

I Absalom Ford of Kentucky, and state
of Kentucky being perfectly in my right
mind do this day make my last Will
and Testament in the following manner to wit
That after my death my remains if practi-
cable be buried my wife at my son James
in such a manner as my friends may
think proper. Secondly that after giving my
two sons Absalom and Fayette Ford a
good bed and furniture also my daughter
Lina Ann Root is to have her mother's
Cherry bedstead given her by her son Thomas
my daughter Eliza Wade is to have her mother's
Bible and my three sons to wit James
Absalom and Fayette all my Books the
residue of my perishable property be sold
and applied to the necessary expenses in
settling the affairs of my Estate. I give all
my land which I bought of my son James
consisting of two tracts of one hundred acres
each one known as the S. M. Benton tract
the other adjoining consisting in part of
the tract of land bought of Arthur Wallace
providing that if my perishable property
shall not be sufficient to settle my affairs
and leave each of my children to wit
my son James Ford my daughter Silvy
Nillpatrick Betty Manning Elizabeth Stans
Margaret Havenport and Lina Ann
Root ten dollars each and my daughter
Eliza Wade fifty dollars in that the sum
the said Absalom and Fayette shall with
in one year after my death pay to the
fore named heirs the sums specified in
this Will. As I wish as little expense as
possible in the settlement of my affairs
I herein appoint William A. Coleman

and Hannibal H. Root or either of them to
attend to the settlement of affairs as they may
think best without any legal proceeding.
This Will to be duly recorded in the clerk's office
of this County. Given under my hand &
seal this 21st day of November 1857.

Absalom Ford
Codicil. in case our sons Absalom &
Fayette should remain in a condition after
my death not capable of attending to their
own business I wish Wm. A. Coleman and
Hannibal H. Root to attend to the care
of their business so as to provide the best means
for their support. January the 13th 1858
Wm A. Coleman
Geo M. Benton
Absalom Ford

State of Kentucky, this County, Court Set:
This last Will & Testament and Codicil annexed
of Absalom Ford died was this day in open
Court duly proven as the law prescribes by
the oaths of James M. Benton and Wm
A. Coleman subscribing witnesses to
the same, proof was made also by the
oaths of H. A. Root & Wm. A. Coleman that
the Will & Codicil was wholly in the hand
writing of the testator. being examined
and approved is ordered to be recorded
which is done together with this certificate
in my said office.

Witness my hand as Clerk of said Court
this Sept 3rd 1860

R. Beth. H. H. H. H.
this County let

Be it known, that I, John H. Brown of the Town
 of Hartford Connecticut do hereby make and
 confirm this as my last Will and Testament
 hereby revoking all other Wills by my heretofore
 made. It is my will and wish that
 my Executors, or Executors hereinafter named
 do make as little delay as practicable pay
 off all my ^{debt} debts at this time my
 indebtedness, but of a small amount and
 to but, a very few persons, I further Will
 and desire that my wife together have,
 keep, and enjoy so much of my Estate
 of such kind and description as she may
 choose to elect as she may desire to keep
 use and enjoy so much of my Estate
 for her own comfort for and during her
 life. I further authorize and empower
 my said wife to divide out so much
 of my said Estate among my children
 as she may think best or proper keeping
 in view at all times the important fact
 that all of my said children are to have
 an equal share upon a final division
 taking into the estimate the advancements
 heretofore made to them. The children of
 my deceased son Abner are to have a
 fair share or so much as he would be
 entitled of having deducting the amount
 heretofore charged him in amount five
 hundred and thirty dollars as will appear
 by various charges on my book of accounts
 in like manner my daughter Polly
 Ann, Louisa H. and Harriet H. are to
 be charged with advancements heretofore
 made to each as also the amounts with
 which their respective husbands stand
 charged with on my said book of accounts

It is my Will and desire that at any time
 hereafter should my daughter Ada marry
 and leave the common family she should
 have such small servant as my said wife
 may choose to give over to her for the value
 of said servant she must be charged to in
 like manner be deducted from her fair share
 in the final division of my said Estate
 and I submit to the judgment and
 discretion of my said wife the propriety
 of giving ~~off~~ to my sons Abram, Batur
 and Elmer Chapman each one male
 servant for which they are to be charged
 a fair price. I further submit to said
 wife the propriety of keeping so many of
 our slave servants as may be deemed by
 her useful in promoting her own ease and
 personal comfort and the residue of our
 said slave divided out and paid over
 equally among our said children in such
 form and manner as may appear best
 to equalize the amount to each it being
 my fixed purpose and Will that each
 one of my children living, or the legal
 child or children of such as may have
 died should have and enjoy a fair and
 equal share of the property and estate rem-
 aining after the death of myself and wife
 and I further will and direct that all and
 any portion of my said Estate that may
 descend to or be divided off to each of my
 four daughters shall pass to and belong to
 each of my said daughters free from the
 control or ownership of their respective husbands
 and my object and purpose being to
 provide for the comfort and maintenance
 of my said daughters and their legal children