

State of Kentucky } Henderson County Court August Term 1886
Henderson County } (23rd day of August 1886)

This day this paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of Mrs. A. P. Denton late of Henderson County, deceased was produced in open Court and proven according to law by the oath of J. M. Stone & P. C. Taylor subscribing witnesses thereto thereupon the same was adjudged by the Court to be the last true will of Mrs. A. P. Denton and ordered to be recorded which is here done accordingly.

Attest Geo. W. Smith Clerk
By H. Beverly, D.C.

I, Bridgett Sudlow, feeling that with old age and the uncertainty of life and trusting in the Giver of every perfect and good gift do make this as my last Will and Testament—

1st I desire that what I owe to Henry Reigler and all other just debts and my funeral expenses be paid.

2^d And the balance of my estate if there be any left I desire my Executor hereinafter named to purchase for myself and son James Paul Storer for our respective Graves—

3^d My estate consists of Two Shares Series M15, of Building & Loan Association and I hereby authorize and empower my Executor to either close out the same with the Building and Loan Association or he may at his discretion pay up all interest and dues until the whole amount becomes due and payable—

4th If after paying all my just debts and funeral expenses there should be anything left I desire that the same together with all my clothing, jewelry &c be equally divided among my Grandchildren John, Cyrus & Roman, Children of my son James Sudlow—

5th I appoint my friend Henry Reigler as my Executor of this my last Will and Testament and request the County Court to require no surety of him—Witness my hand this 27th day of July 1886—

Bridgett Sudlow
Subscribed by Bridgett Sudlow in our presence and we sign this instrument as witnesses in her presence & at her request—
P. M. Byrne
John E. Keelly—

State of Kentucky } Henderson County Court August Term 1886
Henderson County } (30th day of August 1886)

This day this paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Bridgett Sudlow late of Henderson County, deceased was produced in open Court & proven according to law by the oath of P. M. Byrne & John E. Keelly subscribing witnesses thereto, thereupon the same was adjudged by the Court to be the last

true will of Bridgett Sudlow and ordered to be recorded which is here done accordingly—
Attest: Geo. W. Smith, Clerk

Mrs. Andrew Tate and Hugh Tate, brothers, being advanced in age but of sound mind and memory, do jointly and severally make and declare this our last Will and Testament in the words and figures following, hereby revoking any and all Wills and Devises heretofore made by us: First:— To our sister Nancy Tate, we will and devise that, upon her death that she needs and desires provision for a home and support during her life, the same shall be made by ample and equitable Contribution levied upon the devise hereinafter made; that is to say, one third of Contribution upon the property herein bequeathed to our nephew Gabriel Tate, Son of our brother James Tate, deceased, or his representatives, one third upon the property herein bequeathed to our niece, Mary Harding formerly Mary Tate, or her representatives, and one third upon the property herein bequeathed to our niece, Nancy Kerr formerly Nancy Tate, or her representatives, both, said Mary and Nancy daughters of our said brother James Tate deceased—

Second:— To our said nephew, Gabriel Tate, we bequeath and devise all our lands lying upon and between the Ohio river and Green river in Henderson County, Kentucky, including our interest—being one half of a tract held in partnership with estate of Major Ingelle Toney, deceased, said lands consisting of five purchases and containing about nine hundred and sixty acres, to have and to hold with all the profits and rents of same, subject to the Contribution in favor of our sister, Nancy Tate, heretofore provided for, during his life and then to his children; But, in case he shall leave no child alive at his death, the said lands shall be divided equally between our said nieces, Mary and Nancy, if both shall survive, for their use and benefit, during their lifetime, and then to their children: If only Mary shall survive, Gabriel, he leaving no child, then the lands bequeathed to him shall be equally divided between her—for her use and benefit during her life and then to her children—and the children of Nancy, or, if Nancy shall leave no child, the lands shall pass to the provision of Mary during her life and then to her children; or, if only Nancy shall survive Gabriel, he leaving no child, the lands bequeathed to him shall be equally divided between her for her use and benefit during her life and then to her children, and the children of Mary, or, if Mary shall leave no child the said lands shall pass to the possession of Nancy during her life and then to her children; If either Mary or Nancy shall survive Gabriel, he leaving no child, the lands bequeathed to him shall be equally divided between the child or children of Mary and the child or children of Nancy.

if either shall leave no child the lands shall pass to the possession of the child or children of the other.

And - To our before mentioned niece, Mary, now the wife of Gullery Harding, we bequeath and devise our old farm or homestead known as Western View in Henderson County, Kentucky, containing about one thousand and forty acres and also our tract of land containing about two hundred and forty five acres lying on the Ohio river in Horse Shoe Bend joining the lands of George Atkinson and William McClain in Henderson County Kentucky, to have and to hold with all the profits and rents of same, subject to a Contribution in favor of our Sister, Nancy Tate, hereinafter provided for, during her the said Mary's life and then to her children. But in case she shall leave no child alive at her death, then the lands herein bequeathed to her shall pass to Gabriel Tate and Nancy Kerr or their children on the same conditions, by the same rule and in the same manner as are detailed in dividing or disposing of the property between Mary and Nancy or their children in the bequest to Gabriel Tate in case of his death without a child.

Fourth - To our before mentioned niece, Nancy, now the wife of James Kerr we bequeath and devise our lands lying on the Ohio river in Davis County Kentucky, below Owensboro, containing about four hundred and thirty five acres, to have and to hold with all the profits and rents of same subject to the Contribution in favor of our sister Nancy Tate, hereinafter provided for, during her, the said Nancy Kerr's life and then to her children. But in case she shall leave no child alive at her death then the lands herein bequeathed to her, shall pass to Gabriel Tate and Mary Harding or their children on the same conditions, by the same rule, and in the same manner, as are detailed in dividing or disposing of the property between Mary and Nancy or their children in the bequest to Gabriel Tate in case of his death without a child.

Fifth - No distribution of the devise herein shall be made at the death of either of us except at the option of the Survivor who may enjoy the same till his death when distribution shall be made as devised herein, and the survivor shall have full power to use and dispose of all other property owned by us in partnership not herein nor hereafter disposed of by us.

Sixth - If, at the death of which ever one of us shall survive the other, there shall remain any property held in partnership during life not herein nor hereafter disposed of by us or either of us, the same shall be, after our burial expenses are paid, equally divided between our said nephew Gabriel Tate, and our said niece Mary Harding, and our said niece Nancy Kerr or their children, on the same conditions, by the same rule and in the same manner as are detailed in the foregoing bequests.

In testimony hereof we have signed our names on this the 18th day of May 1874.

Witness
Saml H. Langley
Jno E. Bennett

Andrew Tate
Hugh Tate

State of Kentucky }
Henderson County Court }

Called Term March 18th 1875.

This day a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Andrew Tate was produced in Court, and it appearing that Hugh Tate has departed this life, and said instrument having been duly proved by Jno E. Bennett and Saml H. Langley subscribing witnesses thereto. It is adjudged that the same is the true last Will & Testament of said Hugh Tate decd and as such is ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done. March 19th 1875. Order Book 3 page 119.

Attest

J. C. Walker, Clerk

By Jas Wilson D. C.

State of Kentucky }
Henderson County Court }

January County Court 1875.
20th (27th day January 1875)

Samuel H. Langley being sworn testified that he was the person by name who subscribed the Will of A and H Tate as a witness, that it was written by said witnesses at & as directed by the Testators A and H. Tate who signed & acknowledged it in the presence of witnesses Saml H. Langley as their last Will & Testament & that witnesses Langley & Jno E. Bennett signed said Will as witnesses at request of the said A & H. Tate & in his presence & in the presence of each other, that A & H. Tate were at the time of signing & publishing said Will, of sound & disposing mind & memory.

Attest: Geo. H. Smith, Clerk.

State of Kentucky }
Henderson County Court }

Feb'y County Court 1875.
22nd day Feb'y 1875.

This day J. E. Bennett, a subscribing witness to the Paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A & H Tate, appeared in open Court and testified that at the request of said Testators he read said paper to them and they then in his presence declared the same to be their last Will & Testament & at their request he signed said Will in their presence as witness to same, that at the time of said publication by them & signing by witness the said Andrew and Hugh Tate were each of sound mind & disposing memory. The execution of said Will having been heretofore testified to by S. H. Langley the other subscribing witness thereto in open Court according to law. It is adjudged that said instrument is the true last Will and Testament of said Andrew & Hugh Tate & ordered to be recorded as such.

Attest

Geo. H. Smith, Clerk

I, Samuel B. Alderson, of the County of Henderson and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and dispoosing memory, do make and ordain this my last Will. First: After my debts are all paid, I will all the residue of my Estate, real, personal, and mixed, to my wife - Mariaud Alderson during her natural life - for her maintenance & support, with the privilege and power to sell any town lots of mine in the town of Cairo, Henderson County, which may be needed for her support - I also desire that one hundred feet square of land at my grave yard be forever reserved for that purpose. After the death of my said wife I desire that any lots or lands belonging to my estate be sold and the proceeds be divided as follows, one hundred dollars to be given to my grand children, the children of my daughter Elizabeth C. Phillips and the residue of said sale to be equally divided among my three sons, James S. & Samuel B. Alderson - I appoint Jas. J. Alderson to execute my last Will. In testimony I have affixed my name - June 17th 1879 -

Witness

J. M. Stone

John S. Lockett

S. B. Alderson.

I make this Codicil to my foregoing Will. My sons above named may divide said lots & lands, directed to be sold, among themselves, if they wish, but in that event they are to pay the hundred dollars named to my said grand children, this the 17th day of June 1879 -

Witness

J. M. Stone

John S. Lockett

S. B. Alderson.

Henderson Ky., Sept. 22 1882 -

To equalize the division of my estate, I hereby revoke the bequest of one hundred dollars to my grand children, the children of my daughter Mrs. Elizabeth C. Phillips -

Witness

J. M. Stone

E. T. Hazenwood

S. B. Alderson

State of Kentucky } December County Court 1886 -
Henderson County } (27th day December 1886)

This day this paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Samuel B. Alderson, late of Henderson County deceased, was produced in open Court & proven according to law by the oath of J. M. Stone a subscribing witness thereto, thereupon the same was adjudged by the Court to be the last Will & Testament of Samuel B. Alderson and ordered to be recorded, which is here done accordingly -

Attest: Geo. W. Smith, Clerk

Know all men by these presents, that I Ann C. Rankin do hereby on this the 21st day of February, Eighteen Hundred & Eighty Seven in the City of New York, State of New York, make this my last will & testament, being of sound mind & in rational use of my faculties.

I do appoint my son Alexander Rankin to be sole Executor of my Estate both real & personal property, after my decease, without requiring from him any security for the faithful discharge of the duties of this trust.

I request that he hold & manage such property both real & personal until all the debts against my estate at my death together with such claims as may thereafter accrue in the settlement of such estate be fully paid and when all just claims are met - then -

III. The Executor is to appertain my two houses & lots near Col. John P. Donckes residence in the City of Henderson Ky. to my son C. H. Rankin & my daughter Fannie W. Rankin, one house & lot to my son C. H. Rankin and one house & lot to my daughter Fannie W. Rankin.

IV. The balance of my property, except such legacies as shall hereafter be mentioned I do desire & bequeath to my daughters Maria Ann W. Rankin, Sarah A. Rankin, Alice K. Rankin & Fannie W. Rankin to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, to them and their assigns forever.

V. I do hereby request the Executor of my will to continue to pay the regular sum to the Building & Loan Association of Henderson for monies borrowed and owed by Fannie W. Rankin as they become due until the whole is paid which should be by the 1st of March 1888.

VI. My Watch I bequeath to my daughter Sarah A. Rankin as a token of my affection, and likewise my locket of my Uncle Wm. W. Alderson I bequeath to my daughter Alice K. Rankin, and in like manner my locket of my father I bequeath to my daughter Ann W. Rankin.

VII. I bequeath also to my son C. H. Rankin the wardrobe & robes & whatever else of my furniture he may leave the use and to my namesake & grand daughter Anne W. Rankin some gift out of the Estate as the Executor may devise as a memento of my affection for her.

The Executor Alexander Rankin is to be allowed not only the necessary expenses to be incurred in the settlement of said Estate but also if he desire it to be suitably recompensed for his trouble in administering upon my estate.

Given under my hand this the first day of February in the year of our Lord 1887

Witness

Mary C. Lord

C. S. Cullum

W. H. Baker M.D.

State of Kentucky, Co. Cl.

Henderson County Court March Term 28th day of March 1887

This day this paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ann C. Rankin was produced & in open Court and the same having been proven according to law by the depositions of Mary C. Lord, C. S. Cullum &

Ann C. Rankin.