

Last will of James Cooper deceased

In the name of god amen I James Cooper of the County of Lincoln and State of Vermont do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made. As to the validity thereof it has pleased god to bless me with, I dispose of as follows (to wit) 1st I direct that all my debts and general expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executors,

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife James Cooper during her natural life all of my estate both real and personal except such portions of the same as I may hereafter name so that she may have a competent ^{support} and be able to raise and educate our children

3rd My will and desire is that my son Mark Cooper and my three daughters Mary Amelia Elizabeth Cooper and Kelsey Cooper all and each have a good Horse Cattle and saddle Carriage and bed and furniture so that their portion be made equal with my other children

4th My will and desire is at the death of my wife all my negroes and personal property be sold on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds equally divid between all my children

5th My will and desire is at the death of my wife my land be sold on a credit of one two and three years and the money equally divided between my sons. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Lewis Newson of and John D. Cooper my Executors in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of May 1854
Jas. Cooper

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator this 7th May 1854

That
John Lavelle
Lewis Newson
John D. Cooper

Proven in open court 5th March 1855

Last Will and testament of John D. Collins

I John D Collins do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made by me at any other time

1st I desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon as possible after my death out of any money I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executors

2nd I desire that after the payment of my debts that the remainds of my property personal and real be equally divided between my four Brothers viz William A Collins Milton D Collins Paul M Collins Miles M Collins except one hundred Dollars I direct to be paid in money to my sister Anna E Collins by my Executors

3rd As my three married Sisters Mary A N Downing Jane R Sullen & Margaret S Catten I desire that they each paid in money five Dollars by my Executors

4th I hereby nominate and appoint my brothers William A Collins & Milton D Collins my Executors

In witness whereof I do this day set my hand and seal to this my will March 7th 1855

That
Arthur Washburn
James S Brown

Proven in open court the 2nd day of April 1855