

In the name of God Amen

I James Vance of the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in words and figures following to wit

1st I will to my wife Ruth Vance One third part of all my property both personal real and mixed during her natural life.

2^d I will to my son William R Vance One full and complete suit of mourning of his own choosing.

3^d I will to my son Samuel R Vance all my houses and lots in Middletown including as well the out as the in lots in and adjoining said Town, Also One half of all the negro slaves I may be possessed of.

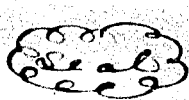
4th I will to my son William R Vance my farm lying on Ferns and containing three hundred and eight acres together with all its appurtenances also the other half of my negro slaves

5th I will that at the death of my wife all the property willed to her shall be equally divided between my said two sons Samuel R and William R Vance and that immediately after my death, the said two sons shall divide between themselves all my goods and chattels that shall not fall to my wife in her third. And I further direct and it is my will that if my said two sons cannot agree in the division of my property, that they shall choose each, a disinterested person, and if those two persons cannot agree, they shall choose each a third, and their decision shall be final. I have given my son Robert G Vance

And I further direct and desire that if my said two sons cannot agree in the division of my property, that they shall choose each, a disinterested person, and if three persons cannot agree, they shall choose each a third, and their decision shall be final. I have given my son Robert S. Vance monies and articles of property at sundry times to enable towards completing his education which is considered by me as his portion of my estate. It is my wish that my wife will take one third part of the property arising from my land and negroes without having a formal division and that there shall be no sale of my goods and chattels, but that they be divided between my said two sons Samuel and Wm. B. Vance.

Lastly I appoint my sons Samuel B. Vance and William B. Vance my Executors to this my last will and testament and do request the County Court not to require security of them or to have any appraisement of my estate.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of February One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

Signed & acknowledged in presence of
James Comeroy
William McIlhenny
James Gull
Stephen Black
Sas Vance 

State of Kentucky

County in the State of Kentucky do hereby certify that a Court held for Jefferson County on the 8th day of October then then and eight hundred and twenty nine. An instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the Reverend James Paine deceased produced in Court and proved to be his last will and testament by the oaths of James Combs and Stephen Black two of the subscribing witnesses, the facts and records to be accorded.

And on the motion of James Paine and How R. Paine Juniors, the executors named in the said will who made oath according to law, execution thereof is granted them without giving security, it being so directed in and by said will and reasons appearing to the Court to require the same.

Teste
Horden Pope clerk

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In the name of God Amen

I Jacob Smyser of Jefferson County and State of Kentucky being weak and in a failing condition, but thro' the mercy of Divine Providence of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and constitute this my last will and testament in the manner and form following I will