

Amunday Park One Dollar.

8th - I will and bequeath to my son J. H. Petty One Dollar.

9th - I will and bequeath to my son Joseph Petty the residue of my personal property and real estate after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid. Having the utmost confidence in the financial ability and integrity of my son Joseph Petty I appoint him my executor and pray the Court that neither bond nor security be required of him in execution of same. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this December 11th A.D. 1888.

John Petty.

Witnesses { J. L. Burton,
Wallace Nasson.

Ohio County Court & sct

August Term 1890.

The foregoing will having been heretofore filed, was at this term proved by the oaths of J. L. Burton and Wallace Nasson, the attesting witnesses thereto, to be the last will and testament of John Petty dead whereupon the same & this certificate have been duly admitted to record.

J. J. Smith Clerk.

I, Parker Hall of the City of Lincoln in the County of Logan and State of Illinois being of sound mind and memory do hereby make publish and declare my last will and testament.

First: I wish that all just debts against myself or my estate shall be paid. - I then give to my beloved wife Catharine Ann Hall, in lieu and place of all dower, homestead rights, widows award, allowances or claims of any kind or character against my estate the premises where I now at the date of this will live, with so much of the furniture in the house as she may choose, and the income from Four Thousand Dollars: - said premises, furniture and income to be enjoyed by her during the term of her natural life and

after her death said premises, furniture and the principal from which said income is derived, shall be divided among my children, living at the date of this will, or their descendants and the descendants of my son Wallace as hereinafter provided. The children of a deceased parent taking the share which such parent would have received if living: -

To Burgess C. Hall my grandchild son of my deceased son Burgess C. Hall I give, devise and bequeath the farm lying on Green River in the County of Ohio in the State of Kentucky known as the farm bought by me of William Foster containing about one hundred and thirty four acres to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever and also One hundred dollars in money.

To William C. Hall my grandchild, son of my deceased son William C. Hall, I give and bequeath four hundred dollars in money provided that he outlives me, should he not outlive me, then that sum shall be part of my estate and divided in it. - The said gift to the said Burgess C. and William C. Hall are to be all they are in any sort to receive from my estate, the remainder of my estate being divided among my other heirs children and grandchildren or their descendants or the trustees thereof hereafter mentioned in the manner following, the descendants of a deceased child taking the share which such deceased child if living I have at various times during my lifetime, supplied to my children certain sums for the purpose of starting them out in the world, which sums will be found charged to them in a memorandum book in which are individual accounts of my said children with myself. These sums to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars for each of my said children are not to be deducted from the share of each such child in my estate; when any such child has so been supplied and charged with more than fifteen hundred dollars the excess over that sum shall be deducted from his or her share in my estate.

if any child shall be found not to be charged with so much as that sum he shall have enough to make up that sum of or to him besides his ratable share in my estate.

My children Alfred & Lemuel have each received and been charged in that manner with said sum of fifteen hundred dollars. My son Duff has not, at the date of this will received and been charged in that manner with about one hundred and fifty dollars of that sum, and if previous to my death he does not receive and become charged with the balance of said sum it shall be paid and made up to him in the manner above stated, my daughters Frances Hardwick and Mary Belle Nicholson have each been supplied and charged more than fifteen hundred dollars. Wherein it shall be found that any of my said children has so been charged with more than fifteen hundred, the excess shall draw interest at the rate of six per cent per annum and be charged to him or her respectively, where that sum has not been supplied and charged, interest at the same rate is to be credited upon the deficiency.

There will also be found credited to my son Richard the sum of three hundred dollars which I allow to him for certain services as an offset to that amount against the excess over fifteen hundred dollars so charged to him. All promissory notes held by me against him except one for the principal sum of one thousand dollars with interest are to be regarded as cancelled and delivered up to him.

I hereby give devise and bequeath to Mollie Hall in trust for her children Georgie and Wallace who are my grandchildren and are the children of my son Wallace whatever would in the above mentioned manner be found as the share of my said son Wallace, and if his said share shall so be found to be less than five hundred dollars, then she shall have in trust as aforesaid enough more than his ratable share to make up five hundred dollars it being my desire and will that the children of my said son Wallace shall in

any event have in trust for them in the manner aforesaid at least five hundred dollars. Whatever share in my estate would in the manner above mentioned be found to be coming to my son Dick and I hereby give devise and bequeath to him my Josephine Hall in trust for the children of my said son Richard provided, that if he shall be found in that manner shall exceed six hundred dollars then the premises in Hartsburg Logan County Illinois in which my said son Richard at the date of this will resides are to form a part of what is so given to him my Josephine in trust as aforesaid, said premises to be valued at six hundred dollars.

Whatever share in my estate may in above manner be found to be coming to my son Alfred I give devise and bequeath to Annie Hall wife of said Alfred Hall in trust for the children of my said son Alfred but as a part of said share so given in trust as aforesaid to said Annie Hall is hereby given to her in trust as aforesaid the premises on Market Street in Hartford Chic County in the State of Kentucky commonly known as the Rogers lot and which have been occupied as a residence by my said son Alfred for upwards of nine years last past; said premises shall be valued at fifteen hundred dollars from such value shall be deducted the amount of all notes held against me by the said Annie Hall and the balance if any shall be reckoned as a part of the share so given in trust to said Annie Hall.

Whatever share in my estate shall in the manner aforesaid be found coming to my son Lemuel I hereby give devise and bequeath to Fanny Hall wife of my said son Lemuel in trust for the children of my said son Lemuel Hall. My estate, except such part of it as is hereby given in specific bequests or devises is to be divided by selling it and dividing the proceeds, selling it either in whole or part except as above mentioned or by appraising and dividing in kind at appraised value or partly by either or both methods in the discretion of my executor.

I hereby appoint my son-in-law Charles H.

Nichols as my executor hereby giving him full power to sell at public or private sale the whole or any part of my estate except that part specially bequeathed or devised and divide the proceeds thereof in the manner above specified or to appraise the whole or any part of said estate with above mentioned exceptions and divide it in the manner above mentioned in kind or to proceed partly by above methods hereby giving him full power and authority to make, sign, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all conveyances or instruments in writing of whatever kind or character which may be or become necessary or appropriate for the full and complete execution of any and all powers hereby conferred upon him or for the full and complete carrying out of any purpose manifested in this instrument, as it is my intention by this will to fully settle all matter concerning my property as between myself and my children and others in this instrument mentioned, I hereby direct that if any one to whom anything is by this instrument devised or bequeathed either directly or in trust shall establish any claim of any kind against my estate, the amount of such claim shall be deducted from whatever is herein to him or her given. The property above left to my wife during her natural life shall after her death if she survives me be divided among the persons on the first page of this instrument, provided in the following manner:— The interests of those parties therein shall be found just as if my said wife did not survive me, but as if the said property so left to her were divided in my estate at my death and in such division whatever share if any would be coming to Alfred, Richard, Lemuel or Wallace shall go to their wives or widows, respectively in trust for their respective children as is provided in regard to other property left in trust for them; and for the purposes of such division the five thousand dollars given above in trust for the children of Wallace shall be reckoned as a part of their ratable share in my estate.

Witness my hand and seal at Lincoln Illinois this 25th day of June A.D. 1884.

The following interlineations were made before signing on page one between lines seventeen and eighteen are interlined the words, "living at the date of this will", between lines eighteen and nineteen are interlined the words, "and the descendants of my son Wallace as hereinafter provided" the following erasures were made before signing: on page one in line eighteen one word is erased the latter part of line nineteen, line twenty, the first word in line twenty one and one line interlined between said lines nineteen and twenty are also erased, as are also line twenty eight and the first half of line twenty nine on page three, this instrument being written upon seven pages.

Larkin Hall SEAL

Signed by the said testator Larkin Hall as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his sight and presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses at the time and place aforesaid.

Wm. W. Houser
John H. Parker
Oscar Allen
all of Lincoln Illinois.

State of Illinois, 3^d.
Logan County.

I, C. M. Knapp Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, in the State aforesaid (the said Court being a court of record and having a seal) do hereby certify that the annexed instrument in writing is a true copy of the last Will and Testament of Larkin Hall deceased, as shown and admitted to record in said Court on the third day of December A.D. 1884, as appears from the Records of said Court in my office. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Lincoln Illinois in said County this 23rd day of October A.D. 1884.

C. M. Knapp Jr.
Clerk.

State of Illinois, ss.
 Logan County, ss. At a regular term of
 the County Court of Logan County, State of
 Illinois begun and held at the Court House
 in Lincoln, in said County and State on the
 first Monday of December 1888.

Present Hon James I. Hoblit Judge
 Paul Smith Sheriff
 C. M. Knapp Clerk.

Among them the following proceedings were
 had.

County Court Record, First day December term
 1888. December 3rd 1888.

State of
 Larkin Hall Deceased.

This day comes C. A. Nicholson and
 presents to the Court an instrument in
 writing purporting to be the Last Will and
 Testament of Larkin Hall Deceased, the same
 bearing date of June 25th 1884 and attested by
 William H. Wender, John H. Parker and Oscar
 Allen. And it appearing to the Court that said
 Larkin Hall departed this life testate on or
 about the 28th day of November 1888, there-
 upon came Oscar Allen and John H. Parker two
 of said attesting witnesses and the Court
 having heard their evidence, concerning the
 execution of said instrument and being fully
 advised in the premises orders that said
 instrument be considered fully proven and
 established as and for the Last Will and
 Testament of the said Larkin Hall deceased and
 that the same be admitted to probate, filed
 and recorded. And it appearing to the Court
 that by the terms and provisions of said Will
 said Charles A. Nicholson is nominated and
 appointed Executor of said Will, and said
 Charles A. Nicholson having executed his Bond
 as such Executor in the penal sum of
 Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000⁰⁰) Dollars with Aaron
 B. Nicholson and Frank Finner as securities
 It is thereupon further ordered by the Court
 that said Bond be approved, filed and

and recorded and that said Charles A. Nicholson
 be appointed as such Executor and that letters
 Testamentary issue to him.

State of Illinois ss.
 Logan County ss. I, C. M. Knapp Clerk of the
 County Court in and for said County, in the
 state aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing to
 be a true, perfect and complete copy of the Last
 Will and Testament of Larkin Hall deceased to
 gether with the entry of Court admitting
 the same to probate.
 In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed the seal of said County Court, at
 my office in Lincoln this 18th day of July A.D.
 1890. C. M. Knapp Clerk.

State of Illinois ss.
 Logan County ss. I, James I. Hoblit Judge of
 the County Court of said County, do hereby
 certify that C. M. Knapp whose name is subscrib-
 ed to the foregoing certificate of attestation,
 now is, and was, at the time of signing and
 sealing the same, clerk of the County Court
 of Logan County aforesaid, and keeper of
 the Records and Seal thereof duly elected and
 qualified to office; that full faith and
 credit are and of right ought to be given
 to all his official acts as such, in all
 courts of record and elsewhere; and that
 his said attestation is in due form of law
 and by the proper officer.
 Given under my hand and seal this 18th day
 of July A.D. 1890.

James I. Hoblit 

State of Illinois ss.
 Logan County ss. I, C. M. Knapp, Clerk of
 the County Court in and for said County, in
 the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that
 James I. Hoblit whose genuine signature is
 appended to the foregoing certificate, was, at
 the time of signing the same Judge of the
 County Court of Logan County Illinois duly
 commissioned and qualified; that full faith
 and credit are and of right ought to be given

to all his official act as such, in all courts of record and elsewhere.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Court at my office in Lincoln this 15th day of July A.D. 1890.

C. M. Knapp
Clerk

State of Kentucky 3rd set
County of Ohio J. D. Thomas J. Smith Clerk
of this County Court for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Thomas A. Bratcher deceased, was, at the August term 1890 of the Ohio County Court, duly filed in open court and after the court being sufficiently advised, orders that the same be admitted to record as a matter of real and personal estate, Witness my hand this 6th day August 1890.

Thomas J. Smith C. C.

March the 11th 1888, Be it known to all men that I Thomas Avery Bratcher of the County of Ohio and State of Kentucky, being sound in mind and fully competent and capable to transact business intelligently and in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament, viz: I will and bequeath to my dear wife Margaret A. Bratcher all of my real and personal estate to have and to hold for her own use and benefit during her life. After the demise of my wife Margaret A. Bratcher I will to my three sons Harvey C., Joseph, James H. Bratcher the farm on which I now reside on the home farm and to my three sons Leona M., Robert A. & Charles H. Bratcher my other farm known as the Blain Matthews farm as the division of the two farms I will that they begin in the original line at the N. E. corner of my home farm, thence one tract to Westford and Wordenburg roads. I will to my two unmarried daughters Annetta M. and Margaret E. Bratcher an equal amount for each that my three married

daughters Leona A. Carby, Luella Baker, and Josephine Bratcher, received as marriage portions. I also will that at the oath of my wife that my six sons Harvey C., Joseph James, H. Leona M., Robert A. and Charles H. Bratcher pay to my five daughters Leona A. Carby, Luella Baker, Josephine Bratcher, Margaret Emma Bratcher and Annetta M. Bratcher the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be equally divided between my five daughters. I also will and appoint my wife, Margaret A. Bratcher sole executrix of this my last will and testament without any bond and security and I hereby give the court to accept her as such in testimony whereof witness my hand this day and date above written.

Thomas A. Bratcher

Attest: C. M. Knapp,
B. P. Withers.

Ohio County Court. 3rd set.
September term 1890

The foregoing last will of Thomas A. Bratcher deceased was at this term of court filed and upon the testimony of C. M. Knapp an attesting witness thereto, duly proven and ordered to be recorded which is now done accordingly.

Rowan Kullback C. C.

To all whom it may concern, I W. L. Smith in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of my approaching death being in my right mind after due consideration do this day will and bequeath to each of my brothers and sisters one dollar for the love and affection I have for them, the remainder of my estate to my wife Elton Smith.

Given under my hand this 31st day of May 1890.
W. L. Smith.

Attest: S. J. Huff & Jos. Cameron.

Ohio County Court. 3rd set.

September term 1890 The foregoing last will and testament of W. L. Smith deceased was at this term of court filed and upon the testimony of S. J. Huff & Joseph Cameron the attesting witnesses thereto was duly proven and ordered to be duly recorded which is now done accordingly.

Rowan Kullback
Clerk