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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Pendleton County

I Matthew Mullins Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that the foregoing remembrance of the will of Benjamin Rice deceased by Sarah Dougherty his widow & testator was acknowledged before me by the said Sarah Dougherty widow of & to be her acknowledged on the 6th day of July 1838. Whereupon the same with this certificate is duly recorded.

Witness my Signature as Clerk of said Court this 18th day of March 1838

Attest M. Mullins

Dated April 8th 1838

In the name of God Amen
I Benjamin Rice of the County of Pendleton and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament that is to say—
first after all my lawful debts are paid the residue of my Estate real and personal I give bequeath as follows to wit To my beloved wife Rutha Rice the land and appurtenances Situated Thence known as part of the McMillin farm lying on the waters of Chapel Creek in the County of Pendleton and State of Kentucky the said farm contains 88 acres and 1/4 and 11 M² & have as my Executors Benjamin Rice William Rowley and Robert McMillin Esq^r
Signed in the presence of

H. J. Belts

J. H. Solmes

William McMillin

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Pendleton County Court
1838 I Matthew Mullins Clerk of the County Court for said County do certify that the foregoing Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Benjamin Rice deceased was produced in Court and the same was affirmed and Read & the oath of J. H. Solmes & William McMillin the subscribing Witnesses

thereto whereupon the said writing was established as and for the last will and Testament of Benjamin Rice deceased and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done as above

M. Mullins clerk

In the name of God Amen I Rutha Rice of the County of Pendleton Kentucky being full of body but of sound mind do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby writing all other former wills by me made Strive for

I will & desire unto my beloved wife Eliza & Children all my estate real & personal except my Harrison County land for & during her natural life & widowhood

Item 2nd But at her death or upon her Marriage should she marry after my death I will & desire that such of my Estate as may be then remaining may be divided amongst my heirs then living according to the Laws of descent

Item 3rd But I will & desire that such of my Estate as may come to my daughter Elizabeth shall be improved & exclusively controlled by her & therefore do hereby will & desire the same unto her in her own separation without the division of & separate from her husband

Item 4th I will & desire that my executors hereinafter named shall sell upon such terms as they may deem advisable all my personal property except my Slaves & excepting also such other articles as my wife may desire to keep for farming purposes & the use of the family and also to sell upon such terms as they think best my Harrison County lands & should the same remain unsold at my death & out of the proceeds of the personal property & lands then sold first to pay all my just debts & then pay the surplus if any to my wife which I desire her to use at her discretion for her own use & for the support & education of my three children William Emma & Emily Colman and should I sell my Harrison County land during

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my life then I desire my executors to dispose of the proceeds thereof that may be remaining at my death or herein before directed in case the same should be sold by my executors and in either event I attain my executors or either of them — hereinafter named or any Administrator that may be appointed to carry out this my will to convey said land & deed to any person who may buy the same either before or after my death in case I should sell out and convey the same during my life

Item 5 — But I desire that none of my slaves be sold or separated from their husbands or wives I desire my slaves to be divided amongst my children & not to go out of the family.

Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife Eliza & my trusty son William H. Coleman my Executors & Associate of this my last will & Testament & desire them to employ as counsel in the management of my estate my friend W. S. Rankin Esq.

Signed in the presence of
W. S. Rankin
R. Mc Lane
W. M. Collier
mark

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 26th day of April 1858
Rankin. S. Coleman

Commonwealth of Kentucky Superior Court
Pendleton County Court 3rd 1858

I Matthew Minton Clerk of the County Court for the County of Pendleton do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William S. Coleman does was produced in Court on the day of April aforesaid and proved by the oath of R. Mc Lane and Wm. Coleman two Subscribing Witnesses thereto whereupon the same Writing was established as and for the last will and Testament of W. S. Coleman do do and Orders to be recorded which is done as above

M. Minton

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In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Best Sr of the last well known County of Pendleton and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory and considering of them the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life I do hereby make a solemn and public and disclose this my last will and Testament.

That is to say First after all of my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit. To my beloved wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath all of my estate both real and personal during her natural life as follows viz All of my personal estate and the proceeds of the farm on which I now reside which will have been paid out by my Executors and the proceeds therefrom I will have appropriated to her support and the support of her family and if there should anything remain over and above such support I will have such surplus applied to the keeping up of the repairs of the farm. And after the decease of my wife it is my will that my estate both personal and real shall be sold as follows to wit my personal estate I will have sold upon twelve months credit with approved security, my real estate I will have sold by my Executors upon two years credit. That is to say one third in hand and the remainder in two equal annual installments, and the proceeds of all of my estate both real and personal I will have equally divided among my heirs viz Robert Best, Martha Jane Best, late Martha Jane Best, Meddessa Best, late Meddessa Best, Margaret Best, late Margaret Best, Sarah Best, and William Best. There as I have also likewise I make constitute and appoint Wm. Best and Robert Best, the Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the first day of March in the year one thousand eight