

be it this the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty one

Robert Mainston

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named Robert Mainston to be his last will and testament in the presence of as who have herunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of this Testator

J. F. Neale

Robert Jackson

J. H. Davis

The State of Mississippi

Marshall County

Probate Court October Term 1841

This last will and testament of Robert Mainston late of said County Decd was this day exhibited and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of J. F. Neale and Robert Jackson two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office the 25th day of October 1841

Conductus Waite Clerk

The State of Mississippi

Marshall County

I Conductus Waite Clerk of the Probate Court of said County hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true and perfect transcript from the records of my office of the last will and testament of Robert Mainston Decd and the Probate thereof in our said Court Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office the 24th day of November A.D. 1841

Conductus Waite Clerk

The State of Mississippi

Marshall County

I Jesse Sevelin Judge of the Probate Court of said County State do hereby Certify that Conductus Waite whose signature is annexed to this foregoing Certificate is and was at the date thereof Clerk of the said Court, that full faith & credit are due to his official acts & that his Certificate & attestation are in due form of law.

Given under my hand & seal this 18th January 1842

Jesse Sevelin

Admitted to record by the Lincoln County Court February Term 1842.

William Collins Last Will

I William Collins of the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee having attained to advanced age and knowing that I am entitled for all men to die, and being by the blessing of God of sound mind and memory do make, ordain, publish and declare this my last will and testament in form following that is to say

First It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter mentioned out of any moneys on hand, or may first come into their hands

2^d I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Catharine Collins for and during her natural life or widowhood the use of my home plantation or so much thereof as may be within the following bounds- Beginning at Jacob Wrights fence on my west boundary line running thence East with the cross fence near the branch, thence a Southern direction and eastward with the meanders of said fence including the South eastern field and to the east boundary line of my land thence North with the various meanders of said line to my North East corner thence west with the line of the same to the South west corner of a tract of land belonging to the heirs of John Robbin thence running a Southwestern direction to Jacob Wrights land and with his and my fence to the beginning, with the further privilege of timber out side of said bounds to keep up the fencing of the same. I also give to my dear wife Catharine during her natural lifetime or widowhood the use of three negro Slaves to wit, Yvonne, Henry and a negro woman Sally, also the use as aforesaid her two choice horses, also three cows and calves, the choice of my stock, also the one fifth part of my stock of hogs, I also give upon the terms aforesaid when those of all my house hold and kitchen furniture together with the whole of my farming tools of every description, also twenty bushels of wheat, also twenty barrels of corn and two stons of beer and three of oxen

3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Collins my negro girl Adeline and at the death of my daughter Nancy Collins It is my will and desire for her son Robert C. Collins to have the

- 4th I give and bequeath to my son Wright P. Collins my negro boy Althustoney aged 7 or 8 years
- 5th I give and bequeath to my son Samuel D. Collins my negro boy Lloyd about 5 or 6 years of age
- 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Missouri Ann Collins my negro girl Lame aged 8 or 9 years
- 7th I give and bequeath to my son Alexander P. Collins my negro boy Daniel aged about two years also to the same my silver watch
- 8th I give and bequeath to my Grand son Robert T. Collins the proceeds or value when sold a certain bay filly (known as his) my Executors to collect the same & hand over to Wright P. Collins and that he place the same on interest yearly until he the said Robert T. becomes of lawful age and then to be given to him with interest
- 9th All the balance of my property not previously disposed of I direct to be sold at my death and the proceeds thereof to be gathered with all moneys on hand or due me by note or otherwise I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my five children, namely Nancy, Wright P., Samuel D., Missouri Ann, and Alexander P. Collins except Wright P. Collins having heretofore given to him a horse worth fifty dollars which he is to be charged with or in other words the four other children are to have fifty dollars more than he the said Wright P. Collins
- 10th I give to my three sons during the life time of my wife the use of all the balance of my land in equal portions of the same
- 11th At the death of my wife Ruthann I direct the sale of all my lands or a division of the same if practicable to be made equal between my five children which is hereby given to them absolutely I also direct the sale of all the remaining property now set apart for the use of my wife including the slave, linen, money and all together with her wearing apparel to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between my five children above named. If either of the above

named negroes should die which has been given to either of my children and the said woman duly should become the mother of another child or children upon that contingency the said child losing by death shall be supplied with one of the said black children

Lastly I hereby revoke all former wills and request that this my last will and testament be faithfully executed according to the true intent and meaning thereof I do hereby name, name and appoint my friends Thomas McFay and Dr. H. McKinney Executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & sealed this 8th day of July 1842

Wm Collins (signed)

This within will was executed by William Collins in our presence & in presence of each of us on the 8th July 1842

A. T. Dobbins

Jacob R. Wright

Henry Turney

The foregoing will of William Collins proven at the August term 1842 of the Lincoln County Court by the oaths of A. T. Dobbins and Henry Turney and ordered by the Court to be recorded

Recorded August 9th 1842.

G. W. Jones Clerk

Mark Whitaker's Last Will

State of Tennessee Lincoln County October 2nd 1842

I Mark Whitaker Senior calling to mind that all men have once to die, and feeling the infirmity of old age, but feel thankful to God, for that strength of mind which enables me, make this my last Will and testament as follows

1st I will my soul to God who gave it and thank my only be decently buried.

2d I will that all of my estate both real and personal be equally divided among all my children (as the law directs) namely Rebecca Ward, Nancy Mannum, John Whitaker,