

the manner charge himself with the sum of Twelve hundred dollars my daughter Lucy Marshall and her husband Wm Marshall must in like manner charge themselves with the sum of One thousand and two dollars. This sum being the value as I have heretofore and do now for of the several advancements I have respectively made to my said children above named.

3<sup>d</sup> I will and do give that my beloved wife Eliza J. Gray shall have in her own right for her own use & disposal One fourth (1/4) part of all my property & estate remaining after my debts & the expenses of administering & settling this will are paid. This bequest is in lieu of any claim or right of dower or distribution she may have in my said estate.

4<sup>th</sup> Where as I have purchased from James W Taylor certain lands and contracted with him to pay him hereafter out of the crops raised on my said farm to the Taylor as follows viz One half of the Tobacco crops raised on said farm to go to him year by year until he is paid. Now I wish & will this contract to be canceled out in full & therefore I desire & will my executor hereinafter named to take said farm & all my slaves & stock & property there & employ them in his discretion for the purpose aforesaid: being & employing one half the Tobacco crops or their proceeds to be raised by him on said farm to the payment of said debt. This bequest or devise is to be modified of course in so far as it may conflict with the succeeding next clause.

5<sup>th</sup> My Will from Forgiveness with all the hands now on it viz Tom Trog & Eve & all the stock or it (if mine) I wish to remain to be in the custody & under the control of my son John J. Gray during the present year & I give him one half of the net proceeds thereof for this year for his slave management & control. This is not regarded as an advancement to him & is not to be charged. Then this year is ended my executor is to take said farm & stock & wells in all other of my property & keep & use it for the purpose then named in clause no 3 & the remaining herein mentioned.

6<sup>th</sup> Until my said debt to Taylor is paid my executor is hereby authorized & requested to keep together & manage my estate without division or distribution as in his discretion may seem best. At which time I wish my property & estate to be equally divided among my children then living & their descendants if any be known. I wish my executor to be paid reasonably and liberally for his services.

7<sup>th</sup> I owe my son Thomas C. Gray Five hundred dollars for his services heretofore rendered to me by him. I want him to be paid that sum and not to be charged as an advancement it is a debt.

8<sup>th</sup> In order to make my children I do hereby & require that my infant children shall be supported and educated out of my general property & estate thereby direct my executor to do so. This is a bequest to them for their benefit & if a division should take place while some of them are still infants & uneducated they must have as much greater a share as will suffice for said purpose.

9<sup>th</sup> I want all my debts paid.

10<sup>th</sup> I request my executor & children to give my daughter Mrs Cyle the profession in having the but now now in his possession.

11<sup>th</sup> I wish my executor in his discretion to make advancements in land to each of my children as may come of age or marry before a division (general) takes place.

12<sup>th</sup> Nothing in this will is to be construed as abrogating or effecting the Statute regulating the management & inheritance of slave belonging to married women.

13<sup>th</sup> I appoint my friend Robert Dixon sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1860

a just acknowledged published & declared in and for the last Will and Testament by Wm J. Gray in presence of us the 11<sup>th</sup> day 1860

J. B. Ballam  
W. H. Forward  
J. Thompson

State of Kentucky,  
Henderson County, 3<sup>d</sup> Feb. County Court 1860 (2<sup>d</sup> day)

The foregoing last Will and Testament of William J. Gray dec<sup>d</sup> was this day produced and proved in open Court by the oath of J. B. Ballam & J. Thompson two of the undersigned Justices of the Peace and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

R. B. Allison Cor.

W. B. Allison In the name of God Amen I William B. Allison of Henderson in the State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows to wit:

First— It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of any money I may have had hereon. I give devise and bequeath absolutely and unconditionally to my daughter Lucie B. Allison all of my money notes and accounts after the payment of my debts. Also all of my Real Estate and all of my stock of every kind which I may own in any Corporation or Company except my stock in the Henderson and Nashville Rail Road Company. I also devise and bequeath to her all of my right title or interest being one undivided half in the two negro men a man named Aaron the other a girl named Clarissa.

Second I devise that all the net residue and remainder of my estate including the unpaid Rail Road stock be equally divided between my two daughters Mary B. Hamilton & Lucie B. Allison.

Third I hereby nominate and appoint Executor of this my last Will and Testament

Seven under my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of November 1859

J. B. Ballam

J. Thompson

State of Kentucky,  
Henderson County, 3<sup>d</sup> March County Court 1860 (2<sup>d</sup>)

The foregoing last Will and Testament of William B. Allison dec<sup>d</sup> was this day produced and proved in open Court (William B. Bennett being on the Bench) by the oath of J. B. Ballam & J. Thompson two of the undersigned Justices of the Peace and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly done.

R. B. Allison Cor.

R. B. Allison

Will

As it is inevitable that all men must die and it is desirable for every man to make proper disposition of his estate as he may see proper I therefore now declare this to be my devise that so long as my wife Mary Ann shall remain after my death unmarried I give her entire Control of my estate to use for the benefit of herself and my children & to give to each of her children provided that equal distribution shall be made. If she shall marry again in that case all my estate shall go to my children for I am unwilling that any should marry my widow unless he is able and willing to support her. Should she marry and be disposed to live in a comfortable living and will return I make it obligatory upon her children to make such provision for her as will render her life easy and comfortable. I repeat that entire equality in distribution