

## Images of original will of Jesse Connell Sr

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky,  
Gallatin County, &c. I Jesse Connell  
of the County & Commonwealth aforesaid, being aged, & infirm, but of sound and  
disposing mind & Memory, do make & constitute this my last will & Testament,  
in manner & form following, to wit: First, It is my will & desire, that all  
my just debts be paid by my executors, out of my personal estate, and after my  
debts are paid, the residue of my property I give & bequeath in manner following,  
First I give & bequeath to my beloved wife, for & during her natural life, the man-  
sion house wherein I now live, with all the improved & unimproved land of the  
tract whereon I now reside lying west of the dwelling house, and of a line passing  
through the s. plantation North & South, so as to include the yard to the east of  
the house, in the part devised to my wife, and also it is my will, that my s. wife  
have free access to, and the use of the Spring, most contiguous to the dwelling house  
and that she have the right & privilege to use so much timber, as may from time to

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and that she have the right & privilege to use so much timber, as may from time to  
time be necessary for fuel wood, and keeping the s. house, and out houses, & fencing  
on the land in compleat & good repair, I also give to my s. wife, a negro man Jim,  
a negro woman named Letty, for and during her natural life, also a negro boy son of  
the s. woman named Squire, for and during the same time; I also give to my wife,  
her choice of two milk cows, out of my stock, also two feather beds & furniture, one  
riding horse worth fifty dollars, and her Saddle —  
Item: I give and bequeath to my Son William Connell, all my Land or real  
estate in the County aforesaid, except that already bequeathed to my wife; and after  
the death of my s. wife, I give and bequeath that part of my real estate to my  
son William, herein before devised to my wife, to enjoy the same to him & his  
heirs for ever, together with the other part of my real estate to him & his heirs for  
ever; I also give to my Son William one negro woman named Sylvia, & her two  
Sons Lewis & Abram, untill each of the s. Negroes shall arrive to the age of

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at which time S. Lewis & Hiram shall (B.) be free —  
Forty — Also I give to my S. Son William two other Negro Children of S. Sylvia's  
Namely, Lucinda, & Alfred, which two last mentioned Children, my Will is,  
shall also be free, when they shall arrive to the age of Forty — And it is also  
my Will that my Son William shall be entitled to all the future increase of the S.  
Sylvia, but the S. increase are also to be free at the age Afore —  
Item, I give to my Son Jesse Connell, half a dozen silver table spoons, in token  
of my paternal regard for him, having fully provided for him heretofore —  
Item, I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Coleman, my Bible, in token of my Pa-  
rental respect & Affection, having heretofore made reasonable provision for her —  
Item — I give and devise unto my Daughter Nancy Nicholson, my two Volumes of  
Benedict's history of the Baptists, having heretofore given her a reasonable  
portion of my property —  
Item — I give unto my daughter Polly Duncan, my book, entitled Gill's Divi-

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Item — I give unto my daughter Polly Duncan, my book, entitled Gill's Divi-  
nity, in token of my parental Affection, having heretofore given her a  
reasonable portion of my property —  
Item — I give unto my Daughter Catharine Gray, Robinson's history of  
Baptists — having also given her heretofore an ample share of my pro-  
perty — And I further give to S. Catharine, my Clock —  
Item — I give unto my Daughter Charlotte Nicholson, half a dozen silver  
table spoons, in token of my Affection for her, she having received here-  
tofore a reasonable portion of my estate —  
Item — I give unto my Daughter Jane Connell, a Negro woman nam'd Nan,  
and her two oldest Children, Lydia, & Lucinda, to have and to hold the

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I Negroes as Slaves, untill they shall severally arrive to the age of forty years, and then it is my will that S. Negro woman and her two Children as above nam'd be free, I also give to my S. Daughter Jane. One bed & furniture, One cow & calf, her Saddle, bridle, and a horse worth Sixty dollars.

Item - I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Cynthia Connell, a Negro woman nam'd Phillis, and her child Perlina, and their future increase, to have and to hold the S. Negroes and their increase as Slaves, untill they and each of them shall severally arrive to the age of forty years - then it is my will that they and each of them shall be free - as they severally arrive at the age aforesaid.

Item - I give to my Grand Daughter Cynthia Connell, daughter of my son Francis Connell dec. a Negro child nam'd Liza, One feather bed & furniture, a horse worth forty dollars, and her Saddle & bridle, & One cow & calf.

Item - I give to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Connell, daughter of my son Francis, One hundred dollars in Money, One feather bed & furniture, a horse & Saddle, worth fifty dollars, and a cow & calf.

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Item - It is my special will & desire that my Negro man Jim, be free, and for ever discharg'd from Slavery, at the death of my S. wife.

Item - My will and desire is that my Negro boy George, my Negro woman Letty, and her son Squire, be free, as they may severally arrive to the age of forty years.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Sons Jesse, and William Connell, Executors of this my last will & testament, and inasmuch as I possess the utmost confidence, in the ability & integrity of my S. Sons, I do hereby direct that no Security be requir'd of them by the

Signature page, top:

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Court, In Testimony that the above, & foregoing, is my last will and Testament, I have hereunto set my hand and Affix'd my seal this third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one - 1821 -

Notes: The words "at which time S. Lewis & Hiram" ~~shall~~ be ~~being~~ intatin'd before sign'd - - -

Sign'd Seal'd & Acknowledg'd } Jesse Cornell Seal  
 in presence of - - - - -

W<sup>m</sup> Ford

Note - Those three lines eras'd in this will, which contain'd a Legacy, to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Cornell - I have caus'd to be stricken out, in Consequence of her disobedience to me -

Jesse Cornell

Signature page, court notation:

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Gallatin County Court December 11<sup>th</sup> 1825.

This last Will and Testament of Jesse Cornell  
 has been presented in Court known by the Court of  
 W<sup>m</sup> Ford, Subscribing Witness thereto & ordered to be  
 recorded which is accordingly done.

Attest Robt. J. Pullin clk

**Note: the original of this will, which was photographed on April 25, 2017, is held in the office of the Gallatin County, Kentucky clerk. The same records include estate inventories (which are also found in the Gallatin County Court's probate records for 1826 and 1827).**