

June 10 1857. The undersigned Edward R. Wier, of Greenville Kentucky, being about for the west knowing the ^{uncertain} certainty of life at home or abroad and wishing to make some change in will here to ~~will~~ made, do hereby revoke all other will made declared declare this writing to be my last will and testament.

1st I make my wife, Harriet R. Wier and Edward Rumsey my executor and also appointed them guardians for my children and as my slaves whether possession or not, I will them all them to be free under the limitations and Restrictions here after mentioned, and at the time herein given.

2nd To my wife H. R. Wier, I will my home property, house and lot adjacent, furniture of every kind in house or ~~kitchen~~ kitchen. six cows (by her selection), two horses (by her selection) my carriages, the land lying east of my house purchased by me at Will. St. Green's sale, and in addition to this one-third of all my estate real and personalty. (Nerves Capital). To have and to hold all the property aforesaid by this caused during her life with full power to sell any of the personal property and use the proceeds as she may see fit.

4 In addition to other provision to other made for my wife, I will and direct that she select two boys or men and two girls or women from my slaves to wait upon her and the women selected should have two or three ^{children} ~~to~~ they (the children) to remain with them. The men and women thus selected by my wife are to serve her until they are twenty-eight years of age. If they prove good and faithful servants, but if they do not prove faithful servants they shall serve five years until they are thirty-eight or three years of age, my wife to be the sole judge of their conduct, with full power to keep them until the last date if she think proper to do so. at the expiration of the time, these servants are to be free, the children of the women to be free.

and go with them, unless my wife should wish to retain some of the children longer. If this should be the case, she can keep the children with her as servants until they are twenty-one years of age, when these servants go free I request my wife (if convenient) to give them one hundred dollars each and send them to Liberia as a free state. If not convenient for her to give them that amount, that they be hired out privately to good masters for a year or two, and the proceeds of hire paid to them or applied to their removal and settlement.

5th as to my other slaves not selected by my wife my executors are directed to provide for their removal and settlement either in Liberia or a free state, as may be thought best by them, (my Ex & Ex), and they will hire them out privately to good men until a sum sufficient be provided to give each, young and old, one hundred dollars each to be used in their removal and settlement; this gross sum to be made up by the united hire of all, the receipts for hire to be all thrown together until the amount be raised, I except ~~Samuel~~ Suley Wilson and John from the operation of this clause, as to hiring out, my executors may consult with them and make any arrangements they think for the good of these old people, who are to be free any time they wish.

6th I have made provision for the freedom of my slaves, and now make this further provision in relation to them if any of them over Eighteen years of age, after a fair explanation of the provisions of this will, by my executors, shall go before the County Judge and declare that they are unwilling to leave the estate or go to Liberia, and shall elect to be slaves I will and bequeath those who shall do this to my children and their children after them, that they shall not be sold but kept, in case any of my children should wish to remove or get clear of the slaves which they receive under this clause, they are directed to emancipate them and send them to Liberia as a free state. If the laws of Ky. will not permit them to remain, I vest my children with full power to make any such arrangements, if necessary. Should any slave come to the possession of my children under this clause, I wish them to take good care of them and make them work, keep them under strict rules, teach

them to read the scriptures, and let them know they all have a "Great Master", to whom we must give an account, 7th my executors will have to pay the heirs of Ruth & their a large amount (if I should die before paying the same), This can be settled from the following sources; I own in my own name Sixty Eight shares in N. B. & B. of Ky. now worth upward of \$8,000, Edward R., Elliott owes me a note due in 1859, bearing interest (which note will be found among my letters), for sixteen thousand dollars. also another note for more than two thousand dollars; these two notes with interest are upward of nineteen thousand dollars. - debts due me from S. M. Martin, S. A. Martin E. W. Martin, J. N. Reno J. E. Reno, Wm. Rook, Sr. and J. R. Squirensburg, Hill Martin & Murphy, will amount to more than \$9,000. These assets making more than \$35,000, will more than meet the amount due from me as guardian of R. A. Weir, other debts which I will owe can be paid from collection on claims due me, should any of my creditors who have loaned me money to be paid at any early date - - - need the amount my executors will make effort to pay. Some at once, borrowing the money if necessary, living or dead I would like my engagement to be met.

8th I own one half interest in about 3800 acres of land in Johnson County Iowa. I will that this land be retained ten years without sale, unless it can be sold within five years at an average of \$15 per acre after five years. The price to be advanced to \$25 per acre & retained until 1867, unless some shall be sold for a price fixed or more, after 1867 if not sold, I will that some be divided among my children, as my other property hereinafter directed.

9th, I direct my executors to sell my Casey Creek farm (unless Edward should elect to take some at their valuation) one fourth cash and the remainder on one, two, three four & five years credit with interest from the date. This sale can be made one, two, three, or four years after my death, as may be deemed best by my executors.

10th all my estate not herein disposed of otherwise I will and bequeath to my children share and share alike, to be paid them when

They arrive at the age of twenty one years, except any interest I may have in Bank Stocks or State bonds (not otherwise disposed of) My will in relation to Stocks and bonds is that they remain as they are, my children receiving interest on the same until they are actually thirty years of age, each one receiving their portion of the same when they arrive at said age and I ask my daughters not to transfer or in any way dispose of their little interest in Bank Stock or bonds. I hope that their husbands (if they ever marry) will not permit them to do so. I will some to my daughters for their own use and benefit not subject to the control of others, & I hope that they will respect my wishes in relation to this matter, 11th, My executor and executrix are hereby vested with full authority to sell and convey any of my real estate as herein directed (except that bequeathed to my wife), and other land owned by me on such time and terms as they may deem for the best interest of those concerned, 12th as to the property left me by Rich Thompson dec'd, I never intended that myself or mine should profit by same, I direct that a fair estimate of the Negroes allotted me in division of Thompson's Negroes be made, that their value be deducted from the estate left by Thompson to me, and that my executors retain of said estate sufficient to cover value of slaves rec'd from Thompson's estate & who I emancipate by this will, and that the balance (if any) be applied to the settlement & removal of the Thompson Negroes who fell to my share on final division

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal June 10th, 1857,

Edward R. Weir (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged
in presence of.

W. B. Hancock

W. H. Hancock

January 8th, 1861. Codicil made part of above will - The debt due the estate of R. A. Weir has been paid & settled, I make no change in this my Will, except to add my son Edward R. Weir Jr. as executor (as he is now of age), to act with my other Ex & Ex.

Witness my hand and seal

Edward R. Weir (Seal)

State of Kentucky,
 Muhlenberg County } Set

I, H. K. Spatrick, Clerk of the Muhlenberg County Court, Certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was produced in open Court at the Regular July, 1912, term of this Court, and admitted to probate as the last will and Codicil of Edward R. Blair deceased, and as such was ordered to be recorded. Whereupon the same, and this Certificate have been duly recorded in my office.

Given under my hand this the 1st day of August 1912.

H. K. Spatrick Clerk