

In the name of God amen I Joshua Bender of the County of Ohio and State of Kentucky being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following, Viz
 I desire that my executors herein after named dispose of such of my perishable property as is not in their judgement necessary for the comfort and support of my family and out of the proceeds of sale and collection of the the monies due me pay all my just debts and funeral expences I give to my beloved wife Polly Bender all of my property both real and personal not herein otherwise disposed of during her natural life or widowhood and desire that she keep the children with her until they arrive at full age or marry and to furnish such on their leaving her with about one hundred dollars worth of property if it can be spared out of the family and have a competency for the use of the rest of the children But should said Polly marry again then and in that case she is to have a negro girl called Emily a horse bridle and saddle two cows & calves one bedstead and furniture set apart for her use and benefit and all the residue of the property to be equally divided among my children or their offspring and at her death the said Emily and her increase if

only to revert back to my children or their offspring and be equally divided among them I desire that my executors dispose of my interest which is one half of a tract of land in Butler County purchased by myself and my son Robert L Bender of Christopher S Bender provided they can do so without loss to my estate if not they are then and in that case to sell other property sufficient to meet the payment on my part whereas I have furnished my daughter Katherine with about one hundred and twenty eight dollars worth of property exclusive of a negro girl my daughter Sally with one hundred dollars worth my daughter Emilie with twenty dollars worth my son Christopher I with eighty dollars worth and my son Robert I with sixty eight dollars worth of property and as I desire that all four alike therefore I desire that the four last named children be furnished immediately on their leaving the family with an amount of property sufficient to make each of them equal in amount to Katherine provided there is a sufficiency of property to do so without dispossessing the family and of this my wife Polly is to be the Judge otherwise they are to remain as they are until enough be procured or until a general distribution takes place when all are to be made equal I desire that my sister Elizabeth remain where she now lives so long as she wishes to do so and that she have the use of the ground she now cultivates except a part of the garden recently added to hers which I desire she give into the possession of my wife Polly I desire that my

negroes Emily Dora Edmund Thomas and Benjamin remain for the use of the family and that the negro children as they arrive at about three years old be put out with my children beginning with the eldest of those that have not been furnished with one and coming on down to the youngest in regular order but should there not be a negro each then those that get no negro is to have an equal amount in other property and should there be a surplus of negroes after making such distribution such surplus is to be sold to the highest bidder among my children and in no event are they to be sold out of the family I desire that my negro man Edmund and girl Dora be emancipated on the 24th day of December 1851 one thousand eight hundred and fifty one provided they remain good servants up to that time and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Christopher J and Robert L Render executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11th day of June 1842

Test

Joshua Render (and)

Hervon Everole
Elizabeth ^{the} Render
Lucinda ^{mark} ^{Render} Render

There is twenty six dollars more worth of property which has been given to me that I have received which is to be added to the \$8 dollars in the will to C & J Render

Ohio County Court sit August the 8th 1844
This is last will & Testament of Joshua Render died was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Hermon Everole Elizabeth Render and Lucinda E Render, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon Christopher J Render & Robert Render the executors therein named came into Court and having taken the oath required by law and with George Rowe Jr & Edmund Rowe sent them security Executed bond in the penalty of \$6000 Conditioned as the law direct a certificate of the probate thereof is granted then in due form

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