

Thurs 10th day of December 1864

I William J. Black of this County and State of Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First: I desire that my three daughters, Elizabeth J. Doughty, Mary S. Secker, and Nancy B. Whittles, shall have two hundred dollars each out of my Estate any amount that either of their companions are owing me to be discounted out of the same.

Second: I desire that Mary Black my wife and Martha L. Black my daughter shall have all the balance of my Estate both real and personal to divide equally between them I wish it to be understood that Mary Black my wife is to hold her part as long as she remains my widow

And if she shall marry to another man the whole amount to be equally divided between herself and my four daughters. I desire Martha L. Black to hold her part her natural and lifetime and if she raises no heir at her decease, I desire it to be divided among my three heirs.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Martha L. Black my daughter executor and also Mary Black my wife of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and date above written

Signed sealed published and declared as and for my last will and testament of the above named William J. Black

in presence of us
James L. Black
James E. Black
Silas A. Phillips

William J. Black

State of Kentucky
Chen County Court Set

Special Term 20 March 1865

J. R. S. Mosey Clerk of the County Court for said County and State, certify that this Last Will and Testament of William J. Black Deceased was at their Term of said Court, filed and duly proven as the law prescribes in such cases by the separate oath of J. L. Black and Silas A. Phillips.

Two of the subscribing witnesses to the same being examined and approved by the Court the same is ordered to be recorded. And thereupon the said Will together with this certificate was this day duly and truly recorded in my said office. Witness my hand this 20th day of March A.D. 1865

R. S. Mosey

March the 1st 1865

In the name of God, amen, O. Elizabeth Maxwell of the County of this and State of Kentucky, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the estate which it has pleased almighty God to give me shall be disposed of after my decease while I have capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all other last wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

And first I commend my immortal being to Him who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried decently with little expense or ostentation.

And as to my worldly estate and all the property, real, personal or mixed of which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:

My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall by my Executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

Item: I give, devise, and bequeath to my son William H. Maxwell all my household and kitchen furniture and my family bills, also all amounts of money due me at the time of my decease or thereafter and my interest in the dwelling house land and its appurtenances situated in this County and State of Kentucky where I now reside.

Item: All the rest and residue of my estate personal or mixed to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I give, devise and bequeath to be equally divided to and among the heirs of my son Lewis Maxwell deceased, and my daughter Helen Maxwell heirs.

Lastly, I do nominate and appoint my said son William H. Maxwell to be the Executor of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof I the said Elizabeth Maxwell have to this my last Will and testament subscribed my name and fixed my seal this March 1st 1865.

Attest J. W. Meador.

Louisa D. Benton.

Elizabeth Maxwell

State of Kentucky
County of this

J. R. S. Mosey Clerk of the County Court within and for said County certify that this last Will and testament of Elizabeth Maxwell dec^d was this day in open Court duly proven by the oaths of J. W. Meador and Louisa D. Benton subscribing witnesses ~~to the same~~, as the law prescribes being examined and approved by the Court the same is ordered to be recorded. And thereupon said Will and this certificate was this day duly and truly recorded in my said office.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of April A.D. 1865

R. J. Mosey Clerk