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of every character, in my adoption as a son,
and I truly consider and appoint him sole
executor of this my last will and testament.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
my hand and seal this second day of Feb^r 1883
Signed and sealed in presence of
Eugene S. M. Neal

Acknowledged in presence of

John M. Adams

Julius C. Dean

This County Court do hereby certify that the last will and testament of Joseph Smith deceased, produced in court & proved by its due and lawful witnesses, Subscribing witnesses present and sworn to be correct and the same for the same being legally changed in the last will and testament of Joseph Smith deceased into and to the several acts required by law and entered into and acknowledged and to the Commonwealth with the said court, with Martin Hall, Clerk of said County, Simpson his Secretary a certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of Joseph Smith deceased.

Ch. Henderson Esq.
Rye. Cal. Aug 26

141 I Robert B Collins of the County of White
and State of Kentucky being of advanced age and
quite feeble in body but of sound mind and
memory with the fear of God before me do make
and publish this my last will and testament.

And first I leave to my wife Jane P. Collins during
her natural life the farm and land upon which I
now live containing four hundred and sixty one
acres including its appurtenances and every thing
thereunto belonging. Also the following negroes, Wm.
William, Robert, Lizzy, John, Leopold, also all
the stock of every description, all the farming
utensils, including the wagon and buggy, and
all the house hold and kitchen furniture, and
all the grain and forage of every description,
all provisions on hand and all the present growing
crops. And she is at liberty to sell and dispose of my
surplus stock and provisions now on hand for her
own use, and also one hundred dollars in money
for her own use.

Secondly I will add beneath to my daughter Mary Elizabeth Carson my negro men named Tom and Rebecca and one hundred dollars in money to be paid us hereafter named which property the Said M. E. Carson her name is to have and to hold forever

Thyself I will be bequeath to my daughter
 Martha Ann Chapman my negro man George
 and Andrew his brother, to her and her heirs to
 have and to hold the same forever.

Heartly I will and bequeath to my daughter
Susan Francis Meaden, my negro man Abner,
and three hundred dollars in money to be paid
as hereinafter named, to her and her heirs to have
and to hold the same forever,

Tristly I will and beneath to my son
James & Collins his kin & apers former

142 my negro woman July Ann & her children together with her ~~for~~ ^{the} increase and my boy boy Jackson and said James is to pay my daughter Susan Francis Hudson three hundred dollars herein willed to her he is also to pay unto Mary Elizabeth Leason the one hundred dollars herein willed to her.

Sixthly I will and bequeath unto the children of my deceased daughter Sarah Bell South one thousand dollars in money to be invested by my executors in land convenient to the land which I heretofore gave to my said daughter Sarah Bell South in the County of Warren in this State.

Seventhly I have given my son James some allowance of my other children and it is for this reason he is living near my wife and I enjoin it upon him that he take special care of his mother & the property herein to her & see that the farm is kept up.

Eighthly it is my will and I wish it distinctly understood that at the death of my wife the property herein bequeathed to her is to be equally divided between my heirs herein named to them & there heirs to have and to hold the same forever. With this proviso. In as much as the negroes herein bequeathed to my wife are one family and have wives living here and I wish them not to be scattered and separated from their wives. I therefore will and bequeath all the negroes herein bequeathed to my wife to my son James H. Collins and my daughter Martha Ann Chapman to be equally divided between them & they and their heirs are to have and to hold the same forever. And if the negroes should amount in value to more than the James & Martha's share of the said balance

of the estate they are to pay over in money to the other heirs so as to make them equal. This valuation of the said property left at the death of my said wife is to be valued by disinterested men appointed by my executors.

Ninthly It is my will and desire that a portion of the money which may be left that is not herein desired be appropriated to weather boarding and painting the house in which I now live to be done in a workmanlike manner to be done by my executors as soon as the money is collected and the balance of the money to be equally divided among the heirs herein named to have and to hold the same forever. In as much as a portion of the negroes divided are hired out I wish no distribution of any of the negroes until the first day of January 1855.

I do hereby appoint James H. Collins & William C. Chapman executors of this my last will and testament and that they be released from liability. In Witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 17th day of March 1854.

Regin B. Collins

Wm G. Wallace,
Julius C. Bean

Clerk County Court St. James Term 1854
This last will & testament of Regin B. Collins
offered produced in Court and proved by the oaths
of Wm G. Wallace & Julius C. Bean Subscribing
witnesses there to and ordered to be recorded and
thereupon James H. Collins & William C. Chapman
Executors named in this last will & testament of
R. B. Collins Deceased came into Court & took
the solemn oaths required by law and entered
into and acknowledged bond to the

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Commonwealth of Kentucky &
by provision of said will the execs
have released from giving security

Ch. Henderson. W.
By J. H. Hammon. Esq.

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I Robert Edge Considering the shortness and
uncertainty of this mortal life and
being of sound mind and memory do
make and publish this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form
following (That is to say)

After my decease I want enough
of my property sold to pay all my
just and honorable debts
2^d I will to my daughter Sarah Jane
Edge and her and calf and one little
wheel, and lastly as to all the rest
residue and remainder of my real
or personal Estate goods and chattels,
of what kind and nature soever
I give and bequeath the same to my
beloved wife Jane Edge, as long as
she survives my widow and at
her decease or marriage I want my
whole Estate of whatsoever it may
be to be equally divided among my
children. In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 27th day of August Anno
Thousand Eight hundred and fifty
three

Robert Edge Seal
W. W. Church
Henry W. Howard

Ohio County Court Set Jane Tennesse
This last will and
Testament of Robert Edge Decd was
produced in Court and duly proven
by the oaths of W. W. Church and
Henry W. Howard subscribing