

July Septem 1860.

12th I William Rankin of the County of Calaveras and State of California, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

I wish that my executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all of funeral expenses together with my just debts hereunto and to all those owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as to part a parcel of my estate then I do give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Rankin a certain tract of land known as the Green land, lying in the County of Siskiyou having lands with the Adams the Campbell and the Cronin &c containing one hundred and twenty nine acres to have and to hold during her natural life. I also give to my said wife one Negro boy by the name of Harriet and one Negro girl by the name of Susan during her natural life and as much of the stock of my herd and provisions of my kind, as the way then the meat, one Hogg and geese and the farming tools also all the house hold and kitchen furniture as it is that I may give to one of my daughters and fifty dollars in cash. Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah S. Rankin in her life by Thomas and one boy by the name of Francis and one girl by the name of Amanda and five hundred dollars in cash and one bed and furniture and as much bed clothing as she may desire to be hers. Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah S. Rankin one hundred dollars in cash and one Negro boy by the name of Albert, one girl by the name of Martha and one girl by the name of Caroline one bed and furniture and all the bed clothing that she may desire to be hers. Then I give and bequeath to my three daughters viz Sarah S. Rankin and Susan S. Rankin and Hannah S. Rankin to have and their heirs forever a certain tract of Land known as the Green land lying in the County of Siskiyou State of Minn. adjoining land with Susan McLaughlin Rankins and their except the life estate of my wife Mary Rankin to be theirs in equal proportion. Then I give to my daughter one Negro boy by the name of Joseph, then I give and devise is, that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the debts I desire above mentioned, shall be sold and the proceeds to be collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in an equal proportion to share and to share alike, by will and devise is also the bequest to my wife Mary is to be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided among all of my children to share and share alike and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Mr. Lawrence my lawyer executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby reading and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in respect whereof I the said William Rankin do hereby set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of October 1858.

tract of Land lying in the County of Siskiyou whereon she now lives adjoining lands with Joe Moore and others containing about 300 acres which I have made her a deed of gift I value she same to her at five hundred dollars. Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret E. get two hundred and ninety five dollars more in cash which will make one thousand dollars. I also give her one Negro girl named Sally which she has recd. in gift by the name Lila and one boy by the name of James and one boy child not named sucking child son of John Stem. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rhoda H. McIsland five hundred dollars in cash which she has recd. one horse, one cow and calf, one barrel, castings, copperware, ware, coffee pot, tinware, knobby, tinware, iron, wheel, wheel, set of harness & forks, which she has recd. I value the same to her at eighty five dollars. I will that Rhoda get four hundred and twenty two dollars more which will make one thousand & also give Rhoda one Negro girl by the name of Lucinda one boy by the name of Moses, one boy by the name of Benjamin Stem. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan S. Rankin one five hundred dollars in cash and one boy by the name of Aaron, one boy by the name of Sidney, and one boy by the name of Lewis, and one girl by the name of Elizabeth bed and furniture, and as much bed clothing as she may desire to be hers. Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine C. Rankin five hundred dollars in cash and one Negro boy by the name of Albert, one girl by the name of Martha, and one girl by the name of Caroline one bed and furniture and all the bed clothing that she may desire to be hers. Then I give and bequeath to my three daughters viz Sarah S. Rankin and Susan S. Rankin and Hannah S. Rankin to have and their heirs forever a certain tract of Land known as the Green land lying in the County of Siskiyou State of Minn. adjoining land with Susan McLaughlin Rankins and their except the life estate of my wife Mary Rankin to be theirs in equal proportion. Then I give to my daughter one Negro boy by the name of Joseph, then I give and devise is, that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the debts I desire above mentioned, shall be sold and the proceeds to be collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in an equal proportion to share and to share alike, by will and devise is also the bequest to my wife Mary is to be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided among all of my children to share and share alike and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Mr. Lawrence my lawyer executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby reading and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in respect whereof I the said William Rankin do hereby set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of October 1858.

July 29th 1860.

120 William Roulston of the County of Calaveras and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, to make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say

First, that my executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all of funeral expenses together with my just debts hereunto and to whatsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as to part or parcel of my estates here and I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Roulston a certain tract of land known as the Green Land, lying in the County of Seabolt, adjoining lands with the heirs of M. Campbell and Th. St. Crockett, it containing one hundred and seventy nine acres to have and to hold during her natural life, I also give to my said wife one Negro boy by the name of Susan, and one Negro girl by the name of Mary during her natural life and as much of the stock of my kind and provisions of my kind, as the way think she needs, one Wagon and yoking and the farming tools, also all the house hold and kitchen furniture, as to some that I may give to one of my daughters and fifty dollars in cash. Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah S. Roulston in one boy by Thomas and one boy by the name of Francis and one girl by the name of Amanda and five hundred dollars in cash and one bed and furniture and as much bed clothing as she may deem to be hers Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet C. Roulston six hundred dollars in cash that she has recd also one Mare, one Cow and calf, one Squirrel one bed, castings, deeper ware, set of knives, and forks, one spinning wheel which she has recd I value the same to her at one hundred and sixteen dollars, I will that Harriet C. Roulston get two hundred and eighty five more in cash which will make one thousand dollars, I also give Harriet one Negro girl by the name of Ann and her child that she has had since that Harriet have her also one boy by the name of Moses which she has recd, and one boy by the name of Harvee. Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret E. Roulston one hundred and twenty dollars in cash which she has recd one Mare, one Cow and calf which she has recd I value the same to her at fifty five dollars and also give and devise to her a certain

Tract of Land lying in the County of Shelby whereon she now lives adjoining lands with Lee Moore and others containing about 905 acres which I have made her a deed of gift & value the same to her at five hundred dollars. I also that Margaret to get two hundred and sixty six dollars more in cash which will make one thousand dollars. I also give her one negro girl named Mary which she has recd one girl by the name Lile and one boy by the name of James and one boy child not named sucking child son of Giles. I then 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Rhoda H. McDaniel five hundred dollars in cash which she has recd, one horse, one cow and calf, one bureau, chest, cupboard, wall, coffee pot, tub, pan, bucket, something iron, Wheel, heel, set knives & forks, which she has recd. I value the same to her at ~~seventy~~ eight dollars. I will that Rhoda get four hundred and twenty two dollars more which will make one thousand. I also give Rhoda one negro girl by the name of Lucinda one boy by the name of Malcom, one boy by the name of Linkeney. I then 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan S. Hankins five hundred dollars in cash and one negro boy by the name of Lison, one boy by the name of Lincey, and one boy by the name of Lewis, and one girl by the name of Elizabeth bed and furniture, and as much bed clothing as she may claim to be hers. I then 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine C. Hankins five hundred dollars in cash, and one negro boy by the name of Albert, one girl by the name of Ruth, and one girl by the name of Caroline, one bed and furniture and all the bed clothing ^{that} she may claim to be hers. I then 9th I give and bequeath to my three daughters Mary, Sarah & Hankins, and Susan S. Hankins and Catharine C. Hankins to have and their heirs forever a certain Tract of Land known as the main tract lying in the County of Shelby State of Mo. adjoining land with Gibson, McDaniel, Landins and others except the life estate of my wife Mary Hankins to be theirs in equal proportion. I then 10th I give to Wm. Hankins & Daniel one negro boy by the name of Joseph. I then 11th by will and desire is, that all the residue of my estate if ever after taking out the debts legacies above mentioned, shall be sold and the debt owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payments of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in an equal proportion to share and to share alike. If will and desire is also the bequest to my wife Mary is to be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided among all of my children to share and share alike and I hereby do hereby constitute and appoint my friend J. M. Lawrence my lawyer and attorney to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said William Hankins do hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of October 1826.

signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said John Edwards to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us as at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Amos L. Davis (Witness) Wm. Rankin (Seal)
O. J. Lawrence

121 I John Edwards of the County of Catahwa and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, first that my Executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my family and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, dues and expenses owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands, as a first parcel of my estate, if I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy during her natural life, the first purchase of my land vizt hundred and five acres of land including all the improvements on the same also thirty five acres of land lying the above named lands on the west side Chilly wood land, also my Negro woman named Ebe and Negro boy named one Willd Cow, one grey horse, one barrel wagon and gentle six head of sheep, her clothes, one cow and her pigs and five larger hogs, her advice, my range, chills, two beds and furniture all the kitchen furniture, bedstead and chairs sets tables & one chest, six chairs, one wheel & cards one iron pot & one also one & a half sufficient to do her and her family twice a week, also sugar and coffee salt, paper & spice & ginger, two flannels, two beds, bay bark, Sealish, two shoes, one sheet, washstand, two water pails, White Dishes one iron tooth, Harrow, fifty pounds of Irish Cotton, also a reasonable portion of sweet & Irish potatoes, and I will and devise, to my children as follows, and I will to my daughter Sally, behead, and her bodily heirs one Negro girl named Jane, & I will to my son Harbert Edwards one Negro boy named Tim, & I will to my son Lewis Edwards one Negro boy named George, & I will to my son Miles Edwards one Negro girl named Elizabeth & I will to my son Jacob Edwards one Negro girl named Nancy & I will to my daughter Emory Edwards one Negro girl named Martha & I will to my son Ray Edwards one Negro boy named Thomas. I also will to my two sons Lewis Edwards & Ray Edwards at the decease of my wife Nancy the two Negroes will take during her life Lewis to get Caroline & her increase if any from this date and Ray to have the Negro boy named Albert, & his two Negroes Caroline

& Albert to be valued by these Disinterested persons, and the valuations to be equally divided between my five sons that is to say Harbert, Jacob, Lewis, Miles and Ray Edwards. & I will to my son John Edwards I do devise his bodily heirs Two Hundred Dollars, & I will to my Ephraim Edwards Two Hundred Dollars, & I will to my son Eliza Edwards I do devise to his bodily heirs one Hundred Dollars also one Hundred Dollars which I agreed to pay for expenses in bringing the widow & children to W Carolina, the last named Hundred Dollars to go to the heirs and to take the above named Two Hundred Dollars, I with my Executors to sell the following Described Land at public and sale, all the land lying on the East side of the old Church Road, joining Wilsons, General's tract each of my sons I have give a horse (beast) therefore, I also will to each of my sons Jacob, Lewis, Miles, and Ray, one bed and furniture also to my daughter Emory one (beast) & furniture. I also will to my sons Harbert Edwards & Jacob, Edwards Lewis, Edwards, Ephraim Edwards, Thomas Edwards, and Ray also my daughter Emory Edwards, all my lands & Town to not otherwise disposed of to be equally divided among my last named six sons and my daughter Emory, and after the death of my wife Nancy the land I leave for her to be equally divided among the seven heirs as the other lands, share & share alike and the property not disposed of I wish sold at public sale, and the proceeds to pay my debts and what he will, farther it is my wish and desire that my Executors see to my wives business, willing getting wood laying in and especially take care of their mother and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Lewis Edwards, Ray Edwards, my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & my part thereof, Revoking & declaring all other wills void in witness whereof I the said John Edwards do hereby set my hand & seal this 20th Day of June 1860. Signed sealed published & Declared by the said John Edwards to be his last will & testament in presence of us by his request do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. John Edwards

J. H. Sanford
David R. Whitman

John Edwards (Seal)