

Endorsed Acknowledged State No. 48.
Copy of Will of Edward L. Nelson.

The name of God Amen.

Edward L. Nelson of Henrico County, State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory though in feeble health and weak in body, make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore by me made as follows that is to say:

First. I desire that my body be buried at the direction of my Executors hereinafter named. And I direct all my just debts to be paid out of my estate as soon as my death as convenient.

Second. I give and bequeath to Pamela Thomas a free woman of color a quarter section of land being 160 acres, the said land lying in the County of Arkansas, and in the County of Lawrence;

And I give and bequeath the residue of my estate, real and personal to Mary Ann Scott, a free woman of color and her children.

And I appoint William W. Quarman Executor of this my last

and testament, and desire that no security be required of him
his Qualification as such.

witness whereof I the said Edward L. Nelson have hereunto
my hand and seal this fifteenth day of October one thousand
eight hundred and fifty two.

E. L. Nelson. 

and sealed published and
acknowledged by the testator Edward

Nelson as and for his last will
and testament in the presence of

who in his presence and at
his request and in the presence of
other have hereunto subscribed
their names as witnesses

Wm. A. Bennett

James O. Bowman

Wm. A. Bennett Continued by adjournment and

held for Monroe County at the Court house on Wednesday the fourth day of June 1856. This Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Edward L. Nelson deceased, was this day produced in Court proved by the oaths of Elisha A. Burnett and Francis O. Brannan the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And William W. Deenavant the Executor named in said Will appeared in Court and refused to take upon himself the burden of the same. And on the motion of Thomas J. Deenavant who made oath thereto, according to law and together with William W. Deenavant his security (who first qualified on oath as to his sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs, which bond is ordered to be recorded, administration on the estate of the said Edward L. Nelson deceased, with the will annexed was granted the said Thomas J. Deenavant.

Teste John N. Harrison. C. J. C.

A. Cooper.