

Last Will and Testament of John Groce Jr.
I John Groce being of sound ^{mind} and disposing
memory do make and publish this my last
will and testament making void all wills by me
made at any time herebefore

1st I direct that my funeral expences and all my debts
be paid

2nd I Give to my wife Cincinnata Groce all my land
house hold & kitchen furniture 2 head of horses & ten
Eubblers all my cattle hogs & sheep all my farming
tools all my corn wheat and pork I Give it all to her
during her natural life for the support of her and
the family my will and desire is at the death of my
wife my land and the ballance of my property
if there should any left ^{to} to the highest bidder
my land on a credit of one two & three years and
the other property on credit of twelve months
and the proceeds after paying all necessary
expences be equally divided between all my
Children Elizabeth Thomas William Martha
Wiley Cordely Nancy & Abie

3rd I direct that my negro Girl Ann and all
the ballance of my property not above named
be sold on a credit of twelve months for ^{the} purpose
of paying all my debts and expences

4th I appoint William Ashby my Executor to
execute this will

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence
of us This 12th December 1857
Ezra Ashby
Morgan & Co. way
John P. Pagen

Last Will and Testament of William Deceased
I William Bryan being of sound mind and disposing
memory do publish this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made

1st I request that all my just debts and funeral expences
be paid out of the first monies that may come into the
hands of my executors

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucinda Bryan all
my lands Negroes house hold and kitchen furniture
together with a sufficiency of provision for one year
to be set apart by three disinterested men & to wit to set apart
corn pork wheat stock hogs cows horses sheep and other such
things as may be considered needed for her support and
support with the privilege of my five sons living on her
land until free namely William Benjamin John
Ephraim & Newton during her natural life or widowhood
and all other of my property as is not set apart for the
benefit of my wife to be sold as soon after my death as
practicable on a twelve months credit &c

And at the death of my beloved wife Lucinda Bryan or widow
hood I wish all the estate divided as here in after described

3rd It is my will that my lands be divided between my four
sons to wit William A Bryan Benjamin B Bryan
Ephraim B Bryan John Bryan and Newton Bryan
to have each of them One hundred and fifty acres each
to be valued by three or more disinterested men and
each one to pay so as to be equal with the exception
of John Bryan who is to have one hundred and
seventeen Acres including the home place and
other building the line to run East and West
and at his death to be sold by my executors on a twelve
months credit and the proceeds to be equally divided between
all my children to wit Elizabeth who married
John Maddox William A Bryan Benjamin
Bryan Maria Bryan Ephraim Bryan Rebecca
Bryan Newton Bryan Malinda S Bryan & Cynthia
who intermarried Joseph Buchanan for the special
benefit of her and the heirs of her body

4 I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who intermar-
ried with John Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecca
& Malinda Bryan and Cynthia who intermarried