky
Henderson County
August County Court 1864

The Last will and testament of John Todd dec^d 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. S.)

(J. E. Allison) cor

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 River 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 household 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

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

Dr George Hilding Bates
 David Elkin
 John Boggs

State of Kentucky, ss
 Henderson County, ss November County Court 1864

This last Will and Testament of Joish E. Elkin 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 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 through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ our Lord

as to my estate & property with which it has pleased God to bless me I bequeath to my beloved wife Aloncia Spencer for & during the term of her natural life upon the following terms & conditions to wit: I bequeath to my son R. B. Spencer to reside on the place where he now lives & she will let my other sons as they arrive at age & get married settle on the other portions of my land as to her may be convenient and proper

Second: I bequeath to my said children as to her may seem proper & advisable my stock of cattle horses & sheep & lands or money after repaying to herself a comfortable & easy support & dependent upon and upon and whereas my beloved daughter is now & shall be by marriage settled on all manner of land that my wife has all of her lands & other stocks upon such a happening my wife shall have full & ample power to convey even a part of the places occupied by my said sons so in the aggregate to furnish her a good & independent support

After the death of my wife I 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 J. 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. 1864

John Spencer
 William Rankin
 James H. Allison

R. B. Spencer by brother Thomas Spencer recorder of this my last Will & Testament

Attest R. B. Allison
 R. E. Allison

John Spencer

State of Kentucky, ss

Henderson County, ss November County Court 1864

This last Will and Testament of John D. Anderson as was produced in Court & proved in said Court by the Oaths of David Elkin and John Boggs subscribing Witnesses thereto and charged to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done
 R. E. Allison Clerk

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

Second: 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 feme sole 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 said daughter 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

Third: I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Lucy A. Towles my clock

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan after named my servant girl Patience to be held by her 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 hereby made the special duty of my said executor to see that she is furnished with all necessary and proper papers to show her rights and title to freed men 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

Fifth: 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 rents, issues 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