

I, Sarah J. Oates, widow of J. Wallace Oates, Secd. of
Muhlenberg County and state of Kentucky, do hereby make
this my last will and testament.

First: I appoint my brother Henry G. Edles, my sister
Susan V. Slaton, wife of W. D. Slaton and my brother-
in-law, George H. Sparks, or any two of them concur-
ring, to act as my executors, agents and attorneys in
fact, to act in my stead and in my behalf, for the
management and disposition of all my personal prop-
erty, and for the discharge and execution of all my
duties and obligations as administratrix of the
estate of my deceased husband and the discharge
and execution of all my duties and obligations
as guardian of our children, as shown by the
deeds now filed in the office of the Clerk of the
County Court of said County as such admin-
istratrix and guardian; and for the payment,
and liquidation of all debts or other obligations,
for which I am responsible or bound both
personally and officially and for the collection
of all debts or dues either to myself or to the estate
of my deceased husband, and to account for the
same as provided by law.

I request and direct an equal distribution of
my property of whatever nature, as well as the
assets of my deceased husband, among all our
children, as required by the statutes of said State.

I desire that all of our children shall be provided with comfortable homes together on our old homestead during their infancy or minority.

I recommend to the Judge of the County Court of said County and State the appointment of my sister Susan V. Slaton wife of W. D. Slaton, of Hopkins County, Kentucky, as guardian of and for all of the children of myself and deceased husband, under the safeguards and protection of the laws and statutes of said state for the benefit and protection of infants and minors, and their estates.

In testimony of all the provisions and articles of this instrument I hereunto subscribe my name This 29 day of August, 1904.

Attest:

Sarah J. Oates

T. R. Pittman.

A. A. Armstrong

State of Kentucky,

Muhlenberg County, Oct.

J. Ed. S. Wood, Clerk of the Muhlenberg County Court, certify that the foregoing was this day admitted to probate by said Court as the last will and testament of Sarah J. Oates, 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 26th day of September, 1904.

Ed. S. Wood, Clerk