

I Higginsen Bell of the county of
Ohio state of Kentucky, being now
of sound and disposing mind, memory,
understanding, do make publish and
~~declare~~ this to be my last will and
testament in writings in the nature
of wills and testament by me here-
before made—

My Will is first that my funeral
charges and just debts shall all be
paid by my executors hereinafter named

Secondly the residue of my
estate and property which shall not
be required for the payment of my
just debts funeral charges and the expenses
attending the execution of this my will
and the administration of my estate—

I give devise and dispose thereof as
follows—viz I give and ~~devise~~ devise
to my beloved wife Charlotte Bell
on condition that she shall be a longer time
than my son. One entire half of the
residue of my estate after the specification
hereinafter contained shall have been
complied with to wit and ~~and~~ dispose
of as she may deem good in her sight to her
and her heirs during her natural life
and forever.

I will and decree that
my colored man Adam shall from and
my death have the privilege of choosing
his master and be as free as the ~~State~~ of
the state will admit and that my exe-
cutors shall reserve the sum of fifty dollars
in his hand for the only proper use benefit
and behoof the afore said man Adam to
be paid him (Adam) in sums of ten
dollars once a year for five years

I will and bequeath to Henry Thomas
son of Ohio County Ky in trust for
an American Colonization Society—my colored
man Atha and my three colored boys
namely Joseph (Garrison), John Perry
and Samuel Williams, and also my
colored woman Rachel and her ~~two~~ little
daughters viz Caroline and Gerinda Ann
and all the children that may be born
of said woman (Rachel) hereafter the
condition is that the American Colonization
Society send the above named blacks to
Liberia at its first opportunity

I will and decree that my executor
shall pay my ~~black~~ colored man Atha
fifty dollars in conditions that he will
go to Liberia. I give devise will and
decree that the remaining half of my
estate of which I shall be possessed real
personal and mixed. The foregoing condi-
tions and specifications being complied with
shall be given to the children and heirs
of my sister Ann who married Patrick
Arme to be equally divided among them
for their only proper use benefit and
behoof forever. Reserving out of the
half of my estate bequeathed and willed
to my sister Ann Arme heirs the sum
of two hundred dollars to be paid to the
heirs of Lucy Ward deceased. The afore said
Lucy deceased being my half sister doug-
hter of Fielder Parks of Washington City
The above two hundred dollars to be divided
equally among her children or heirs
and I do nominate and appoint my brother-in-
law Henry Thomas son of Ohio Co Kentucky
to be the sole executor of this my last will

and testament In testimony
whereof I Higginson Betts of Ohio County
Ky have herewith subscribed my name
to this my last will and testament, on
three pages and caused my seal to
be affixed this the fourth day of July
one thousand eight hundred and fifty
four

In signed sealed & delivered ^{his} H. Higginson Betts To
in the presence of ^{mark}
John W. Stevens
J. R. Conson
J. Baldwin
H. M. Curry

Ohio County Court Set

November Term, 1856.
This last Will and Testament of Higginson
Betts Decd was produced in Court and duly
proven by the oaths of John W. Stevens
and Jeremiah Baldwin two of the subscribing
witnesses thereto, which being examined and
approved of by the Court he ordered it to be
recorded. And thereupon Murray Stevens
the Executor named in said Will, came
into Court and took the oath required
by law and entered into and acknowledged
and to the Court of Ky. Conditioned
by the law requires, with Joseph Bennett
J. P. Stevens and Richard Reeves as his
jurors. All Well, Truly &c.

I John Austin of the County of Ohio
and State of Kentucky, being of sound
mind, do make, ordain and publish
this as my last Will and Testament
hereby making and declaring all
former Wills void and of no effect.
Item 1st I give and bequeath to my
eldest son Andrew five hundred Dollars
in cash, her bed side table and furniture
and desk in lieu of her dower.
Item 2nd I give and bequeath to the
heirs of my daughter Helen Miller
One Dollar.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my
son Andrew Jackson Austin my half
of the two hundred acre of land
on which he now lives, being the
land conveyed to him by — Thomas.
Item 4th I give and bequeath to my
son George W. Austin One hundred
acre of land, to be taken off of
the north end of the three hundred
acre tract on which I now live, and
also the privilege of getting stone
coal off of the balance of the
tract for his own use in his black
smith shop as long as he pleases.
Item 5th I give and bequeath to
my son Zachariah Austin, after
the expiration aforesaid, the balance
of the land in the survey on which
I now live being two hundred
acres.

Item 6th I will that after my just
debts, and paid the balance of
remainder of my property should
be equally divided amongst