Enslaved Persons Mentioned in the Wills of Boyle County, Kentucky, 1842 - 1870, being Book 1 and part of Book 2 Michael J Denis, Parksville, KY, Jan 2013

In 1985, the St. Asaph Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution extracted and published **Boyle County, Kentucky Will Records, Books I and II, 1842-1897.** However, that publication in general only listed names found in the wills. My purpose here is to give further information, where available, about the enslaved persons found in those wills. Hence, I have not extracted all wills, only those mentioning or inferring slave ownership. I have used the original spelling and punctuation where directly quoting the will, and I have included not only the name of the enslaved person, but the disposition -- emancipation, inheritance, etc., of that person. I have also included any bequests to slaves or former slaves, as given in the original deed. Of course, those wills which did not mention "negro," "slave," "my man," or similar terms may well have included slaves but simply as part of the overall distribution of the estate. It would be difficult to discover which deeds may be of that type. One clue may be when the person mentions "property, real, personal, and mixed." That may be an indication that slaves were involved, as most wills without slaves do not mention "mixed" property.

The information included follows the format, Owner, Volume and Page where recorded, Date of Will (and Codicils at times), Date of Probate (court term or date of recording, and location if not in Boyle County); name(s) of slaves and beneficiary or bequest.

Kirkland, Charles,

1:1, 15 Feb 1842, Mar Term 1842.

Harrison and Charles, to Elizabeth Kirkland, wife. Warren, to Thomas Kirkland, son, purchased 4 Sep 1841.

Samuel and Charlott, to dau Lettice Elder. Green, to George T Kirkland, son.

Telitha and Harrison, to Ann Phillips, dau.

Moore, Margaret, 1:4, 7 Mar 1842, Apr Term 1842.

Stephen, Sally, Rachel, Jane, Thomas and Lawson, to John Moore, Margaret Moore, Mary Anne Moore, my grandchildren, children of my son James A Moore.

Meaux, John G, 1:4, 18 Apr 1842, May Term 1842.

Emancipated Nancy, Charlotte, Caroline, Fanny and Margaret, they to receive his home, house lot, furniture.

Nancy and her children Charlotte and Matt Meaux, emancipated, to receive remainder of personal estate.

Peter and children of Judy, emancipated, to have one share, but Judy to receive nothing for undutiful conduct.

Isom, James, 1:6, 9 Sep 1842, Jan Term 1843. William, to son John Isom.

Sophia, to daughter Tabbitha Gardner. Jourdan, to daughter Usly Hamilton. Jackson and Granville, to daughter Lucy Grady. Maria, her children Harry and James, to daughter Susannah Agerton.

Robert, to son Michael to serve him or be sold.

Harrod, Ann, 1:9, 24 Nov 1842, May Term 1843. Jane, to grand daughter Nancy Fauntleroy. Manual, to grandson Griffin T Fauntleroy. Benjamin, to grandson James H Fauntleroy.

McGinnis, Jesse, 1:10, 16 Nov 1841, May Term 1843.

Slaves George and Louisa not to be separated unless they are willing.

Harlan, Elijah, 1:14, 19 Nov 1843, Dec Term 1843.

Negroes not to be sold but hired out for benefit of my family; but should my widow remarry, Negroes to inherit 1/3 of the hiring out money. If she dies, Negroes to be sold for benefit of my children.

Prall, Benjamin, 1:15, 23 Dec 1843, Jan Term 1844.

Emancipates Becky and her children, Gabriella, Mary Ann, Elviras and Susan, and children of Gabriella and Mary.

Real and personal property except slave Joseph who is hereby emancipated, to go to Becky and her children.

House lot where David Langford now lives, puchased by him when a slave, not to be part of my estate.

Moore, Samuel, 1:20, 21 Jun 1844, Sep Term 1844.

Woman Jane and her increase, negro boy Elleck, girl Maria and her increase, to wife Mary Moore; on death of Mary Moore, Eliza Weeden to have Mariah.

Negro girl Lean to grand daughter Sarah Ann L. Durham.

Negro boy Jim to son John Moore on payment of \$250. All other slaves not mentioned to be sold and proceeds divided.

Field, Henry, 1:23, 8 May 1837, Nov Term 1844.

Man Sip, boy Edmund, girl Isabella, woman Ann to wife Susan Fields; if one of them should die, Susan to select another slave from those remaining.

Grant, John, 1:25, 25 Apr 1843, Nov Term 1844.

Robin and Shadrack to be sold to some person nearby so they would not be separated from their wives.

Burch, Mary, 1:28, 3 Nov 1835, Jan Term 1845.

Nancy and future issue, Cloe and her children, Henry, Amanda, Joe, Alfred, Philip and Ellen to only surviving child James K Burch.

Wade, Jeremiah, 1:29, 14 Dec 1844, Jan Term 1845.

All property to wife Mary Wade, but if slaves are sold, proceeds to be used to benefit their children.

Fisher, Elias, 1:30, 15 Jun 1844, Apr 1845 Term.

Jeremiah, Richard, Mary, Lisser, Thomas, West and Jordan to wife Sarah Fisher.

Women Esther and Julia and man Lewis equally divided between my six children, Nancy Byers, Polly Williams, Thursey wife of Stephen Fisher, Sarah Doors, Susan Doors and Elias Fisher.

Rogers, Elizabeth (Parks), 1:34, 19 Jul 1842, Apr Term 1845.

- Emancipates all slaves, Maria, her ten children Amanda, Willis, Jenny, John, Robert Hutchins, Allen, Samuel, Nelson, Edmund, Huston; Amanda's four children Nancy, Alexander, Martha, William.
- Children of Maria to be bound out to Edmund Powell of Bedford, trimble county, husband of my adopted daughter Maria Noel.
- Children of Amanda bound out to Wilson Green of Boyle County, my niece's husband.

Jacob, about 50, emancipated.

Jacob, Maria and Amanda, \$25 each.

Gaines, Ezekiel, 1:37, 5 Mar 1845, Jun Term 1845.

To Susan Gaines, sons Benjamin W and Ezekiel F Gaines, negro woman Sidney Martha, boy John. Daniel, Charles, Allen, Sirris and Duly, jointly to daughters Elllen McRoberts, Susan Gaines, Elmira Gaines, Emiy M Gaines and grand daughter Susan E Bolling and Tabitha Bolling, children of my deceased daughter Eveline Bolling.

Hope, Michael, 1:40, 16 Sep 1834, Nov Term 1845.

Isaac and wife Hannah sold to pay off debts. Boy Dido to remain property of my wife.

Gray, Robert, 1:43, 14 Jan 1845, Sep Term 1845.

Man Joe to be kept by my sister Jane Gray, and after her death he shall go free.

Irvine, Abram Lyle, 1:45, 12 Aug 1845, Sep Term 1845.

All negroes and other property to daughter Letitia Reed.

Lackey, Gabriel, 1:48, 23 Oct 1845, Nov Term 1845. Two negroes of her choice to wife Paulina Lackey. Daughters of first wife, Martha Grimes and Paulina Lackey to share land and negroes equally.

Bolling, Dread, 1:51, 12 Dec 1845, Jan Term 1846.

Elizabeth and Patsey to two youngest daughters, Mary E Clem and Rachel Ann Bolling.

Fisher, Stephen Sr, 1:59, 20 May 1817, Oct Term 1817, Mercer County, recorded Boyle Co 21 Apr 1846.

Wife Magdaline Fisher to choose any four negroes. Woman Fan to be set free.

To the heirs of my deceased daughter Agnes Bughn three negroes, Joe, Charlotte and Caroline.

Hurly, Leah, 1:61, 18 May 1845, May Term 1846.

Sarah Durham to have benefit of my servant Peter while I was living there, and for one year after, at which time Peter shall have some preference in choosing his master, but under no circumstances to be sold away from his wife and family.

Knox, Isabella, 1:62, 27 Aug 1844, Jun Term 1846.

My children, Wm Knox, Mary Caldwell, Andrew Knox, James Knox and B F Knox, equal shares of my effects including my servant Sam. If there is disagreement, boy Sam to be valued by two disinterested parties, and children who are willing to hold slaves shall draw for him.

Downton, Thomas, 1:63, 17 Aug 1845, 21 Dec 1846.

Daughter Eliza to have Mary, now 5 or 6 years old, "which girl she has claimed from her birth.". Wife to have estate minus "legacy" of "negroes that Can't be well Control'd". In event of wife's death, Thomas and Simeon Downton shall have all land and negro man Jo, Bob to Simeon.

Dade, William, 1:64, 15 Dec 1846, Jan Term 1847.

To daughter Mary Catherine Dade, two negro slaves, Delia and James Thomas, children of Mary, a woman now dead.

Also to Mary Catherine, Lucinda, daughter of Rhoda. Wife shall keep residue of estate including slaves; on her death slaves to be sold.

Gains, Elmira Tabitha, 1:66, 28 Apr 1846, Jan Term 1847.

Mother Susan Gains to have negro boy Wesley.

Rochester, Sarah, 1:67, 18 Jun 1842, Feb Term 1847.

Slaves to son James H Rochester, Allen, Ned, Thomas, Patsy and Samuel.

Slave Edmund to son John M Rochester.

Slaves to son Charles H Rochester, Joh, Ben, Reuben, Caroline and child Isabel, and Ellen.

South, John of Westmoreland Co, VA, 1:68, 13 Dec 1791, 9 Sep 1847.

- To William Sanford, son of Winniped Sanford, negroes Sam, Ball, Pat, Rose and George.
- To Wiliam Sanford, one negro Willougby.
- To daughter Ann McClanahan one negro Cato.
- To granddaughter Ann McClanahan, Mary.
- To granddaughter Magdaline McClanahan negro Charlot.
- To grandson Richard McClanahan negro Soloman.
- To grandson Thomas McClanahan negro David.
- To granddaughter Jemima McClanahan negroe Jerry.
- To granddaughter Elizabeth mcClanahan negro Rachel.

Clemens, Osburn, 1:73, 11 Jun 1847, 21 Jun 1847.

Woman Rosette to remain with the family for five years after my death, then to be sold for \$450 to wife if she wishes.

Yellow child George now at Mrs Lobbs to be sold under same conditions.

McDowell, Sarah, 1:77, undated, 16 Aug 1847.

- Negro boy Milo to children of my daughter Adeline Deaderick for Adeline's use.
- Girl Lucy deeded to children of Adeline two years ago shall not be responsible for debts of her husband Jas W Deaderick.
- To daughter Catherine Anderson, negroes Betty, Fanny and Maria, with increase.

To daughter Catherine Anderson, special care and protection of my old and faithfull negro man Nat and supply all his wants.

Irvine, John H, 1:80, 27 Nov 1847, 20 Dec 1847.

- Wife Matilda T Irvine to be able to sell land and slaves if they wish to be sold; if they are unwilling, they are to be hired out for Matilda's benefit; mentions land in Monro Co, MO but uncertain if this is where slaves are.
- Negroes are Jeremiah, Briscow and Jarmon (I own one half of Jarmon).

Carter, Charles, 1:81, 1 Nov 1847, 15 Nov 1847. He was a free man of color.

Wishes Anthony M Williams to "purchase and free my son who is a slave belonging to Samuel Hocker".

Ball, Daniel, 1:82, 15 Sep 1838, of Lincoln County, 17 Jan 1848.

As my slaves were acquired by marriage, wife Elizabeth Ball should receive them, and our children share; if she should remarry, estate should be divided immediately.

Wade, Seneca W, 1:83, 8 Apr 1848, 17 Apr 1848.

Wife to have all property and slaves. On her death, property and slaves equally divided among children.

Harlan, Mary, 1:85, 18 Aug 1848, 15 Jan 1849.

All my Negroes except Grace to be free at age 21. Profits from hiring Negroes until they are 21 for support of husband Silas Harlan and younger Negroes.

- Half of profits from hiring Negroes to Betsey Ann Lillard, wife of Bart Lillard, to Patsey Pancake, wife of Argalles Pancake, and to John Neff, who was raised by us.
- If there be more money than will pay off legacies to Betsey, Patsey and John, or support for Silas, that money to be equally divided among my Negroes or laid out in land for them.
- At my death, all children born of my Negroes to be free.
- Grace to be free at my death, to be supported if necessary.

Yeager, Frederick, 1:88, 29 May 1847, 18 Dec 1848.

To wife, six slaves two men and one boy or two boys and one man; two women and one girl or two girls and one woman, if she desire so many.

- On wife's death, executors to sell land and negroes and divide among children and grandchildren.
- Gave negro girl, Mary, to daughter Lucy, became property of Lucy's husband, Thomas Myers until his death.

Ripperdan, Frederick, 1:90, 5 Apr 1849, 16 Sep 1849.

- Slaves Tom, Henry, Jim, Washington, Susan and her child to be emancipated.
- Henry to be hired by executor for five years, then to be free.
- Minor slaves bound out to learn a trade; on expiration, to be free.
- Due to misconduct, Abby, purchased from Nelson Shields, to be sold.
- If any problem arises over ages of Washington and Jim, Washington is about 14 and Jim is about 16.

All my clothes to be equally divided among slaves.

Robertson, Duncan F, 1:92, holographic will 10 Jul 1849, 17 Sep 1849.

"My son & daughter will take my aged Companion with my two little orphans & Treat her, even with whom I have lived 47 years, with every mark of affection & bring up the Orphans in the fear of the Lord be kind to the negroes & make them to know their duty and perform it. I have labored hard for them & been a Slave of Slaves during my life.".

Heaten, Wineford, 1:94, 4 Dec 1843, 16 Nov 1858.

"I also wish my servant girl named Saly which I wish to be hired out in Boyle county and no where else where she is to be well treated and where she can be well provided for and the amount of her Hire to be divided equally between my daughter Emily and my two sons Levi and Jackson. So long as Sally may live I wish it to be perfectly understood that she is not to be sold or taken or taken [sic] out of the County as before stated.".

Witherspoon, Sarah W, 1:95, 16 Feb 1849, 21 Aug 1849.

[My executor] authorized to sell personal property and slaves.

Harlan, Mary, 1:97, indenture, signed 30 Dec 1829, recorded Mercer Co 16 Jan 1830, recorded Boyle Co 15 Jan 1847 and 8 Jan 1849.

"whereas the said John Grant has This day purchased of Basil Prather the following Negro slaves, to wit. One Negro woman named Grace, about Twenty six years old and her two female Children "Matilda, about four years old, and Mary about one Year old, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars paid by said John Grant to said Basil Prather" ... [Grant] wishing to provide support for Mary Harlan, sister of his late wife, transfers said slaves to Thomas W Fry, for the use of Mary Harlan free from any demand or control of Silas Harlan [Mary's husband].

Smith, Jesse, 1:99, 2 Nov 1840, 27 Oct 1848.

- Six months after my death Negro man Hary shall be free.
- One year after my death Negro woman Caroline be free.
- Reserve that twenty square poles be set aside as a family cemetery, and another twenty square poles set aside for "the graves of my black or negro family.".
- All slaves not otherwise disposed of or provided for shall have the right to choose their own Master or Mistress; executors to sell them to persons they may choose (superceded by Codicil 5 dated 10 Mar 1846.
- Bequeath \$50 for the Colonization Society, dated 19 Mar 1844.
- Jourdan, Westley, Harrison and Amy, after serving four years after my death to be free; Feardo to be free six years after my death; Merit to be free eight years after my death; none to be sold or taken more than five miles from Danville, codicil dated 10 Mar 1846.

Wilhite, Nicholas, 1:103, 8 Oct 1847, 16 Oct 1848. Negro woman Phillis to be set free.

Crawford, James S, 1:106, 1 Jan 1849, 15 Jul 1850.

- Wills all slaves to the colony of Liberia on the following conditions each to be held on my property till he or she be 30 years old, then if willing to give each a few tools and books, my executor to provide transportation; they shall be hired out until they go to Liberia; if they refuse to go, they shall be considered part of my estate to be hired or sold.
- At the death of my widow, \$1000 to the Colonization Society of Liberia.
- Each female slave willing to go to Liberia may take all her children 7 years old and under; the Colonization Society shall be solicited for help to take women and children.
- Hanah is now about 43, George about 23, Suse about 24, Isham, 19; Holeman about 17, Silas about 15, Sarah about 13, Isaiah about 11, Mariah about 9, Mahala about 7, Martha about 4, Patsey about 3, Sip about 1.
- \$100 set aside for education of my negro boy Holeman, any excess to him when he goes to Liberia (codicil, 27 Jun 1850).

Vanarsdale, Isaac O, 1:108, 1 May 1845, 18 Mar 1850.

To daughter Phebe, negro girl Sally, about 8 9 years old.

Caldwell, James, 1:109, 16 Jun 1846, 18 Mar 1850.

- Wife Phebe Caldwell to have choice of a negro boy, and a negro girl "old Kate & her two young children, Lucinda and her youngest child.".
- Son James Caldwell to receive Billy, Sarah his wife, and Stephen their child, and Anthony.
- Son Robert Caldwell to have his choice (after his mother) of a negro boy by paying the value of the boy; also Lucinda & her youngest child at the death of his mother.
- Son Logan Caldwell to receive Old Ben, Peter and his wife and Kitty Ann; also his choice of a negro boy after his mother and Robert have chosen, by paying the value of the boy.
- Son Gabriel Caldwell to receive Henry, now in his possession.
- If children have to sell any negroes, choose good masters and not separate husband and wife or parent and child.

Belles, Peter, 1:115, 29 Jul 1850, 16 Jun 1851. All slaves to wife Savale.

Cowan, Henry J, 1:117, 29 Sep 1851, 20 Oct 1851.

- In trust to Thomas Barbee for use of my wife, Nelly, Betsy and Dennis.
- "old blind woman called Sucky to be kept and cared for by my wife".
- Negro man Lewis to help wife care for Sucky, and after her death, "to be disposed of as hereinafter directed." If wife wishes to keep Lewis, she may, as her other two negroes are advanced in life.
- Remainder of my negroes divided to sons James, John and George. "As Ned has been a very faithful servant I desire him to be treated with marked kindness and that such privilege as his character and faithful services merit be extended to him. \$500 kept by sons to go to Ned to keep him comfortable.

Fitton, Benjamin, 1:120, 21 Aug 1849, 17 Nov 1851.

My coloured man Michael Clark and his wife Jemima and their children shall be free.

Clark to receive whole amound due me by W Baldwin of Lexington, Wm Matthews of Bourbon County near Flat Rock, all the money I may have in the bank, notes on account at Mr Wardles Lexington.

Crawford, William E, 1:123, 12 Feb 1852, 15 Mar 1852.

- Wife to receive all negroes except John during her lifetime if she can govern them; otherwise she may sell them.
- John to be free at my death and to go to any colony or state that will admit him.

John to receive \$200.

Remainder of slaves on wife's death to be free, to leave the state, and those 15 years and older and over to receive \$200 each, under 15 years old \$100, with his children to inherit what is left after this is paid.

Walker, Robert, 1:124, will undated, 19 Apr 1852.

To my son John L Walker a Black man Will. To my son Robert Walker, a Black man Charles. To my son Alexander B Walker a Black man Henry. To my son William Walker a Black man Abraham To my son Harvey, a black man Anthony.

Garr, Lawrence, 1:128, 9 Nov 1847, 17 May 1852.

All property not otherwise named to Joseph Henderson.

Negroes Maria, John and Jesse not to be sold on the block but to have liberty to choose a master.

Read, Francis S, 1:131, 12 Aug 1852, 18 Aug 1852.

To grand daughter Sally Ann Camden slaves Charlotte, Jim and Jenk.

- To Sally's mother the slave Maria which Sally now has.
- To Francis S Reed Jr negro boy Ben worth \$500.

Tewmey, William, 1:133, 28 Feb 1852, 16 Aug 1852.

To wife Elizabeth my negro woman Nancy and the choice of negro men Tom and Henry or either of thirteen older boys of my negro woman Nancy.

- To daughter Minerva my Negro girl Isabella
- My children William Tewmey, Margaret Brewer, Mary Hims, Eliza Tewmey (formerly Durham), John Tewmey, Jeremiah Tewmey, Minerva Tewmey and Darinda Debaun to receive my negroes equally divided; if not possible, then they to be sold and proceeds equally divided.

Fisher, Jeremiah, 1:138, 5 Feb 1851, 17 Jan 1853.

To my daughter Mary Williams a negro girl Kitty at \$400.

Hawkins, Ann, 1:139, 7 Dec 1844, 21 Mar 1853.

To son William Hawkins a negro man David at \$300.

- To son Carey Hawkins a negro man Peter at \$600.
- To son Charles, two negro boys, Howard \$500 and Anderson \$250.
- To grand daughters Amanda and Sally Ann Berly, a Negro woman Milly at \$400, Milly to be hired out for the benefit of Amanda and Sally.
- To Catharine Summers a negro man, Charles at \$600.
- To daughter Ann Gentry a negro woman Caroline at \$500.
- To daughter Martha McDowell a negro girl Jane at \$450.
- To grand daughter Ann Grimes a negro boy Harrison at \$300

Humble, Mary L, 1:141, 28 Jan 1853, 21 Mar 1853.

Negroes Patsy, Joe, Lucy, Susan, Henry and Alonzo have passed to my deceased son D M Humble, and be divided between his widow and her two children David F Humble and Thomas S Humble.

Ervin, John, 1:143, 13 Jan 1853, 20 Apr 1853.

Slave Billy, for faithful service, be permitted to occupy the house now used by him in Danville

Walker, Elizabeth M, 1:144, 28 Apr 1853, 16 Apr1853 [sic].

Negro boy Matt to daughter Fanny B Walker; should she die without children, Matt to my son Lawson Grey.

Rogers, Evan, 1:148, 19 Jan 1851, 20 Feb 1854.

- Slaves divided into four shares to daughter Matilda Pritchett of Missouri, to daughter Eiza Crow, to daughter Lucinda Hite, to son Million Rogers.
- Lucinda's and Matilda's husbands to have no interest in their slaves, but at their deaths, slaves pass to their children.

Douglas, Nathan, 1:152, 10 Feb 1854, 2 Sep 1854.

To wife Eleanor Douglass the farm and all the slaves.

- On Eleanor's death, equal division between Samuel M Douglass, Wm D Douglass, Polly Lewis, and Rebecca Walden.
- Any slaves under three years of age to be sold with their mothers.

Heirs of Rebecca Walden have been given negro woman Charlotte, worth \$400, negro girl worth \$400

Samuel Douglas given one negro girl, Mariah, worth \$200

Hall, John, 1:155, 23 Aug 1854, 19 Feb 1855.

- [This may or may not be reference to slaves] My executor to pay over to Capt John Burton's Cozy and her children half the proceeds from the sale of my house and land, divided as to him may seem right, but Lizzie, Cozy's eldest daughter to receive more than the rest.
- All my personal estate to be sold, proceeds to Cozy and her children, minus a claim by my wife Milly.

Hocker, Samuel, 1:156, 12 Dec 1854, 19 Mar 1855.

My negro Bob to Daniel M Hocker for \$800 My negro boy John to Nancy Durham at \$800 My negro girl Mary to Sary Jane Holloway at \$400 My negro girl Charlotte and her child about 2 months

old at \$800 to Margaret Hocker. Margaret and Sucky to be sold.

Bolling, Richard N, 1:165, 14 May 1855, 18 Jun 1855.

- My wife Priscilla Bolling to have Negro girl Dinah and Negro boy, Spencer.
- My son J L Bolling to have negro man Bennett at \$1200; should J L refuse Bennett, then Bennett to choose his own master if said master will give \$1200 for him.

Wallace, Caleb B, 1:168, 7 Aug 1853, 2 Aug 1855.

Children not to sell any property or slaves until they are 30 years old

Durham, John, 1:171, 1 Mar 1853, 30 Oct 1855.

- Wife to receive choice of my negro men, and my girl Ann.
- At wife's death, all she received to be sold including slaves.
- Daughter Elizabeth has received negro girl Amanda worth \$700.
- At wife's death, Celia to have Ann and her issue at \$700.

Smith, George ("free man of color), 1:174, 14 Feb 1856, 19 Feb 1856.

All to wife Letitia, who belongs to James Brumfield, who is named as executor.

At Letitia's death, all to children equally

Harrison, Thomas, 1:179, 25 Nov 1854, 5 Aug 1856.

To daughter Julia Ann Read, wife of John P Read, four slaves, Will, Dick, Phil and George.

Lawrence, Mary, 1:180, 31 Jul 1856, 18 Aug 1856.

Negro girl Sally, aged about 15, to daughter Martha Potts.

Should Martha die without issue, Sally to go to sons James and Thomas, together with any issue.

Kerr, Patrick ("free man of color"), 1:181, 14 Jan 1848, 18 Aug 1856.

All property, real, personal and mixed, to wife Priscilla.

Prewitt, Thomas, 1:182, 2 Sep 1856, 10 Nov 1856. All negroes be equally divided amongst my children

Gray, James, 1:183, 2 Feb 1856, 17 Nov 1856. Wife Elizabeth to have one of my negro women, her

choice.

Rest of slaves divided among children, at appraised value, slaves to select masters.

Williams, Susan ("free woman of color") 1:185, 7 Feb 1857, 18 Feb 1857.

- Sell my house on Main Street in Danville, and with the proceeds, purchase my daughter Ann, owned by Samuel Williams or his wife and emancipate her.
- My executor to sell said house and lot to purchase and emancipate my 2nd daughter.
- If not possible, sell and divide proceeds equally between my two male children William and John Thomas.

Spears, John F, 1:187, 8 Mar 1857, 18 May 1857.

When youngest child turns 21, she to sell all property except my negroes, who shall be divided and not sold.

Graves, James, 1:189, 22 Dec 1856, Apr Term 1857. Slaves to children and grand children

Williams, Fanny R, 1:194, 1 Sep 1851, 21 Sep 1857.

My negro boy Major to Beverly D Williams (nephew?)

- At my death, my negro girls Ann and Harriett and their increase, to be appraised and if Beverly D Williams is willing, to take them; if not, to be sold to some good master.
- Codicil 30 Nov 1855, Ann has had child Presley Anne, whom I give to Harriet D and Parthenia B Williams, daughters of B D Williams. If Harriet and Parthenia both die, child goes to Sarah Emma Williams.

Smith, Henry (free man of color?), 1:196, 16 Jun 1856, 21 Sep 1857.

If sale of my estate is not enough to purchase my son Henry, then Henry to go to friends Christian Gore and Charles Henderson, when through his service he is to finish my purchase of him, and is to be emancipated.

Cowan, Elizabeth, 1:197, 10 Oct 1851, 21 Sep 1857.

- To Patsy, a free woman who lives with me \$500.
- To Mary, a free woman of color married to Cyrus, \$500
- To Wall, free man liberated by me, \$500
- To Simon, free man of color, \$100
- To Jenny, wife of Wall \$100
- To Lindy, free girl emancipated by me (she has one leg) \$100
- Interest on loan of \$200 to go to Milley, a free woman of color, age about 63 years; on her death, to be paid to her children or descendants.
- My personal apparel to be divided among such servants as I may direct.
- \$100 to the African Colonization Society.
- Codicil 14 Jan 1852 -- On selling my land, one half acre be reserved for a grave yard on which a great many slaves are.

Marrs, James, 1:213, 23 Jul 1858, 26 Aug 1858.

- My negro woman Charity to my son James R Marrs, should he repay my \$200 debt to Thomas Cotton due 25 Dec 1858 and another \$200 due 25 Dec 1859.
- If James dies before 21, my daughter Nancy to have Charity.

Moore, Lawson, 1:215, 22 Nov 1855, 21 Sep 1858. My old family servants, Isaac and his wife Letty to be retained by Charles O Moore at a fair valuation.

Tucker, James, 1:217, 10 Apr 1858, 20 Oct 1858.

My boy Jim be hired out for 3 years, at which time he is to be emancipated and sent to Liberia or other state where he may be permitted to live, proceeds from his hire for his own use.

Sell my coloured man George and my coloured woman Siner to my brother A H Tucker for \$800; if he does not want them, they to choose a home for themselves.

Harley, Enoch, 1:219, 28 Aug 1857, 16 Nov 1858.

Land and negroes after wife Emily gets her share, to be divided evenly among children Mathilda Moore, Jordan Harley, Susan Pittman, Williamson Harley, Sarah Harley and Henry Harrison Harley.

McLelane, Elizabeth, 1:226, 27 Oct 1858, 20 Sep 1859.

To my sister Emily Morrison my negro girl, Maria.

- To my negro man George, the interest from \$100 paid to him; at his death, residue to my brothers and sisters.
- Codicil 27 Oct 1858, sell my slaves George, Mary, Anne, Bell and Betty, proceeds divided as specified above.

Proctor, Benjamin, 1:229, 9 Apr 1855, 24 Mar 1860.

Codicil 3 Mar 1860 - My servants are not to be sold but kept in my family; at my wife's death, they and their increase to be divided, unless my wife chooses to divide them before she dies.

Reed, Thomas, 1:235, 25 Jul 1860, 21 Aug 1860.

Negroes Hannah and Cam? to wife Isabella. After her death, everything to daughter Jane C Fackler, wife of John T Fackler.

McGinniss, Samuel, 1:236, 19 Apr 1860, 16 Oct 1860.

- My black man Jerry be emancipated provided it is his wish to leave Kentucky, and provide expenses for him to go to another state, and give him \$50 and a good suit of clothes when he arrives there.
- If he choose to remain in Kentucky as a slave, he may choose a master who will purchase him at a

reasonable price, and he to receive interest on \$200 for life.

Ball, Thomas H, 1:239, 9 Jul 1860, 17 Oct 1860.

- My negro girl Rachel aged about 20 years and her son about 1 year named Sam (and some times called by other names) to William Baughman, son of Henry and Nancy Baughman.
- My negro boy Joshua aged about 16 years to my brother Samuel E Ball.

Gray, Jane, 1:243, 14 Sep 1858, 19 Mar 1861.

My black woman Rachel to be hired out, giving her husband Joe preference during her life.

Craig, Rachel B, 1:244, 16 Aug 1859, 20 Oct 1861.

Emancipates John, 31 or 32; Tabitha, 29-30, Sally, about 15, Laura, about 13, and any increase.

- Bequeaths \$100 to each of them to enable them to leave Kentucky.
- If Sally and Laura are under 21 at my death, they are to be hired out to good and respectable families.

Bequeaths to each \$500, or same to be invested in homes.

Chatham, Benjamin, 1:246, 3 Nov 1860, Jan Term 1862.

- Sons Alfred T Chatham and Benjamin F Chatham to live on the farm and have free use of farm negroes.
- At my wife Nancy's death all property except slaves to be appraised and drawn for by my children with the exception of my two Black boys Henry and Jordan.
- To son Benjamin F Chatham my negro boy Jordan about 12 years of age provided he pays each of my 9 heirs \$77.77.
- At death of wife, all property equally divided among all legal heirs and slaves then living except the Boys Henry and Jordan.

Sutton, Sarah, 1:248, 19 May 1861, 24 Jan 1862.

To Mrs Sarrah Akin all my slaves and their increase --Jackson, William, Carrie, Ady, Oliver, Leonora, and Sam, a decrepit man to be kindly taken care of.

Rout, Malinda ("free woman of color"), 1:252, 28 Aug 1861, 23 May 1862.

My estate to the following slave children: Eliza, property of Gov. B McGoffin of Kentucky; Mary Ann, property of John Utterback of Fayette County KY; Sarah Ann, property of John Engleman of Lincoln County KY; Martha Ann, property of Mrs Sally Myers of Anderson County KY, widow of Silas Myers; Elizabeth, property of John Moore of Scott County, KY, and Nancy, Clarissa, Isaac, Harry & Henry who were formerly the Lewis Myers dec'd, formerly of Garrard County KY and who died in Missouri, and said Nancy, Clarissa, Isaac, Harry and Henry supposed now to belong to his children Silas Myers and others of Hannibal or in that region of Missouri.

Reed, Isabella, 1:254, 8 Mar 1859, 9 Jun 1862.

All property and slaves to husband Thomas Reed, then to daughter Jane Clemens Fackler.

Owsley, William, 1:260, 4 Dec 1862, _____ 1862 (died 9 Dec, date of probate not recorded)

Emancipate my servant Kitty, give her \$300 to locate out of Kentucky.

Coulter, Thomas, 1:262, 18 Nov 1862, ____ 1862 (date of probate not recorded)

Son Isham to have and maintain my two Negro women, Clara and Cinth, as I consider them of no value.

My man Jack to stay with Isham to help support Clara and Cinth.

After Clara's and Cinth's death, Isham to have Jack at appraised value less \$100.

My Negroes to be divided.

Codicil 2 - 1 Dec 1862, Mahaly Elder was charged \$700 for a negro girl. [NOTE: "Charged" means that she was credited with this amount in her bequest, not that she had to pay this amount.]

Stewart, William, 1:264, 1 Aug 1862, ____ 1862 (date of probate not recorded)

Daughter Margaret Yantis and husband charged with two negroes intrusted at \$1000

Daughter Harriet and her husband Napoleon Price charged with two grown negroes some years ago valued at \$1000.

Daughter Mary Jane Sneed and her husband John Sneed charged with a negro woman and two children estimated at \$1000.

[NOTE: "Charged" means that they was credited with this amount in the bequest, not that they had to pay this amount.]

Slaves to be divided among children.

Caldwell, Samuel W, 1:266, 2 May 1856, 19 Jan 1863.

- Wife Elizabeth to have all property and slaves as long as she keeps the farm.
- Elizabeth also to have Negro girl named Paulina as part of her dower.
- If she gives up the farm, all negroes except Paulina to be divided equally to my children.

Russell, D A, 1:271, 14 Mar 1861, 18 May 1863.

- My wife to have "our little black boy Henry. She has raised him from an infant and I think has fully paid for him.
- "My faithful servant Jacob shall have the full benefit of all he may earn, and as the law of the land prohibits me from setting him free, and he would not be disposed to elave the place where all his children are, I wish him to choose some person in whom he may have confidence to act in the capacity of a master, who will faithfully give him the proceeds of his labor. Or if he should prefer to go to Liberia or some free state it is my desire that he may be freed for that purpose."
- "Furthermore as concerns Jacob in his business he is very liable to accidents which may disable him from making a support, and in this case he will have no recourse on my estate. I hereby request my executor to invest one thousand dollars in some good solvent interest paying stock Bond, the interest accruing thereon to be paid annually or semiannually as the stock or bond may pay it to said Jacob duringhis lifetime and at his death the Bond to be the property of my son James R Russel.
- Codicil 2, 17 Dec 1862 "It is my wish that all the Carpenters tools Shall be given to Jacob."

Henderson, Charles, 1:273, 14 Apr _____ (torn), 15

- **Jun 1863.** This will was evidently "tipped in" or inserted between pages 274 and 275 of the original book, effectively splitting D A Russel's will. It is also copied on pages 275 and 276 of the original book.
- Codicil 2, __(torn) Jan 1860 I have given my sister Nancy Deer three thousand ___ also a Negro Woman worth seven hundred dollars.

Doneghy, George ("free man of color"), 1:277, 23 Jan 1862, 20 Jul 1863.

To daughter Laura, house and lot near the Baptist Church.

To son "Jimme" my other house lot next to John Cowan and George Doram(?)

Remainder of estate to other three children.

Tompkins, John, 1:280, 10 Mar 1862, 16 Nov 1863.

- To wife Pamelia, two of my negro men and to of my negro women which she may choose and either my negro boy Tarlton or George.
- To daughter Maria Craig, my negro girl Sarah, aged about 8 years.
- To daughter Julia, my negro girl Betty, aged about 6 years.
- To son Henry Clay, my negro boy Sim, aged about 4 or 5 years.

In disposing of other negroes, they to be kept as near wives and husbands and parents as possible.

Ball, Mary R, 1:283, 19 Jan 1864, 21 Mar 1864.

Estate including negroes equally divided between sisters Martha Stoner and Maria Ball.

Robards, Robert, 1:284, 3 Jun 1863, 3 Dec 1863.

- Executor to take charge of negroes Eliza, Margaret, Ann, Cyrus and James until James turns 17 in 1873, at which time they are to be emancipated and sent into some free state.
- Executor is directed to emancipate my slave Eliza any time if she desires to leave Kentucky, she to recieve the proceeds of her hire yearly, and \$200 at her emancipation.

Margaret, Ann, Cyrus and James to receive the proceeds of their labor up to the date of their emancipation, and give each \$100 on their removal from Kentucky.

Robeson, Thomas Sr, 1:285, 16 Jan 1864, 16 May 1864.

Wife Delitha to have all property including slaves.

- I have advanced \$3985 to daughter Sally Christopher for the house, land and slaves she has in Garrard County.
- At division of estate, Sally to take slaves Isaac, Cass and her children.
- I have advanced \$4453 to daughter Ellen Crow for the house, land and slaves she has in Garrard County.
- At division of estate, Ellen to take slaves Reuben, Ned and John.
- I give to my grandson, Anthony F Harlan, land and the black girl Silva.

Clark, Francis, 1:292, 24 Feb 1864, 17 Oct 1864.

Personal estate and slaves to be sold as soon as convenient after the currency of the Country becomes permanently established and equal in value to gold and silver.

List of advancements includes: To Francis Clark's daughter Matilda Harbison, a negro, \$25.

Burnette, James, 1:299, 9 Jul 1864, 15 Aug 1864.

- To wife Elizabeth Ann Burnett, all property and slaves to be used on the property or hired out for her support.
- In the event of Elizabeth's death, all property and slaves to daughter Ella.
- If any slaves are contrary to my wishes or prove disobedient or urnruly, executor to sell them and invest proceeds in real estate.

Fields, James, 2:6, 17 Sep 1838, 20 Mar 1865.

All slaves to be sold, wife and son Jefferson Fields to buy a negro boy and girl for their use; if said negroes don't please them, to be sold.

Doneghy, George W, 2:10, 24 Mar 1863, 19 Jun 1865.

My negro boy Tom, who in consideration of his long and faithful services, to be free on death of my wife, Henrietta's.

Wade, Maria, 2:12, 29 Feb 1864, Oct Term 1864.

Slaves, unnamed, half to daughter Margaret Thompson and other half to grandchildren Marc William Turpin and Sarah Turpin.

Carnes, Nancy, 2:13, 24 Aug 1860, 2 May 1865.

Servant woman Malinda to niece, Nancy C Hamilton.

Powee, G, 2:15, 30 Mar 1858, 20 Nov 1865.

- My wife has power to emancipate any or all slaves on condition that they go to Liberia, furnished with a comfortable outfit and \$50.
- Those too old or not able to emigrate to be supported by the hire of others.

I gave to my adopted daughter Ellen Jane Russell, now wife of Rev O Foreman of Richmond, a girl, Peachy, born in 1841, and her brother named John C Young born in 1843, both children of my woman Sarah (marginal note in Powee's hand 20 Mar 1858).

Lyle, John R, 2:18, 21 May 1844, 9 Feb 1866.

Should my wife find my negroes unruly or hard to govern, she may sell them.

Wife to inherit the farm and as many slaves as necessary to work it as long as she remain a widow.

Vanarsdall, J R, 2:20, 14 Feb 1861, 19 Mar 1866. My boy Joshua to be sold.

Welsh, Sarah C, 2:22, 12 Feb 1866, 16 Apr 1866.

Pay to Green, Jim and Logan, my former slaves, \$75 each, and \$15 each from Reed, former slave, who purchased a horse from me.

Goodloe, Emily, 2;23, 5 Mar 1864, 18 Jun 1866.

Servants divided to daughter Emma Goodloe and sons William and John Goodloe.

Floyd, Christopher, 2:28, 20 Sep 1864, 7 Aug 1866. My negro boy George to son Edward Henry Floyd.

Mitchell, Thomas, 2:40, 4 Jan 1868, 20 Apr 1868.

To Jennie Mitchell, a free woman of collar [sic] formerly my slave, a portion of the north eastern part of my lot of land in Danville, beginning at the junction of Main street and the Standford turnpike, running with Main street westerly 30 feet, then southerly halfway across said lot, then west 30 feet to the turnpike road. [Note: this is a lot now occupied by an out-of-business gas station, just northeast of the present Danville post office].

Crawford, Samuel, 2:48, 15 Jan 1849, 15 Sep 1868.

- Any other land not otherwise disposed to my negro man Dennis and his wife Chany.
- Dennis, Chany and children over 25 emancipated at my death.
- Children and grandchildren under 25 to serve my wife until they arrive at 25 years of age; any under 25 at my wife's death to be free.

Codicil 12 Jun 1859 -- no slaves to be set free until 20 years after wife's death; to Rebecca Jane Camp my slaves Bell and Tom at the death of my wife.

Codicil 31 Oct 1867-- all slaves are free due to changes in Kentucky law; my property in Washington County to become the absolute property of my former black woman Chaney during her life then to her children.

Doram, Dennis, 2:56, 26 May 1869, 15 Nov 1869.

Doram was the wealthiest "free man of color" in Danville in the 1860s. Will mentions wife Di(a)dama, son Josephus, Joshua, Robert, Sarah, Gideon J,

After page 56, a cursory search shows no references to slaves; there may be scattered mention of "former slaves" but none were found up to at least page 60, December 1869.

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