

Virginia. At a Court held for the County of Pulaski the 1st day of April 1848. The last will and Testament of David Hays deceased was presented in Court for probate proven by John B. Backeneller, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto as the act and deed of the said David Hays deceased and continued for further proof.

And at a Court held for said County the 1st day of May 1849. The last will and Testament of David Hays deceased was again presented in Court, further proven by Joseph Cooper a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Joseph Cooper one of the Executors therein named who made oath that certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form (Bond and security being dispensed with according to the request of the Testator in his will) liberty being reserved to the other Executors named in the said will to join in the probat when they shall think fit.

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Teste

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I Margaret Miller (Widow of James Miller deceased) of Pulaski County, Virginia, being now feeble and firm but of sound mind, do well and bequeath to my son "William Miller" the rights and privileges which he has enjoyed to my right of Ransom, that no one, after my death set up any claim against him for any back rents in any shape or form; Also I give (in addition to the above) all the personal property, which I purchased at the sale of my deceased husband as per bill of sale to my son William Miller, all to remain quietly in his possession as I leave it, except the old stove, my clothes and books which I give at my death to my daughter Elizabeth Rasmillion.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 27th day of March 1848.

Done in presence of the undersigned, this 27th March 1848.

James Miller

Samuel Lane

John B. Miller

Elizabeth Miller

Margaret Miller (Widow)

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the 1st day of February 1849. The last will and Testament of Mary Miller deceased was presented in Court proven by the oath of Samuel Lane and John B. Miller two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

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Teste

J. A. Lewis

James

I James Rankin of the County of Pulaski and State of Virginia Rankin do make and ordain this my last will & Testament in manner well and form as follows viz.

1st After the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Rankin all of my estate, both real & personal during her natural life, and after her decease in the manner hereafter mentioned.

2nd At the decease of my wife the said Mary Rankin it is my will and desire that all of my slaves viz: Jacob, Madison and their four children, Mary Ann, Mary, John & George and their future increase, be emancipated, and settled in some free State and for the purpose of placing the said increase in as comfortable a condition as possible I desire that at the decease of my wife Mary Rankin the whole of my lands & personal property that may be sold at her death be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, and that one third of the proceeds thereof be left in the hands of my Executors (hereafter to be appointed) to defray the expenses of removal and settlement of the said negroes, hereby directing that the residue left after such removal and defraying all the necessary expenses thereof be laid out in land by my Executors for their joint use and benefit.

3rd I give and bequeath to James W. Merrihead his heirs & the remaining two thirds of the proceeds of the said sale of my estate.

4th And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John Haddatt, Esq. a min. Prote. Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills or Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal, this 28th day of December in the year of

James Rankin (Teste)

James Rankin (Teste)

Virginia. At a Court held for the County of Pulaski the 7th day of June 1849. The last will and testament of James Rankin Decd. was presented in Court proven by the oaths of Edwin Watson, J. Fort, and A. Minchard subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And John Laddell and Thomas Fogle the persons named therein as Executors refused in open Court the Executorship thereof.

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And at a Court held for said County the 5th day of July 1849.

The last last will and Testament of James Rankin was again presented in Court, and thereupon the widow of said testator appeared in Court in person and confessed the Executorship thereof, whereupon James W. Minchard who made oath thereto, and together with A. Minchard and John W. Harey as his heirs &c. entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1000 conditioned for the said testator's certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of Administration on the estate of James Rankin Decd. in due form.

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Henry
Cook's
will

In the name of God Amen I Henry Cook of Pulaski County Va. being of perfect mind & memory and calling to mind the shortness of life do make and declare this my last will and testament, that is to say, First I give to my Beloved wife Sally Cook all the Household & Kitchen Furnitures entire to use and dispose of it during her natural life as she may think best. And out of the proceeds of the sale of my other personal property I desire the first all my just debts to be paid and the balance to be equally divided between my four daughters Lucinda, Elizabeth, Nancy and Mary and furthermore I give and bequeath my entire tract of land and plantation on which I now live, all the land that I now own to my two sons Edmund and Henry (giving to my wife her right of dower therein) to be equally divided between themselves by mutual agreement, provided that they, Edmund and

the sum of One Hundred Dollars current money of the Commonwealth. And last of all I do hereby declare and have as former will & testament made by me satisfying and confirming this my last will and testament and I appoint and constitute my wife Sally Cook and my son Alexander Cook the Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and set my seal this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord 1849.
Signed & sealed in presence of } Henry Cook (Seal)
J. B. Loebe }
John B. Brindley }

Virginia. At a Court held for the County of Pulaski the 7th day of June 1849.

The last will, and Testament of Henry Cook Decd. was presented in Court proven by the oaths of John B. Loebe and John Brindley subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And as the motions of Sally Cook and Alexander Cook the persons named therein as Executor and Executrix who having made oath thereto together with John B. Loebe and Williams Stone as their heirs &c. entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1000 with the conditions required by law certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate in due form.

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Henry In the name of God Amen I Henry Patton of the County of Pulaski and State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound mind disposing memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament (hereby revoking all former wills by me made) in manner and form following (Wit) After paying all my just debts which are but few I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Eleanor M. Patton one third part of the plantation on which I live during her natural life, which shall include the mansion house, well, barn and other buildings.
I also give and bequeath to my wife Eleanor M. Patton her choice of my two negro men Edmund and George, all my negro woman Abigail during her natural