

J. Palmer's Will

I, Jeremiah Palmer of Hopkins County and State of Kentucky do hereby certify that I am in a precarious state of health and wishing to wind up the affairs of life and to express my last will and testament and to give and bestow my property in the following manner to wit: I will to my oldest daughter Emily, now the wife of William Stearns, \$100.00. I will that Mary, my now living and present wife after all debts is paid has the third part of all of my property both real and personal to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death to be divided between her seven children heirs of her body. I also will that the Rest of my Property be Equally divided between her seven children heirs of her body. This being my last Will and testament, given under my hand and seal this the 6th day of September 1878

Jeremiah Palmer
R. H. Winstead
J. H. Dixon

State of Kentucky Henderson County 2d, Henderson County Court 1878 (Rt. 2d)
This day this Paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jeremiah Palmer dec^d was produced in open Court and proved according to law by the evidence of R. H. Winstead and J. H. Dixon subscribing witnesses thereto who and the same was adjudged to be the true last will and Testament of said Jeremiah Palmer dec^d and ordered to be recorded as such which is here done accordingly. (J. Page 218)

Attest
Geo. W. Smith, C. C. C.
By Mrs. M. B. Roberts, Sec.

Catharine Rager's Will

In the name of God, Amen: I, Catharine Rager of Henderson County, Ky. being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will as follows: 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid, and that this may be done, and there not be enough of my personal estate, I authorize and direct my executor to sell and convey the house and grounds belonging to me in the City of Henderson Ky. near the late residence of James C. Ragan from the proceeds thereof pay the specific legacies hereinafter and the debts which the personal estate will not discharge. 2nd I will to each of my three daughters by my first husband J. M. Gilchrist, ten dollars to be paid by my Executor. 3rd I give and devise to my son William M. Gilchrist fifty feet front on the Madisonville Road and one hundred and sixty feet deep, a lot next the Cemetery and to be laid off the lot now live on being the one purchased by me of Berret as Agent of Virginia Gilchrist. 4th The residue of said lot with the houses and improvements thereon I will and devise to Francis M. Rager, my husband for his natural life, with remainder in

fee simple to my two daughters children of said Francis M. Rager to wit: 5th The stock of Groceries now on hand and belonging to me I desire to be equally divided between my said husband and my son J. M. Gilchrist. Signed and acknowledged in our presence by Catharine Rager as her last Will & signed by us in her presence and at her request as witnesses
Wm. L. Welden
James Shaw

State of Kentucky 2d, January County Court 1878, 25th and 29th Henderson County 3rd of January 1878

This Paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Catharine Rager late of Henderson County Ky. was produced in open Court and proved according to law by the evidence of J. M. Shaw and W. L. Welden subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same was adjudged to be the true last Will and Testament of said Catharine Rager dec^d and ordered to be recorded as such which is done accordingly
Attest Geo. W. Smith, C. C. C.
By Mrs. M. B. Roberts, Sec.

Stanley's Will

In the name of God, Amen — I John H. Stanley of Henderson County, Kentucky being at present in feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory, wishing to make disposition of the estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me, before I go hence, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: 1st First, I commit my Soul to the God who gave it, my body to the earth from whence it came; 2nd Second, I desire to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner; 3rd Third, I desire that all my personal property (except such of the household & kitchen furniture and interests, as my wife desires to retain, and such as she chooses to retain I give to her absolutely) shall be sold by my Executors hereinafter named, or such terms and at public or private sale as they may deem best; 4th Fourth — Out of the proceeds of my personal estate aforesaid and such debts as may be due me I desire all my just debts to be paid, and if these be not sufficient for that purpose I desire that the Trustees hereinafter named, out of the first rent collected by them to pay to my said Executors a sufficient amount to such the deficiency, but if any thing should remain of my personal estate after the payment of my debts & necessary expenses do then I give to my wife one third of such surplus, and the balance to my four children to be divided in equal portions between them; 5th Fifth, My whole

and estate is as follows. One tract in Henderson County above
 Quaker River known as the Birch tract, formerly surveyed at about
 180 acres, but now containing, probably, over 200 acres, the same
 having gained by accretion. One tract in said County on the Ohio
 River in the Town of New Hope Shreveport, above the place on
 which I now reside, and known as the "Switzerland tract" contain-
 ing about 250 acres, this tract has also gained some thing by
 accretion since I purchased it. And one other tract in said
 County on the Ohio River in said tract being my personal
 residence containing about 200 acres. All these lands I give to
 James M. McEtain and James M. Stanley. To hold the same in
 trust for the use and benefit of my wife and children and my
 estate as follows. They are to hold all my said lands at first joint-
 ly to be well managed, dividing the lands if they think best, into
 smaller parcels and renting separately, the renting to be paid to
 the highest bidder, or privately in their discretion collect the
 said rents and of every way pay my expenses for the purpose of
 paying my debts as directed in the fourth paragraph hereafter, then
 they are to pay one third of each rent to my wife, then Stanley
 which I give to her absolutely, the balance to be divided equally
 among a few children to be paid them or soon as prac-
 ticable after collection. Now this said tract to continue during
 the life of my said wife and at her death shall expire at which
 time the Trustee shall have sole power and then over the
 lands to the parties entitled according to the provisions hereinafter
 made, they shall see that enough is raised in a
 sound and judicious like manner, and if any money remain
 on hand pay the same equally to my children. If my wife
 survive she shall have the use and occupation of and full
 control of my residence, and the lot & yard around the same,
 and the garden and orchard adjoining for of course, and in case
 she survives this shall not be included in the renting by
 said Trustee, nor shall it alter the distribution of the rents of
 the balance among my wife and children. If any of my
 children should before the death of this mother desire to
 take possession or improve the lands respectively hereinafter
 devised to them, the said Trustee shall permit them so to do,
 and they must pay a reasonable rent therefor to the Trustee,
 & I will give and devise my said lands separately to my
 children as follows viz. To my daughter Lucy & Henry I give
 the said tract situated above as the Birch tract with its
 improvements and appurtenances, to hold the same for her
 natural life, or from the date of her husband's death, at her death
 the same shall go to her children forever. The said tract
 of land above described on the "Switzerland tract" with its

improvements I give to my son James M. Stanley, absolutely. My said
 "Home tract" I devise to be divided into two parcels, beginning a line
 from the "Hawberry corner" in the line of the land known by McLaughlin
 in the "McEtain" Henderson County, Land Sale in a southwardly
 direction so as to divide the land as near as it can conveniently be
 done, into two equal parcels, I mean equal as to quantity, and not
 as to value. Of this division I give & devise to my daughter Martha M.
 Stanley the northern tract with its improvements & appurtenances to
 hold the same during her life only with the remainder in fee simple
 to her children or their descendants, then the land is to revert to my estate.
 Of the said division I give & devise to my son William D. Stanley
 the southern tract with its improvements & appurtenances to hold
 the same absolutely in fee simple. I hereby appoint James
 M. McEtain & James M. Stanley Executors of this my last Will &
 Testament. Given under my hand this 30th October 1871
 Signed & acknowledged by John H. Stanley as his last Will & Testament
 in the presence of us, who at his request
 subscribe the same as witnesses in his presence
 Oct 30th 1871 Francis C. Walker
 Wm McEtain

State of Kentucky, Book April County Record 1878
 Henderson County, (29th of April)

This last Will and Testament of John H. Stanley late
 of Henderson County, Kentucky, deceased, was produced and
 proved in open Court according to law by the oath of Wm McEtain
 a subscribing witness thereto, who also testified that Francis
 C. Walker the other subscribing witness is dead, and that he
 submitted the said Will as a witness in the presence of said
 Wm McEtain, and of the testator, and the same was adjudged
 to be the true last Will and Testament of John H. Stanley dec'd
 and ordered to be recorded as such, which is done accordingly.

Attest Geo. H. Smith Clerk
 By Alex M. Pursh Notary

Wm
 Wm

I Frederick Harris Overton of the County of Henderson & State
 of Kentucky being of sound body, mind & calling to mind the
 uncertainty of all human affairs & the certainty of death do
 make & publish this my last will & testament in manner
 & form following, to wit: My body I commit to God who gave
 it in the hope of a blessed immortality, beyond the grave
 I hereby bequeath one third of my estate