

Transcription of Will of Jesse Connell Jr¹

I Jesse Connell Jr of the County of Trimble and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory [?] do make and ordain this as my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows to Wit Item 1st – it is my will and desire that all of my just debts be first paid Item 2 – it is my will and desire that after the payment of my debts that my beloved wife take her dower [?] in my estate Item 3d – it is my will that my landed estate be equally divided between my four sons to Wit William Connell James Connell Benjamin [sic] P. Connell and John J Connell Item 4th – it is my will and desire that my grand daughter Sarah Coleman have four hundred dollars and no more her deceased mother having heretofore received a portion of my estate Item 5th – I give and bequeath to my grandson Benjamin Chowning four hundred dollars and no more to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years and if he should die before he arrives at the age of twenty-one years it is my will that the four hundred dollars willed him revert back to my four sons William James Benjamin and John Item 6th – I give and bequeath to the children of my deceased daughter Nancy Wilhoit one dollar and no more they and their deceased mother having heretofore rec'd a portion of my estate Item 7th – I give and bequeath to my grand children children of Eleazar Wilhoit and Agnes Wilhoit [??] two hundred dollars to be equally divided amongst them Item 8th – it is my will that all of my estate that may remain after the above devises that the same be equally divided between my four sons aforementioned and that at the death of my wife it is my will that her dower be equally divided among my four sons aforesaid to Wit, William James Benjamin and John and last I do appoint my four sons William Connell James Connell Benjamin P Connell and James J Connell executors to [sic] this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills by me made It is my will and desire that the court do not require security of my said executors

¹ From probate records of Trimble County, Kentucky, September 1875 term (copied into court record by unknown clerk, apparently for purposes of a follow up proceeding, given that he had died in 1854); as recorded in the original court record, it has virtually no punctuation.

Witness my hand this eight [sic] day of February 1851

Jesse Connell

Witness

William Samuel

Robert B Gray

Geo [?] S Roberson [?]

State of Kentucky

Trimble County Court September Term 1875

[Note: original goes on to explain whereabouts of witnesses, and authentication of original document as copied into record]