

the Court that said will be recorded as the Law directs.
 Witness Sherrod Williams Clerk of said Court at office November 1st
 1847
 Sherrod Williams Cl.
 By John Fryzele D^r

Having Estate In the name of God Amen, I Having Estate of the County of
 Shire Transcend & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory
 do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.
 hereby revoking all other wills by me made: Item my will
 is that my Estate both real and personal after the payment
 of all my just debts be equally divided among all my
 Children to wit Rebecca Platter Elizabeth Brame Jifford Estelle
 Elizabeth Jane Estelle John Willis Estelle Henry Lewis Estelle Isaac
 Estelle Nathaniel Estelle James Knight Estelle Sam Houston
 Estelle and my beloved wife Nancy Estelle shone & shone alone and
 should my wife Nancy decessit from this provision of my
 will that my will is that such part of my estate as
 she may be entitled to by Law and by descent from my
 will may obtain over and above all child's part thereof is to
 be deducted from the share of my children of which she
 is the mother & that my other children receive as though she
 were to acquiesce in the provisions of my will. Item
 my will is that all my negroes except Peter and Lucy be
 placed upon my slave fields & tract of land to him and
 occupy the same for twenty years under the direction
 and control of my Executor & paying annually of the profits
 of their labor to the use of my estate in the hands of
 my Executor may deem reasonable & shall direct with
 the advice and consent of my representatives hereafter to be
 mentioned and at the end of the said twenty years all of
 said negroes & their children to be hereafter born are to
 be free and are to have the said tract of land absolutely
 as their property should the Laws of the Country permit
 this provision of my will to take effect & should the
 Laws and customs then to be free and remain in the Country
 then my will is that my Executor continue to manage and
 superintend them as before provided but they are to have
 the entire profits of their labor except so much as my
 Executor may be entitled to as compensation for his trouble
 & for the payment of their taxes & the taxes of the land which
 amount is to be designated by my representatives or a
 majority of them Item my will is that my negro man Peter
 be hired out to work at his trade for twelve years & that
 my death the proceeds of his hire to go into my estate but
 at the end of said twelve years my will is that he be subject
 to all the profits & that I have conferred on my other negroes
 I also direct that come he taker to hire Peter to husband

masters and that she be clothed by my Executor in a style of
 greater comfort and decency than bond negroes usually enjoy
 I think my will is that my wife Nancy be permitted to take my
 negro woman Lucy who in case of a reason able price to be
 paid by my Executor with the advice of my representatives as
 a part of her share of my Estate if she may choose to do so but
 if she should refuse to receive said negro woman and increase
 as above then my will is that said negro Lucy be placed
 on the slave fields to act with the other negroes & subject to
 all the rules & stipulations herein specified as to them. I think
 my will is that should the Laws of the Country permit
 all my young negroes be instructed so as to be able to
 read the Holy Scriptures by which alone men are instructed
 how to live justly and happy in this life and to be prepared
 for the life to come And to this end I desire that my Executor
 shall inculcate and enforce upon them any observance of the
 Sabbath And that on that day they be enjoined when summoned
 to speak in the public worship of almighty God I think
 my Executor is hereby authorized to give a reasonable
 compensation for instructing said negroes to read either
 to such of my children as may be willing of Saturday &
 Sunday to teach them, or to such other person as he may
 find it convenient to employ I think my will is that should
 any of my negroes prove quarrelsome or refractory so that
 they will not live at peace with the other negroes nor
 quietly submit to the control of my Executor they are to be
 put to death as may these misdeeds are to be paid out by
 my Executor from year to year as a punishment upon
 them and as a means of their reformation as well as a
 warning to the others and that my Executor may take
 such refractory negroes out of said place whenever
 in his judgment that there shall be need of reformation
 as well as future good conduct my wish is that
 my Executor frequently as is known to be negroes this
 provision of my will I think my will is that my Executor
 give for the support of poor & pious ministers of the Gospel to
 the amount of fifteen dollars per annum for the space of twenty
 years my wish is that in bestowing this sum he disregard
 the name or sect to which any minister may belong but that
 it be given in the view of his Ecclesiastical duty & his
 devotion to his sacred calling I think I hereby appoint my
 friend Algernon Sydney Porter sole Executor of this my will
 and I appoint my friends Nathaniel Brown Benjamin Dyer
 Peter & Richard David Richard M. J. Allen Richard my
 representatives to advise my Executor in all the matters here-
 in before specified, to settle the account of Compensation how
 he shall receive for his trouble & to decide any disputes
 that may arise in relation to my Estate which decision

shall be final in case of the death removal or refusal to act of
my said Executor my wish is that the Gentlemen who may at
my death be judges of the Supreme Court of this State shall
designate a fit person to a chain the execution of this my
will who in person so designated I appoint to carry into
provision into effect in testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 10th October
AD 1827 *W Kestell Jr.* (Seal)

Signed sealed published in presence
of us

Nathan Green Algernon D Porter

State of Tennessee 3 County Court December Term 1847
Transcript County } Then the last will & Testament of Walter
Kestell Jr died was produced in open court
for probate and thereupon came Nathan Green one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto who being duly sworn deposes & says that
he was personally acquainted with the Testator that he was
of sound mind & disposing memory at the time of signing
the same that he signed and acknowledged the same in
his presence to be his last will & Testament and that he
witnessed his name as a witness thereto at the request
and in the presence of the Testator & that he further that
Algernon D Porter the other subscribing witnesses it is said
that he understood that the signature Algernon D Porter
is said that he believes to be in said Porter's own hand
writing & thereupon it was ordered by the Court that said
will be recorded as the law directs. Testimony of Nathan
Williams Clerk of said Court at office Dec 4th 1847
Sherrod Williams Clerk
Ray John Frezelle D.C.

Special Agent. I Kiziah Muse do make and publish this as my last will and
will Testament be one revoking and making void all other wills
by me at any time made. First I give to my funeral expenses
and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible
out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may hereafter
come into the hands of Executors &c. Secondly I give my last will
to my Loving husband Thomas Muse all my moneys and
personal effects that was left by my Father to me with one
during his Natural life & that it is my wish that Thomas
Muse my husband be his own agent to draw all of my effects
out of my Brother Abner Lescater's hands in witness whereof
I do to this my will set my hand & seal this 17th day of
November 1847 *Kiziah Muse* (Seal)
Signed sealed & published in our presence & we have subscribed our
names hereunto in the presence of the Testator this 17th day of November 1847
John F. L. Clerk