

a home for my wife & three little children so long as they continue to need to gather but share. Unwilling to cease at 16 years of age at which time I wish him bound to some trade & labor if thought best after my wife shall die or marry. I think that the property be divided until Mary shall attain to the age of 18 years and then to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between John Chaney Charles and Mary Elizabeth. I give my son George for his ungrateful treatment towards me in my sickness six & one fourth cts and nothing more to be paid him immediately after probate of this will my gold watch and chain (should it not be needed to pay my debts I give to my son John to paying Mary and Chaney each fifteen dollars when he shall be free from my debt. I in case either or all of the four named children should die before a division their part is to be divided between their survivors. I in no case whatever is going to get of my property more than the 6 1/4 cts my express meaning understanding and wish is that my wife is to enjoy the house during her life or widowhood and the children to live with her and in as much as my wife's personal property has not been as yet brought in to common stock with mine I do not intend that she shall be entitled to the one third part of my personal property. It is my will that if my wife should prefer that the brick house shall be sold and the proceeds laid out in a small farm I do hereby vest the person who may act in this case with a full authority to convey the property as I have said. I wish to inform is purchased that the title be made to Daniel B Price in Trust for the benefit of the persons before named began Dec 15th and ended Feb 13

February 13th 1829

This my last will and Testament to W. J. Bruce
Jepamine County Feb March Court 1829

I certify that this writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William J. Bruce did was produced in court and proven by the oath of Wm McConnell and Daniel B Price to wholly in the hand writing of the said Bruce which was thereupon ordered to be recorded which is done

Test Daniel B Price Clerk

And fully recognizing an omnipotent Sovereign of the Boundless Universe existing for all eternity supremely innocent and the object of adoration. I David Charles and family and family and state of Kentucky the images of my mind (which however being as present but little impaired hereby abrogating all former Testaments by me made do with my hand write and sign the following constituting it my will. It is my desire and will that no security be required of my executor hereafter named and that there be no appraisement made of my estate either real or personal or any part of it - whenever my successors may find it proper to discontinue the farming operations at Chalmers de Paris. I leave to my son Richard Evans Needs my land stock of every kind which may be thereon and all the plantation utensils with the exception of aches of two horses one Daughter mares and one for her son Henry slave to my grand daughter Edwin Byrd one Thousand dollars

To my grand daughter Mary one thousand Dollars

To my grand son David the son of Richard C Needs five hundred dollars all my real estate I leave in equal portions after the payment of my debts and legacies to my daughter Susan Chapin and Weldon and Elizabeth daughter the children of my dear daughter Bays my son Richard Evans Needs my son Hiram Needs provided he has recovered his sound mind and to my grand son Henry Mays to them and their heirs forever. I have made to my son William Waters Needs as after my death he will have sufficient for his frugal support derived from legacies left him in conjunction with his brother by the will of his grand mother Mrs Sarah Waters to the payment of which my estate is subject my personal estate which consists mainly of household furniture including a table of my heirs to divide among themselves. Finally I nominate my hereby

constitute my son in law William Craghton my son Richard Evans Needs John H Randolph Executors of this my last will and testament proved and signed with my own hand this 20 day of February 1829

Solomon Simmons Son

James Harris

W. Woodson

David Needs

It is my desire the fulfillment of which I mean should be disposition in my executor that at my death there be erected over the spot where Mr Needs and myself are interred a Free Stone pedestal of solid proportion surmounted by columns of Kentucky marble on the south face of the pedestal to be engraved after the usual manner our age and time of death and beneath the following lines from Gray's Elegy

"along the calm liquidated vale of life"

"They held the noisiest Tanour of their way"

Memo. It is my will that my executor make sale of my real estate at such time or times after my decease as in their judgment will best promote the interests of my legacies and on the receipt of the purchase money to convey the same and after the payment of my debts and legacies to distribute and pay the monies arising from the sale in equal portions to the legacies above named to whom my real estate was devised in my will to which this is appended. It is my will that the distribution share which Molly Randolph will be entitled to receive be placed in the hands of my executor in trust for the use of her children. When the Chalmers estate is sold it is my will that the old negro men Billy Gardner, Hampton Rogers, Jupiter and Peter be discharged from the legal obligations of servitude to my successors or any other person. I wish my hand and the date above written

David Needs

Witness

Solomon Simmons

James Harris

W. Woodson

Jepamine County Feb March Court 1829

I certify that the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Charles did give this day produced in Court and proven by the oaths of Solomon Simmons James Harris and W. Woodson to be the last will and testament of the said Charles which was thereupon ordered to be recorded which is done

Attest David B Price Clerk
by Thomas B. H. H. H.

June 1st 1829 Jepamine County Kentucky

I Thomas Fletcher being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament I desire first that all my just debts shall be paid. Secondly I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Thurston to be kept by my executor for her only use and to be disposed of when may come at her death. my negro woman named Nancy. Thirdly I direct that my woman Sally and her child Sarah shall live with my brother James until his death and also her offspring when they shall belong and descend to children John Horvace and Mary equally and also the girl children Nancy child is to belong to James Fletcher son of James. I have also that my negro boy Richard shall live with and serve my brother James until his death and then to descend to his children John Horvace and Mary equally I desire that my niece Lucy living and dead disposed of as she may choose my negro boy Lewis I give and bequeath to my brother William Fletcher during his life time my boy Aaron I desire that