

- I the name of God amen I John Coker being of sound
 Mind & disposing Memory & though now in declining
 Health knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make
 known & bequeath this my last will & Testament
 Thus I bequeath my soul to God who gave it & desire that my body be
 Buried in a Christian like Manner at the Discretion of my Exors
 Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Bethany Strickland
 one Negro Woman named Mary & one Negro Girl named
 Caroline about four years old & amount thereabout the 1/2 part
 of my Daughter Bethany Strickland having Prior to this time
 the use of a certain Boy named Ed & under certain Encumbrances
 the said Anne Strickland & myself agreed in our last will
 the Boy named Ed I advised to the said Anne Strickland for
 her use & maintenance & I advised to the said Anne Strickland for
 the use of my Daughter Bethany Strickland as a passage
 Item I give & bequeath unto my son George B. Coker one Negro
 named Benj & also a Negro Boy named Plunder about fourteen
 years of age to him & his heirs forever as his & his heirs
 Negro Property & further the share of one Benj & Edling to
 the said Benj & Edling Equal to my Daughter Bethany Strickland
 all of the said George B. Coker's Property to be under the last will
 my son Benjamin B. Coker in Trust for the use of my son
 George B. Coker & his heirs
 Item I give & bequeath unto my son Joel B. Coker one Negro
 named Jerry & also one Negro Girl named Sarah in the last will
 I shall have any Encumbrance the same to be under Equal to my
 Martha & one Bethany & Edling including Martha also & at
 the Death of my son Joel B. Coker the Boy named Ed be-
 long to Martha & one Bethany & Edling Equally Not subject
 to be otherwise conveyed in the said Joel's will to any other
 use of Jerry during his natural life Not subject to be
 conveyed upon a will or conveyance in any Manner whatsoever
 but at my Death the Negro Jerry the Boy named Edling
 to be become absolutely the Property of my said son Joel
 B. Coker for ever & in no Event by the said Property or
 the yearly sum or labor to go to the Payment or Discharge

to the Duty or Discharge of the said Debt I am the more
 Martha shall marry then the said John to be in and
 under the Discharge of Martha for her own benefit & if she do
 without issue then her Estate to be paid back to her own benefit
 & nothing but satisfying with Right herin before expressed
 Item 5th I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Polly McQuinn
 through her agent in deed Benjamin McQuinn the following
 Property one Negro woman named Mary & one by the Name of
 Susan & her Child Jasper about twenty years old for & during
 her Natural Life & here to be in & become the Property of
 her Children & their heirs but the above Property in no Event
 under no Circumstances to be subject to the Duty or Discharge
 of her husband Thomas McQuinn & before the
 above Legacy shall be of him Provided my Executors
 shall give unto Thomas McQuinn a certain Note of
 hand that I have paid against him for many years
 which I consider Request to make my Daughter Polly
 McQuinn, Partner with my other Children

Item 5th I give & bequeath unto my Son Benjamin W. Lusk
 the following Property one Negro Girl named Mariah which
 on other but named My Son Benjamin Dusk & one Grant
 of land situated lying & being in said County on the West
 of said bank containing two Hundred & forty acres more
 or less being the Grant I purchased from John A. Bailey
 & which is more particularly mentioned & described in said
 Bailey's Deed to me

Item 6th I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Smith the follow-
 ing Property one Negro Boy Jasper which she has had in Pos-
 session for some time with three Hundred & fifty Dollars at
 my date when I am no more & one Quarter of said
 John Smith some years ago which in Place of gift to my
 Children they for I consider him Repaid with the Price
 to Mr. White & Dorey of that all the common and ballance
 & Equine of my Estate both Real & Personal of all kind
 whatever be by my Executors sold at Public Auction &
 the Price & thereof Equally divided between my Children
 David, my Son John & my Daughter Mary Smith

to each of them I have given hereof as much as I think
 they are entitled out of my Estate & if any of my Children
 David John & Mary shall Depart this life before me
 then I desire their Children if any to have the share then
 I have given to them & further it is my Desire & Wish
 that all the Income of the Negro hereby bequeathed
 may be paid before my Death shall be in the same
 way & to the same Person as when I have Deceased them nothing
 from & I hereby nominate & appoint my Son Benjamin W. Lusk and
 my friend Noah W. Pittman the Executors to this my
 last will & Testament written on this 4th day of the month
 of May 1846 of this estate hereby appointing & declaring as
 the will in Discharge of my Estate
 signed sealed & Published by the said John Lusk on in our
 Presence & we signed the same as witnesses in his Presence
 & in the Presence of each other this 4th day of October 1846
 David & Mary Smith
 Archibald Moon
 James B. White
 John Lusk (Seal)

Witness
 Jackson County, Mo. & James B. White who being duly
 sworn depose that they saw John Lusk the
 Testator sign the within will & that they witnessed the
 same as before said at the Request & in the Presence of the
 Testator & each of them & that they believe he was at the time
 of sound mind & disposing memory
 Shown to & signed in open Court
 this 18th January 1846
 Archibald Moon
 James B. White
 John B. Pittman & Co.
 David B. January 1846
 John B. Pittman & Co.