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In the name of God Amen I Samuel Gilson  
of Glengary County and State of Kentucky being  
in a very low estate of health but yet sound  
mind and disposing memory do make this my last  
will and testament hereby revoking all other wills  
or testaments by me heretofore made,  
1<sup>st</sup> my soul to him that gave it to my body  
to the Earth from whence it came O  
2<sup>nd</sup> That so much of my Estate be disposed of  
as to be of value sufficient to pay a very just  
debt and burial expences.

3<sup>rd</sup> I leave to my loving wife Mary all the  
residue of my Estate both real and personal  
for special purpose of supporting her during  
her celibacy or widow hood together with the  
small children that may remain at home  
with her, at the end of which time it is  
to be divided as follows, with the following  
exceptions, viz, That she may tell Mr. Thompson  
have any property that is intended for them  
if she sees she can spare it.

4<sup>th</sup> To my son Moses H. C. Gilson I give the  
place known by the name of the Mally River place  
and a piece joining the same and thence  
Thompson's, thence to the top of the knoll from  
there a south course to Verallus line thence  
to run a western course to the said Mally River  
place.

5<sup>th</sup> To my son Maxwell R. S. Gilson I give the  
place known by the name of the Rose place  
beginning on a branch called plum branch  
the 11<sup>th</sup> lot line of Mobey's survey thence down  
5<sup>th</sup> branch to the street thence down said street a

it meanders to where the 11<sup>th</sup> lot line crosses  
thence along said line to the beginning.

6 " To my son Lewis L. R. Gilson I give all  
the residue of my Land in the County above  
said that is the last place and the piece  
bought by George Reeves, in reference to the  
exceptions before stated. no less. as the wife  
or sonny may land that is to come between  
during the aforesaid celibacy or widowhood,  
but so as the age of twenty one, to have a right  
to tend & cultivate any part that them and  
the widow can agree on, if they cannot agree  
then Executors to say what each land each may  
take each year.

7 " To my son William, of give one negro to  
be taken out before any division &c.

8 " To my son Samuel T. Gilson, I give one  
negro add to be taken out before any division  
of the above named man & Samuel T. Gilson  
cannot agree in choice of negroes, they will  
draw lots of choice.

9 " My daughter Nancy Chine nor her heirs is  
to have no more than she has already received  
which is one hundred dollars &c.

10 " My daughter Mary Davis nor her heirs is to  
have no more than she has already received which  
is thirty dollars &c.

11 " At the end of my wife's celibacy or  
widowhood all the residue of my my Estate  
not otherwise disposed of to be divided as fol-  
lows. That is equally between my several children  
hereafter mentioned mainly Elizabeth Cooper  
Burke, H. B. Pratt, Narcissa N. L. Gilson, Lumpkin

E. Jane Martwells, Martha L. C. Phillips, Dr. Amanda  
S. A. Wilson Attestinda S. A. Wilson 12<sup>th</sup> Mc It is  
mutually agreed between me and my wife Mary  
that she is to claim no right of dower in any  
case whatever but to relinquish the same for  
which she has the possession and management  
afforded for the special purpose of her  
support and the small children as before  
mentioned also it is understood that the  
lands is not to be rented, nor the negroes  
hired out during the time of her celibacy or  
widowhood. Lastly I do nominate and appoint  
my son Samuel V. Gilson Executor to  
this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July  
1831.

Attest S. Samuel Gilson Esq.  
Johnson G. Walton  
Paul Reeves  
James Davis

At a court held for Clinton County the  
third day of October 1831. This writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and testament  
of Samuel Gilson deceased. It was produced  
in court and proved by the oaths of Johnson  
G. Walton & Paul Reeves, two subscribing witnesses  
thereto, and ordered to be recorded, which is  
done.

Joshua Stockton, Clerk  
Copy att'd  
W. Middleby, Clerk