I Dorchester H Merrick of the County of Boone and

State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing

Memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human

Life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly

Estate as it has pleased God to intrust(sp) me with do

Make my last will and testament in manner and

Form following, that is to say: -

Item 1. I desire that after my decease all my just debts

And funeral expenses be paid.

2, I give to my wife Elizabeth one third part of all my real

Estate, to have and to hold the same for and during the

Term of her natural life, I also give her all my house-

Hold furniture and goods, and all articles appertain

Ing thereto.

3, To Lenora Martin, I relinquish my ????? and ???????? ????

A lot of land, containing near two acres, the same ????????

To her mther in the division of the lands of ????????

Elston among his heirs. I also give her fifty dollars to

Be paid to her ley my Executor when she is fifteen years

 of age.

4. All the rest of my estate both Real and personal of

What nature or kind ?????? it may be, not herein-

Before particularly disposed of I desire may be equal

 Ly divided among several children namely:

Emeline, William, Louise, Jane Ann. Dorchester H and

Benjamin. F and my two grandchildren, namely Lu-

Cinda Beightel child of my daughter Elizabeth and

James The child of my son Stephen which I give to them

And their heirs forever.

5. For any advancement of money or other thing that I may have

Heretofore at any time given to my children on to any of

Them I desire that no change shall be made except an

Advancement to my son Dorchester of Forty Five dollars

Which advancement I hereby change him with and ?????

??? witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix

My seal this 28th dat of February in the year 1874.

Signed and acknowledged by D H Merrick (seal)

D H Merrick because of

The undersigned witnesses:

 James A Wilson

 Hayden Wilson

 Z G Holmes

State of Kentucky

Boone County Court Regular Tern January 4th 1875

An Instrument of uniting purporting to be the last

Will and testament of D H Merrick Deed was this day.

Produced in open court and offered for probate and

The same was fully proven as by ???? required by

The oath of Z F Holmes and Hayden Wilson two

Subscribing witnesses thereto as was was also proven the ???

Testation of James A Wilson the subsen???? Witness

Thereto. Whenenpower the same was ordered to be recorded

As and for the true last will and testament of said

Decedent, Which is accordingly done.

 Attest: L H Hill