

In the name of God Amen.

I James Grant of the County of Lincoln and State of Indiana being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God. But knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament revoking and revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

Item I will and bequeath that all my just debts be immediately paid and discharged.

Item I will and bequeath to my daughters Nancy Russell and Charlotte Merrill the tract of land wherein I live together with the tract of land adjoining the same to be equally divided between them in such manner that an equal portion or as near as can be equal portions of the bottom land be given to each one, giving to my daughter Charlotte the half wherein the house I now live in stands and I will that after my decease the land be divided and the portion ~~attested~~ being allotted to my daughter Nancy Russell be sold on a credit of one two and three years and the proceeds of the sale of the land to go to the benefit of my daughter Nancy.

Item To my daughter Nancy Russell I give and bequeath a negro girl now in her possession named Cynthia also my small bureau two beds and two bedsteads and furniture five chairs, one hundred dollars in cash to be paid to her by my executor out of the proceeds of the sale of such property as will be sold.

Item To my daughter Charlotte I give and bequeath my negro girl Sarah also two beds and furniture also including the bedsteads the said beds being the same that was made for Charlotte and her brother Alex also two milch cows and calves to be of her own choosing out of my stock also my young sorrel mare, also my long and all the harness belonging to the same also my spinning wheels and the balance of my household and kitchen furniture, Nancy Russell to be paid eighty dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of the perishable property to compensate her for one half of the cupboard.

Item To my grandson James Franklin the son of my daughter Charlotte I give and bequeath one bed & bedstead and furniture to remain in their possession of his mother until he becomes of age or shall require or a time of the same. Also will and bequeath to him my Negro boy

Miller to be hired out by my executor yearly and a sufficient amount of the proceeds of it is to be appropriate to the boarding of him until he becomes of age when the balance if any will be paid over to him and together with the boy become his property.

Item It is my will and wish after my decease my negro man George and his wife May be put up together and valued and not to be separated under any circumstances and also my negro girl Mary to be valued likewise by two disinterested men and my daughters draw lots for choice.

Item Give and bequeath the negro property that may fail to the lot of Nancy Russell to be her own personal property during her natural life.

Item My daughter Charlotte to have my Clock as her own property.

I also bequeath that all my perishable property not otherwise disposed of that is to say my horses cattle and farming utensils be left agreeable to the laws of our state and that the proceeds of the same be equally divided between my two daughters viz Nancy Russell and Charlotte Merrill by my executor.

I constitute and appoint Benjamin Whitaker and Josiah McCracken my sole executors to this my last will and testament which I have signed sealed and published on the 19th of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

In presence of

James ^{his mark} Grant
Jos. McCracken, R. B. Malone, Josiah McCracken mark,

Given at the May Term 1841 of the Lincoln County Court
Recorded May 5th 1841

Elijah Abbott's Last will and testament
In the name of God Amen. I Elijah Abbott of the County of Pinckard and State of Indiana being weak in body but through the mercies of God of sound mind and memory do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament revoking all others that is to say.

First It is my will and desire that all my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as may be practicable out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my nephews John Crawford & Abram

leaving son of Elias Crawford of Randolph County North Carolina
and to Elizabeth Russell wife of Rawson Russell of the same County
and State aforesaid I give to each them each one hundred dollars
to be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned

Thirdly It is my will and desire that the remainder of my Estate
both real & personal with the exception before and after mentioned
be equally divided between the following persons that is my step
daughter Arnold widow of Daniel Arnold and to my brother Elias
Crawford and to the children of my deceased niece Elizabeth
Taylor all of North Carolina that I give one third of my estate
with the exceptions before mentioned to Sally Arnold, one third to
my brother Elias Crawford and the remaining third to the children
of my deceased niece Elizabeth Taylor

Fourthly It is my will and desire that Sally Arnold in addition
to the one third of my estate should have one bed, bedding & furni-
ture, but if she should prefer the proceeds of said bed & furniture
she must direct my executor to sell the same for her benefit and
account to her for the proceeds thereof

Fifthly It is my will and desire that the whole of my personal
estate be sold excepting that part of the same disposed of other-
wise and also excepting my negro man Jim be sold by my executor
in a twelve months credit and the proceeds thereof applied to
the uses and purposes above mentioned

Sixthly It is my will and desire that at my death should my
young negro man Jim be then alive that he should have two
horses bridle the choice of my stock and that my executor shall dis-
pense said negro Jim set apart a small portion of the farming
land for him to attend and make his own support during his
life time and further to see that he is reasonably supplied out of the
net profits of said land and at my death that my said Executor
shall rent yearly the balance of my farm for and during the lifetime
of said negro Jim and at his death to sell and dispose of said streets
of land to the best advantage and apply the proceeds thereof as well as rents
as before stated.

Seventhly I hereby constitute and appoint my neighbor & friend Abram Dancy
my executor to this my last will & testament I have recited setting his hand and seal this 28th day of March 1844
and I publish the premises of me Joseph Clarke
John McHenry Joseph Clarke
Elizabth M. Atkinson (s) A
Signed at the town of 1844, at the 2d C.C. month

Philip Job's Last Will

I Philip Job of the state of Tennessee and County of Lincoln
being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make
and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills or testaments by me hitherto made
First I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any
money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the
hands of my executors

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Alice the
use occupation and enjoyment of my tract of land which we
own together with all other property I may die possessed
of except such property as is otherwise bequeathed all of which
property I wish her to have during her natural life aforesaid

Thirdly My will and desire is that not one of my children
shall have more of my effects than another and for remedy where
I have given unto my son Benjamin six hundred dollars, a
feather bed and covering as his portion of my estate until
after my wife's death

Fourthly I have given unto my son John six hundred
dollars and when he marries, he is to have a feather bed
and covering

Fifthly I have given unto my son Enoch six hundred
dollars and when he goes to take keeping is to have a
feather bed and covering

Sixthly My will and desire is that my following minor heirs
viz. Nancy, Amy, Rebecca, Daniel and Morgan as they be-
come of age lawfully agw or marry have each of them six
hundred dollars including a horse, saddle and bridle and
blanket valued to them at a fair valuation and a feather
bed and furniture each

Seventhly My will and desire is that if there should be any
property that my wife will not immediately need or should not
be considered by my executors as needfull to be kept in the
estate it may be sold on a twelve months credit and the
money thus arising to be appropriated to the use, benefit