

2" I Will to my son John L. Hardy and his heirs the one eighth part of my entire estate to be paid to him by my Executors as above directed with the additional sum of sixty dollars I am indebted to him for the ironing of a wagon and deducting therefrom the sum of one hundred dollars he has heretofore received from me.

8" I Will to my son George H. Hardy and his heirs the one eighth part of my entire estate to be paid to him by my Executors as above directed deducting therefrom the sum of seventy five dollars he has heretofore received from me.

9" I Will to my daughter Mary Ann Smith and his heirs the one eighth part of my entire estate to be paid to her by my Executors as above directed deducting therefrom the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars he has heretofore received from me.

10" I Will to my son Leonard P. Hardy and his heirs the one eighth part of my entire estate to be paid to him by my Executors as above directed deducting therefrom the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars he has heretofore received from me.

11" I Will to my grand daughter Elizabeth Ann Cotton and her heirs the one eighth part of my entire estate to be paid to her by my Executors as above directed deducting therefrom the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars he has heretofore received from me. I have also given to said Elizabeth Ann Cotton a sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executors as above directed deducting therefrom the sum of one hundred dollars he has heretofore received from me. I have also given to said Elizabeth Ann Cotton a sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executors as above directed deducting therefrom the sum of one hundred dollars he has heretofore received from me. I have also given to said Elizabeth Ann Cotton a sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executors as above directed deducting therefrom the sum of one hundred dollars he has heretofore received from me.

12" I Will to my son Edward Henry the one eighth part of my entire estate and owing to his physical and mental misfortune I direct and request my Executors to place the same in the County Court of Allegheny at the time distribution is made to my other children to be managed and secured by said Court for my said son's benefit and support during his life time and after his death, any amount of the same that may remain I direct to be, by said Court equally divided between all my above mentioned legates.

13" I Will and direct that in the event that my son George H. Hardy or some legal representative of his Children (if there be any) do not appear to receive his above specified portion at the time of distribution as aforesaid, that my Executors place the same in the hands of the said Court of Allegheny County for safe keeping, and for the benefit of my said son, or his Children, and that said Executors make proclamation of the circumstances in such newspapers as they deem proper, reasonable, and after the lapse of ten years, no writings of my said son, nor his Children be had, the said Court is directed to divide and distribute the said legacy equally between all my other

14" I Will, appoint, and constitute my friends Samuel Crawford and Andrew Fledge my Executors of this my last Will and Testament and in the event that either of them fails to act, I request my friend Wm C. Holloway to act as one of my Executors, and appoint him as such. In testimony of all the above promises I have made of my hand and affix my seal the third day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

Signed sealed and  
Geo H Hammond  
Samuel Brown  
Arthur Snijders

Allegheny County Court August Term 1860  
The last Will & Testament of John Hardy deceased was this day proved to Court for probate & was proved by oath of George H. Hammond, Arthur Snijders & Samuel Brown for subscribing Witness  
as full and true the same is ordered to be recorded  
Teste  
Lucy P. Holloway clk

I, John B. ... make my last will & testament in manner & form following to wit  
I give all my real and personal estate I give my wife Mary Bennett the one third part of my estate both real & personal for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease I give the same to my children hereafter named to be divided among them and to be enjoyed by them forever -

1" I give my son William Bennett all the land bounded as follows beginning at a stake on John Snijders line thence running in length all a spring thence to a spring well in the top of the ridge thence with the top of said ridge to the back line on the western side which boundary includes the house I now reside in and adjoining Stephen & Madison Cooks line -

2" I give my son Henry Bennett all the remaining part of my land beginning at a stake on John Snijders line and running with William Bennetts line including what is called the rock hollow -

4" It is my will and desire that my son William Bennett pay my daughter Peggy Shaw the sum of thirty five dollars and to my daughter Elizabeth S. Wright the sum of fifty dollars -

3" It is my will and desire that my son Henry Bennett pay to my daughter Mary the sum of thirty dollars and to my daughter Mary the sum of thirty dollars -

5" Do for my son John Bennett and my son Sanford

6<sup>th</sup> All the love plank on the life I give to my son William Bennett  
 7<sup>th</sup> All my personal estate I give to my four daughters to be equally divided amongst  
 Tom Lucifer, Maria, John King, Pagan, Julia, Elizabeth, Wright and Nancy King  
 the I have given to my second children before named above I give to them  
 the said executor administrators and assignors power  
 And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William Bennett executor  
 of the my last will and testament, hereby making all after as forms will  
 or testaments by the last will of mine to witness which I have signed  
 my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1800 at the City of  
 Lewis published and declared by James Bennett as and in his last will and  
 testament in the presence and hearing of  
 us who at his request and in his presence  
 have subscribed our names as witnesses  
 Stephen H. ...  
 Madam ...  
 Elias ...

Alleghany County Court October Term 1800  
 On Petition of ...  
 James Bennett  
 John ...

I Robert Skid ... of the County of Alleghany in the State of Virginia  
 being Sick of body ... desiring ...  
 and proper time to make my last will & testament hereby declaring and  
 declaring null & void all other or former wills by me heretofore made  
 In the first place it is my will and desire that my executors hereinafter  
 named do as soon as practicable after my decease pay all my just debts  
 duly authenticated - 2<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath John Hunt the sum of  
 One thousand Dollars to be paid over to him by my son James Skid  
 the surviving partner of Robert Skid's son in trade due the said firm  
 arising from the operations of said firm and pending in the County of Green  
 River so soon as the accounts due said firm may be closed - 3<sup>d</sup> I will &  
 desire that my son James Skid do collect all just debts either due  
 him or accounts due the firm of Robert Skid's son, and when the personal  
 property of every description belonging to said firm can be sold (leaving  
 the time & terms of sale at his own discretion) to see the same &  
 collect the proceeds thereof and after retaining the one half  
 of the said proceeds to pay the one half of all debts and accounts due the  
 said firm and to pay the balance of the said proceeds to my son James

One thousand above directed to John Hunt pay the residue of  
 to my executor herein after named to be paid the general fund for  
 distribution - 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will & desire that my executors do  
 soon as funds may come into their hands arising from my Estate  
 pay the Bond and open account due by me to Sally Jones and  
 in addition thereto I will and bequeath to the said Sally Jones  
 the sum of One thousand Dollars as an additional Compensation  
 for her services & bond up to me to be paid to her so soon as funds  
 may come into the hands of my executors arising from my  
 Estate - 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will & desire that my son Robert Skid  
 settle one bond all my open accounts as speedily as possible and  
 have the same over to my executors and in consideration of the  
 services hereby rendered of him as well as for services heretofore and  
 due me I will and bequeath him the sum of one thousand  
 dollars to be paid to him by my executors out of funds in their  
 hands arising from my Estate - 6<sup>th</sup> I will & desire that my  
 executors hereinafter named do sell all the Real & personal estate  
 of every description of which I may die seized (except my  
 three children named George, Betty and Ben) to the highest bidder  
 upon such terms as they may think best to procure  
 the payment of the said debts & to divide the proceeds of the  
 accounts due me to constitute a fund for general distribution  
 among my children as herein after directed - 7<sup>th</sup> I will desire  
 that my executors sell my three children above named to  
 Mr. Anne Skid's son either publicly or privately as they  
 may deem best having due regard to their comfort during their  
 old age, as it is my will that they may be sold to him & his  
 widow & that the proceeds thereof is also to go in to the general  
 fund above mentioned - 8<sup>th</sup> After the payment of all my just  
 debts and the legacies herein directed I will and bequeath to my  
 son William Skid the one fifth part thereof, to my son James  
 Skid the one fifth part thereof, to my son Robert Skid the one  
 fifth part thereof, and to my Grand daughter Maria Skid  
 the one fifth part thereof, the daughter of my deceased daughter  
 Martha the one fifth part thereof, the daughter of my deceased daughter  
 Mary M. Skid shall as each  
 learning capable use. Then and in that event the legacies  
 herein directed to her is to go to the children & heirs of my  
 daughter Betty Skid the wife of Mr. John Skid  
 and is now educating my said Grand daughter  
 do for the use & benefit that my executors  
 shall see fit to provide to give