

It is known that I Whorem & Brinson having been sick several weeks & continuing unwell do hereby on the twentieth day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty five make this my only will. That all my negroes except Eliza shall be sold at the Court House in Trenton Jones County during Court time after giving forty days public notice on a credit of twelve months giving good notes bearing interest from the date thereof. All my Stock & Crop shall be sold as soon after my death as they can be on a credit of six months for good notes bearing interest from date thereof. My Administrator shall sell one third of 500 Acres of Land lying in Jones County & known as the Spright or Hasket lands, The Green Hill farm shall be wrented untill it can be sold at Five thousand dollars. My administrator may sell at any time two lots of $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres for from 2 to 4 hundred dollars each. The Little Hill lands may be wrented the timber off for one fourth of the money the timber sells for, or may be sold if ten thousand dollars can be got for it. All my lots in Newbern may be sold at public sale after forty days notice. All my lands in Craven County may be sold, except the Lindero place and the lands I had of my fathers estate. any lands I may have in any other Counties may be sold by my administrator either at public or private sale.

Further it is my will & desire that my Woman servant Eliza be sent to some free State & let free, and as soon as money can be collected she be paid one thousand dollars out of my estate.

It is my will & desire that Amos & Brinson be appointed Guardian for John Ammon son of Maniah who now lies on one of my lots in Newbern, and that the sum of six thousand dollars in notes or interest be paid into the hands of said Guardian for the said John Ammon son of Maniah, and that said Guardian shall expend the interest of the said sum of six thousand dollars yearly if necessary in the board, clothing & schooling of the said John Ammon son of Maniah until the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven at which time he will be free according to law, and at which time the said Guardian shall if the said John Ammon son of Maniah shall be living pay over to him the said John Ammon the six thousand dollars in Cash or good notes: It would be to me desirable that the said John Ammon son of Maniah should be sent to the State of Ohio to be schooled, and that his mother go with him and that my administrator pay their passage there and her board there out of any money of mine in his hands after paying my just debts.

Further I give unto said John Ammon son of Maniah the Lindero place near Newbern to be kept until he be paid by his said Guardian untill he shall be free: Now if the said John Ammon son of Maniah should die without lawful heirs of his body I mean lawful child or children, then it is my will & desire that all the six thousand dollars & the Lindero place shall go to my brothers & sisters & their children, all as it would be according to law.

Further it is my will & desire that all the lands I had of my fathers Estate except 100 Acres deeded to David B Brinson shall be the property of the Children of John S Brinson in esse at my death, reserving to said John S Brinson the use & benefit of the said lands all his lifetime: It is further my will & desire that my administrator do furnish said John S Brinson yearly during his administratorship with one hundred dollars either in money or provisions out of any money of mine in his hands.

My administrator shall have five years to close all the business which he may be to do notwithstanding he shall immediately pay the expense of sending Eliza to some free State I prefer Ohio, if she should choose, and pay her one thousand dollars, or if it should be more convenient to said administrator he may pay her in installments of two hundred dollars yearly for five years including interest at the rate of six per cent.

The said Administrator shall pay over to the Guardian of the said John Ammon son of Maniah immediately such sums as he may require for the comfortable feeding & clothing & schooling of the said John Ammon son of Maniah, and which if it would be more convenient for said Administrator, he may pay the six thousand dollars in installments

of ten thousand dollars yearly for three years with interest at the rate of six per cent, and after my estate shall have been fully administered and all the legacies paid over to the proper legates or their proper representatives, and at the close of five years or earlier if he may think proper he shall distribute the balance of my estate according to law.

Any legacies to any of my lawful heirs shall be conceded as advances from my estate, as well as the due for 100 acres to David B. Brinson.

It is my will & desire that my administrator pay to the Guardian of John Amos son of Maiah Five hundred dollars as a full satisfaction for his trouble managing the legacies & faithfully buying clothing & schooling the said John son of Maiah.

And it is my will & desire that my administrator receive & retain to himself for a full compensation for his services five hundred dollars.

Signed sealed & packed amongst my valuable papers this 20th day of November A.D. 1855.

W. C. Brinson

(Seal)

A paper writing without subscribing witnessed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Abram Brinson deceased is exhibited for probate in Open Court by James M. Brinson one of the legates in said Will, And it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Abram H. Brinson and Albert S. Hallard that the said Will was found among the valuable papers of the said Abram Brinson after his death. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses to wit, William T. Cook, Charles Crook and George Jones that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Abram Brinson having often seen him write, and truly believe that the name of the said Abram Brinson subscribed to said Will, and the said Will itself and every part thereof are in the hand writing of the said Abram Brinson deceased.

And it is further proved by the ~~same~~ evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Abram Brinson deceased. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last Will and of the said Abram Brinson deceased. And that the same is ordered to be registered and filed.

And on Motion Ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the said Abram Brinson deceased be granted to James M. Brinson, And that he take into bond in the sum of twenty five thousand dollars with Samuel Brinson, David B. Brinson, Daniel H. Brinson, Mary L. Brinson & Abram H. Brinson as his sureties. It appearing to the Court by the testimony of the witnesses that the bond is good, Bond given and the Administrator qualified according to law.

Wm. C. Crook Clerk

True Copy of the Original Will & probate
file in Office October Term 1856

Wm. C. Crook Clerk