

The Will of

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Thomas Watson of the County of Henderson & State of Kentucky do hereby make & ordain this my last will & testament on this the 1st day of June 1853, in the following manner of my love: I do hereby bequeath to my wife Lucy Frances my brown horse & buck my buggy also all the property which I got by law. I also will her Five thousand dollars in money to be paid her out of the first income of the estate after supporting & schooling my children: the said money & property I give her to do as she pleases with. In regard to the rest of my estate the law make, a just division as I can, and I wish it divided accordingly: and should my wife be as I believe she is pregnant & give birth to a child, then I wish that child to share equally with my other children. It is my wish that my land shall be sold when it can be done for thirty five or forty dollars, or acre, and I hereby give my executor authority to sell of that price. I also leave it discretionary with my executor to keep the negroes on the farm for two or three years if they desire it, or to hire or rent out in the usual manner. I will direct that all of my just debt be paid. I hereby nominate & appoint Larkin White & Jackson H. Calum James & Galtchitt executor of this my last will & testament, and wish them to keep the estate for their hands & as each child becomes of age, or is entitled to it by law to have its share allotted to it. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this day & date first above written.

Witness: J. D. Hatchett
J. M. White
J. M. Cheatham

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State of Kentucky

Henderson County, set June County Court 1853.

This last will and testament of Thomas Watson deceased was produced and proved in open court according to law by the oaths of J. D. Hatchett, J. M. White and J. M. Cheatham subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon the same was truly recorded in my Office the 23rd day of June 1853.

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Attest: Will D. Allison clerk

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In the name of God, amen! I William Stewart of the Town of Henderson County of Henderson and State of Kentucky being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following to wit:

1st It is my will and desire that all my just debt be paid by my executor hereinafter named. I give bequeath to my son Charles my gold watch when he becomes of age to be kept by my wife until said Charles arrives at the age of twenty one year, & delivered to him. I give and bequeath to my son William my silver love watch. I give to my daughter Elizabeth a portrait of myself, and to my son James Swain a portrait of his mother. I own a town lot in New Albany State of Indiana, which is under a mortgage to Reid & Co. I will to secure a debt due from me to them. It is my will & desire that said lot be sold and the mortgage debt paid out of the proceeds, and the balance go into the hands of my executor as a gift. and I do hereby direct, authorize and empower my executor, with the advice & consent of my friends Reicher & Kellit or either of them to sell said town lot on such terms as may to them appear most advantageous and convey the same absolutely to the purchaser by deed with sufficient cures of warranty, and let my executor is directed to pay the said mortgage debt due said Reid & Co. out of the said money of said town lot should any balance thereof as a gift belonging to my estate.

It is my will and desire that my executor as soon as can be conveniently done, sell all debt & accounts due owing to me, and out of the same or any money he has he has pay all just debt that I may be owing. It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Sarah E. Stewart have and retain all such articles of my property as by law is reserved to widows except from debt and indebtedness, and that all the rest of my effects goods & personal property be sold upon such terms & in such manner as my executor may think best for the interest of my estate & all parties concerned. It is my wish that my wife and child after the settlement of my affairs the payment of all my just debt, my said wife shall have & hold absolutely one third of all the money property or effects that may be left after the payment of the debts of my just debt, and the other two thirds to be equally divided among my five children James Swain, Elizabeth, William, Charles and John Stewart and such other children as I have hereafter, those of my children who are of age to receive their share immediately after a settlement is made, and the others to receive their portions as they successively arrive at the age of twenty one years. The portions of those under a age to be put out at interest, and the interest to be used in aid of their education, support maintenance, and to receive the principal of their share each on arriving at 21 years of age. And lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my said wife Sarah E. Stewart executrix of this my last will & testament. I do hereby revoke all former wills by me & heretofore made, and declare this to be my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this seventh day of July A.D. 1853.

Witness: W. A. Thompson
Robert Evans
Will D. Allison

State of Kentucky

Henderson County, set July County Court 1853.

This last will and testament of William Stewart deceased was produced and proved in open court according to law by the oaths of W. A. Thompson, Robert Evans & Will D. Allison subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon the same was truly recorded in my Office the 30th day of July 1853.

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Attest: Will D. Allison clerk

James Alford

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Being fully convinced of the uncertainty of life, and the wisdom of performing while in the enjoyment of good health and an unimpaired mind, that which it is desirable should be accomplished before death, do now while in the possession of these blessings which will neither be increased or diminished by such accomplishments declare the following as my will and desire to be carried into effect whenever it shall please the all-wise disposer of events to call me hence, to wit: In the event that my beloved wife Maria Alford survives that period I give to her during her natural life, or so long as she may continue single after my death sole and absolute possession of all my property of every description both real and personal after the payment of my just debt, out of which property her own provision must be made for the education and maintenance of my children. Should my said wife Maria again marry or when she departs this life, it is my desire that the executor of this my will hereinafter named, then procure an equitable division of the estate among my heirs, and act as guardian for the same or such as may be minors, until they become of age. Should any of the children be dead or die before the intermarriage or death of my said wife Maria, the same then or persons, at her option & choice to such, any portion of the estate, not exceeding what would be a fair & equitable proportion of her death, having regard to any advances that has or may be made by me to such, so it is my desire that the estate be equally divided.