

State of Kentucky,  
Henderson County

May County Court 1866 (Grand Term)

The last Will and Testament of Francis A. Ballam dec<sup>d</sup> was this day produced in Court and proved in open Court by the Oaths of Adam Randles and Lucius O. Ballam to be wholly and entirely in the hand writing of the said Francis A. Ballam dec<sup>d</sup> and being admitted to be sufficiently proved is ordered to be recorded which with this Certificate is truly done  
Attest  
H. E. Allison, Clerk

Sophia Roberts  
Wife

I Sophia Roberts of the City and County of Henderson in the State of Kentucky being some what out of health but of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of human life do make this my last Will and Testament

1<sup>st</sup> My Will and desire is that all my just debts (which are not many or large) and Funeral expenses be paid out of my personal and portable estate

2<sup>nd</sup> I give devise and bequeath to the Children of my brother John Barret dec<sup>d</sup> by his wife Mary Barret all the real and residue of my estate whether it be real personal or mixed or chose in action that to be held by their mother as Trustee for them during their minority or until they get married and set up for themselves and then the way a divorce to them such portions as can be conveniently afforded

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and desire that my said sister Mary Barret may if she thinks proper use my home and lot in Henderson which I purchased of James Taylor as a family residence as long as she thinks proper and while in her opinion it will redound to the interest of my brother John's children to sell the same she may do so without dissent to such person for such price and upon such terms as she may choose and convey the same by deed with general warranty and incur the proceeds of such or other real estate at such point either in Kentucky or elsewhere as she may choose and she shall have the same right to occupy it as a home she has in this and full and ample power to sell and convey as often as she may think it would redound to the interest of her children to do so. In assuming upon herself the duties of Trustee for her children I respectfully ask the Court not to require her to give security

My reason for giving Mary Barret all that I have to my brother John's children is he had been unfortunate in business having lost all and besides he had for many past furnished me a pleasant home in his family whereas I was broken down like a child in a letter

I hereby appoint my said sister Mary Barret Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and request the Court not to require security of her as I have full faith in her integrity and capacity  
Witness my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1866

Mary Barret  
Eliza Allison  
H. E. Allison  
H. S. Park

Sophia Roberts (Sd)

State of Kentucky,  
Henderson County

July County Court 1866

This last Will and Testament of W<sup>m</sup> S. Pamplin dec<sup>d</sup> was produced in Court and proved in open Court by the Oaths of Henry E. Nelson and Harry S. Park two of the said County Court Judges to be sufficiently proved which is truly done  
Attest  
H. E. Allison, Clerk

H. S. Pamplin  
Will

I William S. Pamplin do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following to wit: Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my son William H. Pamplin the farm or tract of land upon which I now reside containing about three hundred acres, upon the following conditions, that he the said W<sup>m</sup> H. Pamplin shall pay to my son Sterling S. Pamplin and to my grand son Boston A. Shaden each the sum of thirty dollars per acre for the one third part of the said tract of land, the said sums to be paid to them the said Sterling S. Pamplin & Boston A. Shaden in equal annual instalments of One, two and three years from the date of my death. Item 2<sup>nd</sup> The residue of my property and effects of every character and description I wish to be equally divided between my sons W<sup>m</sup> H. Sterling S. and grand son Boston A. Shaden. Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby nominate my son W<sup>m</sup> H. Pamplin, Executor of this my last Will and Testament and pray the Court not to require security of him in his official bond. Given under my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1866

Witness

J. D. Hatcher, W<sup>m</sup> E. Amett  
A. E. Moss and E. J. Chatham

W. S. Pamplin (Sd)

State of Kentucky,  
Henderson County

September County Court 1866

This last Will and Testament of W. S. Pamplin dec<sup>d</sup> was produced in Court and proved in open Court by the Oaths of W<sup>m</sup> E. Amett, A. E. Moss and E. J. Chatham three of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is truly done. Attest my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 1866

J. P. Archibridge, Clerk

H. S. Pamplin  
Will

I give and bequeath to my wife the (Homestead) Tract of land on which she now resides as a mark of my respect and affection for her to be used and disposed of as she may wish. I likewise give to her all the rest of my personal and real estate for her own benefit and that of the minor children during her natural life excepting such advances as may be hereinafter mentioned. I desire my son William with the consent of my wife and Executrix to take charge of my two farms to manage them together with the Negroes not otherwise disposed of in this Will for the maintenance and support of my wife and family and the education of my children. My daughter Angeline and Adelaide while they continue single to remain with their mother partaking of all the advantages of members of the family. William is desired to be compensated liberally and if necessary to be aided by repairs, through the proceeds of the two farms be more than sufficient for the above purposes they are to be paid to or invested in the purchase of land suitable for a settlement of some member of the family or otherwise applied at the discretion of the Executrix and advised as may best promote the interest of the family. I have advanced to my eldest daughter Louisa wife of S. P. Towles this

My dear Women who are to be valued at their cash valuation at the time they were given, to my daughter Amelia Johnston wife of Dr. Hays I give two hundred acres of land in Illinois to be secured to her after the settlement of my business there, to be valued at \$10.00 per acre, or she may at her option take the tract of land in Kentucky adjoining her brother Philip called the Newbridge place lying at of Green River in Henderson County and containing 150 acres to be secured to her individually and valued at \$15.00 per acre. I give to my son Philip the tract of land on which he now lives and containing one hundred and eighty one acres of land lying North of Green River and known as #1 in the plot of the division of Wm. Hughes tract to be valued at fifteen dollars per acre and a Negro man or his equivalent at the discretion of my wife and exors. I give to my son William apart of my tract of land opposite the Diamond Island commencing on the ~~boundary~~ of the Ohio against to the pond by the Orchard and running so as to include a small portion of said pond for rock water thence oblique to the western bank of the first dam above the house and thence in a straight line to the corner (now state) of a tract of land belonging to the Estate of James Oliver deceased, and thence with his line to my upper corner so as to include all of my tract above the said Hughes corner containing probably two hundred and fifty acres the good land to be valued at \$85.00 and the indifferent at \$2. I give to my daughter Augusta two hundred acres of land in Illinois when my business is settled there and to be secured to her to be valued at \$10. I desire when my son Thomas 3 becomes of age that my Estate be equitably divided between my children leaving it however discretionary with my wife and exors to postpone the division if by consulting the mutual advantages of all it should be considered expedient to do so but first I desire that my wife be comfortably provided for, and her wishes be consulted in the distribution. I do hereby appoint my two sons Philip and William 1 as my exors and I do make my son in law as a Coexecutor to this my last will and testament.

Given 25<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Wm. F. Oliver (Seal)

State of Kentucky Henderson County. RT. October Court 1866  
The last will and testament of William F. Oliver do was produced in Court and passed in open Court by the oaths of Young G. Miller and Thomas L. Oliver who testified that the said will is wholly genuine in the hand writing of the testator and the same is adjudged to be sufficiently proved & ordered to be recorded. Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day October 1866.  
J. B. Doockenridge C. H. C. C.