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In The name of God amen I Alexander McDowell of
 Shelby County and State of Kentucky being now of sound mind and
 perfect ~~health~~ memory Calling to mind the Mortality of my
 Body and knowing that is appointed for all men one to die
 do ordain and Constitute this as my last Will and Testament
 Thenceforth invoking all former ones In the first place Recommend
 My Soul to Almighty God who gave it Nothing doubting but
 I Shall receive it again at the Resurrection by his Almighty Power
 - my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christian
 like manner at the direction of my Executors - And as to this
 world's wealth of which it has pleased God to bless me I do
 hereby will bequeath distribute and dispose of in the way and
 manner as follows First all my Just debts to be paid, to
 my beloved Wife Dorcas I bequeath and direct that she shall
 have a Comfortable ^{Maintenance} fund for her and to live and remain in the
 Mansion House without interruption during her ^{widowhood} but provided
 in the Course or Change of matters by agreement or the like she
 Cannot have the enjoyment there there must be built a House
 on some suitable Spot on that part of the place which does
 include the mansion house and place such as shall be sufficient
 for her Comfortable Accommodation and to have Comfortable
 maintenance there provided for her which provision & Maintenance
 is to be during her natural life a widowhood also that she is
 to have an Equal part in the Stock of all kinds the
 may then be which is to be equally divided between herself
 and the three daughters Catharine Elizabeth and Dorcas the
 Household furniture is to be distributed in the following same
 manner Except the bedding of which the daughter Catharine is
 to have no share or part - it is to be equally divided between
 the mother and two daughters Elizabeth and Dorcas after
 furnishing our son John with one Commendable Bed with
 furniture necessary to it I also bequeath and direct that the
 Land is to be equally divided as to quantity by a line from a North
 to South direction between our two sons James and John the
 latter one John to have that part on the East side which

is to include the mansion house where both James and John to be
responsible for all the provisions herein specified on behalf of his mother
also all Farming implements and tools of every description to be equally
divided between them the said James and John The balance
due for debt from Scott if not collected within my lifetime is to be
equally divided among the legatees above mentioned after James
being paid value for his labour done on the house also to my son
Alexander and daughter Mary Haskins Jane Mason and
Martha Ragsdale I give and bequeath ten Shillings each last
of all I hereby nominate and appoint Bland M Bellard and
Alexander Mason my whole and sole Executors to this my
last will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have set
my hand and seal this 18th day of March Anno domini 1815
Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of

Isaac Collett
Walter White
Jas Logan

The words both James & John underlined before signed

Alexander McDowell (Test)

Shelby County March Court 1817

The within last will and testament of Alexander McDowell deceased
was produced in Court ^{was by the oath of Walter White & Jas Logan subscribing Witnesses} examined
and proved and ordered to be recorded

Attest J. W. Cleveland Clerk

Ex. 2

I John F Robinson of the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky
being of full age and of sound mind do make this my last will and
Testament after the payment of all my Just debts I do leave to
my wife Polly Robinson the plantation on which I now live
with all the profits and benefits arising therefrom with the
Farming utensils I do also bequeath to her all the house hold furniture
and bedding and whatsoever properly belongs to the house except
the Clock also the Kitchen utensils together with the Loom I also
will to her two work Horses three mule Cows one head of Hogs
first Choice and six head of sheep these things I will and bequeath
to her During her natural life - Notwithstanding if my wife
Polly Robinson should marry at any future period I will that