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Last Will & Testament of Mat Common (Colored)

I Mat Common (Colored man) living in bad health but ~~in~~ could  
in mind and memory do make and ordain this paper writing  
and this only as my last Will and Testament

Now first I will all my property of any description to my wife  
Fannie to dispose of as she may see proper, with the exception  
of my Gray filly now three years old which I gave to  
my son Peter, with this reservation - the first colt she may  
have is to go to my son Talor if he should be a live  
at the time second colt the said Gray filly may  
have is to go my son Henderson if he should be  
a live at the time

It is my request Will that all my Children who are  
unmarried should live with my wife Fannie at  
Least until they marry, and work for her and  
help support her as long as they may live and obey  
her in all things, I want all my Children to be  
sober honest and industrious and obey the  
laws of the State and the rules of society in any  
particular for in so doing they will be  
intitled to the respects of all good persons  
of what ever race or color

My hand and seal this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1866

attest  
P. H. A. Love  
M. H. Love

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Mat Common (Colored)  
mark

Certified M. W. Medford att