

Barren County 1st August Term 1849

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Ellis do. was produced in Court and proven in due form of law, by the oath of Henry Childers and Douglas S. Ferguson witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said John Ellis do.

Attest H. S. Adams (Clerk)

S. Duke
Will

In the name of God Amen I George Duke of the County of Barren and State of Kentucky do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and unto the following intent
Item First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary during her life, the following boundary of land including my dwelling beginning out I Bousharts line at Fountain Dicks corner near a thicket, at the end of the land south of my house, thence towards the house along the fence west of the land, to the yard fence near the yard gate, thence with the post & railing on the outside to include the smokehouse, thence to include the well, thence to the yard fence, thence with the yard fence and the garden fence, running N 13 W through the field to Gardner's line, thence with his line and my line south easterly to ^{his} my corner, thence I Bousharts and my line to the beginning, I also give to my wife sufficiency of timber to support her farm during her life, to be taken off the tract of land adjoining the lands of Parks Parrish, Moddick and Dickerson. I also give to my wife the following negroes and other property during her life to wit: One negro man Jack, one ^{woman} Clarissa, one girl Abby, one bay horse Bob, one bay mare Bird, two milch cows, three other young cattle, one yoke of oxen, one cart, six head of sheep, ten head of hogs, such as the may choose live plough, two sets of gear, two wedding hoops and a bed, kitchen furniture sufficient for her use, three beds and furniture, one turned post, and two common bedsteads, one walnut falling bed, table, six common chairs, one cupboard and a cupboard ware furniture sufficient for her use, one looking glass, one bible, also corn and other provisions necessary for the first year after my death, also half the geese, all the turkeys and chickens, one barn. It is my request that she divide the fruit of my orchard with my son Albert. Item Second, I give to my daughter Polly Parrish the negroes and other property now in her possession, to wit: One negro woman Wesley, one boy Bramble, two horses, one saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, one common bedstead, bed and furniture, one sow and pig, I also give to Polly, at my death one negro boy Gloucester and one girl Clarissa, Clarissa to

remain with my wife, until her death, and then to go to Polly during her life as well as all the other property given herein to her and then to her children forever, Item Third I give to my daughter Elizabeth Parrish during her life and after to her children forever the following negroes and other property to wit, two negroes Mafa and Jasper, one horse saddle and bridle, one bedstead, bed and furniture, one cow and calf, Elizabeth now has possession of the foregoing, I also give to her at my death during her life and to her forever, two negroes George Ann and Abby, but she is not to have possession of Abby until the death of my wife.

Item Fourth - I do now, and put in the possession, as continues in the possession of my daughter Sarah Ann Middleton during her life, and give to her children after her forever, the following in addition to the hundred and two acres of land I have this day deeded to her, to wit: One negro woman and her child, Sam and her young child, one mare Coley Ann, one saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, one bedstead, bed and furniture, one cupboard, one bureau, Sarah Ann now has possession of the foregoing. I also direct that at my death, and after as long as she may live, Sarah Ann shall have the use and benefit of the following property to assist her to raise her children in comfort and credit, and at her death, I give it all to her children forever, to wit, one negro girl Eliza, and her increase if any. Item Fifth I give to my son Fountain Duke in addition to two hundred acres of land, I have this day deeded to him, one hundred where he lives and one hundred off my land where I live, the following property to wit: half of my tract of One hundred and twenty five acres of land, adjoining the lands of Parks Parrish, Moddick and Dickerson, subject to the provision for my wife to get timber off it to support her farm as provided for in the first item of this my will, also negro boy Underwood, one horse bridle and saddle and one bedstead, bed and furniture, that he now has in his possession I also give him, at my death, one Jack, (Lion Brown) one negro man John and one girl Emily, In case Fountain shall die leaving no child, then the above property to go to his sisters and brother, their heirs forever Item Sixth I give to my son, Albert Duke in addition to three hundred and three acres of land I have this day deeded to him, being part of the land where I live, the following negroes and other property to wit, One negro boy David and horse bridle and saddle, one cow and calf, one ^{head} bed and furniture and one yoke of oxen that he now has in possession I also give him one clock, one fresh one cherry falling leaf table, six green chairs, two negroes Eliza and Henry, Henry is given in consideration of a note of

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 Item First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy during her life, the following boundary of land including my dwelling beginning out of Boushards line at Mountain Dicks corner near a whistery at the end of the land south of my house thence towards the house along the fence west of the land to the yard fence near the yard gate, thence with the post & railing on the outside to include the Smokehouse, thence to include the mill, thence to the yard fence, thence with the yard fence and the garden fence, beginning N. 3/4 through the field to Gardeners line, thence with his line and my line South easterly to my corner, thence I Boushards and my line to the beginning, I also give to my wife sufficiency of timber to support her farm during her life, to be taken off the tract of land adjoining the lands of Parks Parrish, Maddox and Dickerson. I also give to my wife the following negroes and other property during her life to wit: One negro man Jack, one negro woman, one girl Abby, one bay horse Job, one bay mare Bird, two milch cows, three other young cattle, one yoke of oxen, one cart, six head of sheep, ten head of hogs, such as she may choose, two ploughs, two sets of gear, two wedding hoops, one side kitchen furniture sufficient for her use, three beds and furniture, one lateral post, and two common bedsteads, one walnut falling leaf table, six common chairs, one cupboard and cupboard ware furniture sufficient for her use, one looking glass, one bible, also corn and other provisions necessary for the first year after my death, also hold the geese, all the turkeys and chickens, one bureau. It is my request that she divide the fruit of my orchard with my son Albert. Item Second, I give to my daughter Polly Parrish the negroes and other property now in her possession, to wit: One negro woman Abby, one boy Bramble, two horses, one saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, one common bedstead, bed and furniture, one sow and pig, I also give to Polly, at my death one negro boy Gloucester and one girl Clarissa, Clarissa to

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remain with my wife, until her death, and then go to Polly during her life as well as all the other property given herein to her and then to her children forever; Item Third I give to my daughter Elizabeth Parrish during her life and after to her children forever the following negroes and other property to wit, two negroes Mapa and Jasper, one horse saddle and bridle, one bedstead, bed and furniture, one cow and calf, Elizabeth now has possession of the foregoing, I also give to her at my death during her life and to her forever, two negroes George Ann and Abby, but she is not to have possession of Abby until the death of my wife. Item Fourth - I leave, and put in the possession, and continue in the possession of my daughter Sarah Ann Middletown during her life, and give to her children after her forever, the following in addition to the hundred and two acres of land I have this day deeded to her, to wit: One negro woman and her child, Sam, and her young child, one mare Abby Ann, one saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, one bedstead, bed and furniture, one cupboard, one bureau, Sarah Ann now has possession of the foregoing, I also desire that at my death, and after as long as she may live, Sarah Ann shall have the use and benefit of the following property to assist her to raise her children in comfort and credit, and at her death, I give it all to her children forever, to wit, one negro girl Abby, and her increase if any. Item Fifth, I give to my son Fountain Dicks in addition to two hundred acres of land, I have this day deeded to him, one hundred where he lives and one hundred off my land where I live; the following property to wit: half of my tract of one hundred and twenty five acres of land, adjoining the lands of Parks Parrish, Maddox and Dickerson, subject to the provision for my wife to get timber off it to support her farm: as provided for in the first item of this my will, also negro boy Underwood, one horse bridle and saddle and one bedstead, bed and furniture, that he now has in his possession. I also give him, at my death, one sack (Iron Box) one negro man John and one girl Emily. In said Fountain shall not leaving no child, then the above property to go to his sisters and brother their heirs forever. Item Sixth, I give to my son Albert Duke in addition to three hundred and three acres of land I have this day deeded to him, being part of the land where I live, the following negroes and other property to wit: One negro boy David one horse bridle and saddle, one cow and calf, one bedstead and furniture and one yoke of oxen that he now has in possession. I also give him one clock, one fresh one cherry falling leaf table, six green chairs, two negroes Abby and Henry, Henry is given in Court to the

315 that I owe to Albert, amounting to about Ten hundred dollars, including interest, and be to have possession of her at the death of his grandmother, Widow Crenshaw, the niece of the property herein bequeathed to Albert, he is to have possession of at my death. I also give him at my death half my girth, and at his mother's death my silver spoon, I also give him my prong and hind gear, If Albert shall die, leaving no child, then the property herein bequeathed to him is to be to his sister and brother and their heirs forever, Item Seventh I give to my daughter Tabitha Nickey one negro Mary, give to her at her leaving me, one mare saddle and bridle, one bedstead, bed and furniture. Tabitha is to have possession of the said property except Mary who is dead, I give to Tabitha at my death one negro woman Margaret and her child and a boy Mat. I also give to Tabitha seventy acres of land near the road leading from Crenshaw's Wood to Glasgow, and near Williams' Harbors also forty nine acres of land on Litching Creek. I have the said two tracts, to the same more or less, I also give her at her mother's death one negro man Jack, Tabitha is to have the said land, negroes and personal property during her life and after her to go to her children forever, Item Eighth, I will and direct that my executor hereinafter to be appointed shall hire out my woman from year to year as long as she will Command a price, when she cannot be hired for any price it is my desire that my son Albert take care of her as long as she may live. I further direct that my said executor shall from year to year, hire a suitable house woman for my wife until she comes into the possession of Charles who is now in the possession of my wife's mother to pay such hire out of any money in his hands from my estate, Item Ninth, My will and desire is that all my personal estate, not herein devised, shall be sold on a credit of twelve months in order to pay all my just debts and to defray expenses of administration and to pay the hire of a house woman for my wife, Item Tenth, I direct that the residue together with what will remain at my wife's death, if property not herein devised and further directed and the remaining half of my ~~own~~ ^{own} hundred and twenty five acres of land adjoining Parvish, all added to the ~~other~~ ^{other} shall be equally divided between my four daughters Polly, Elizabeth, Sarah Ann, and Tabitha, also my good stock on the Elizabeth Town and Little Sunfield over there, lastly I do constitute and appoint my son Albert Duke executor to this my last will and testament, In witness whereof

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George Duke declares this to be ³ George Duke ^(D)
his last will and testament ³
and acknowledged the signature thereof, the day of the date thereof, and called on us to witness it
Jas. J. Hardy
W. L. Carter
J. J. Burchell

I George Duke do make and declare this instrument to be a codicil to my last will and testament heretofore made, to wit, It is my will and desire and I do hereby bequeath to my son Albert Duke my negro boy Henry youngest child of Charles, in testimony whereof I hereunto put my seal and subscribe my name this 25th January 1797
Wm. J. Hardy
W. L. Carter
J. J. Burchell

I George Duke of Barren County Ky. still desire that the foregoing will and codicil to be my provision for my children so far as it can, but as Margaret that I gave to my daughter Tabitha Duke my had died and as I wish to provide for Tabitha so as to be equal to the said provision therein made for her, I do hereby make and ordain this codicil in alteration of my said will, viz: As Margaret has died and in order to provide for her I do hereby Tabitha, I will and direct that my executor who I shall herein name to sell of my personal estate as directed and I will and direct that my daughter Tabitha Nickey shall have Four hundred and fifteen dollars & 60 cents out of my estate being like sixths of the worth of Margaret who died, Tabitha see proper to furnish my executor with their equal portions of the worth of Margaret being \$833 dollars. Then the provisions I have made for them shall stand as made, but if any one or all of them shall refuse to do so, it is my will that the sum of \$833 dollars shall be taken from their portions and I direct my executor to buy a gift for Tabitha with the \$416 66 dollars, I further direct that my son Albert shall at my death take Sylvia into his possession and take care of her because I do not wish her to be hired out. I do hereby appoint and make my friend Charles J. Burch my executor to my ^{will} ~~will~~ and the said Charles and release my son Albert, I wish now to ~~execute~~ ^{execute}

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my will as fully, as if at first appointed. Witness my hand and seal this 25 July 1844

Sam. G. Hardy

George Duke

W. Ritter

Sad. W. H. M. M. M.

Barren County, Oct. 2nd October Term 1844

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George Duke dec'd and the codicils attached thereto, was produced in Court and said will was proved by the oath of J. G. Hardy & W. D. Carter subscribing witnesses thereto and the first Codicil was proved by the oath of J. G. Hardy, W. Ritter & J. W. H. M. M. M. subscribing witnesses thereto. And the second Codicil was proved by the oath of J. G. Hardy, W. Ritter & J. W. H. M. M. M. subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the last last will of said George Duke dec'd.

Attest

Thos. F. Nelson

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El Mary

Will

In the name of God Amen, I, Eliza Mary of the County of Barren & State of Kentucky, being sick & weak of body, but of sound mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate, as it has pleased God to bless me with, give and bequeath the same in manner following, (that is to say), 1st I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son Lewis M. M. dec'd (viz) Samuel C. M. M., Kittie Ann Holmes & Louisa Jane Holmes (both formerly M. M.) a certain portion of my lands to be laid off in one body for their benefit and bounded as follows (viz) Beginning on the bluff of Beaver Creek, at a chestnut black gum & maple then to a small black walnut corner standing near the Orchard, then to a Sycamore standing on the bank of the branch in the old still house yard, then to the center of the tobacco grounds spring, then N. E. of Warrings line, then with said line to the Creek & with the Creek to the Beginning 2nd I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Eliza A. M. M., heir of Lewis M. M., five hundred dollars to be paid out of any of my funds or property not otherwise bequeathed, 3rd I give and bequeath unto my son Walter C. M. M., a certain portion of my land bounded as follows. Beginning at Beaver Creek on the above named Chestnut black gum & maple, then to the within named line of Lewis M. M., then to the walnut corner near the orchard, then a line to the Creek, then standing on Warrings lower line, then with said line until

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it intersects with my line, running down the Creek, then with said line up the Creek to the Beginning. 4th I have given to my son Sam. Jordan A. M. M. and Samuel M. M. their portion of my lands heretofore - 5th The residue of my lands I give and bequeath unto my wife during her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease it is my wish it shall be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my children, say one fourth part to the heirs of my son Lewis M. M. dec'd, one fourth part to Walter C. M. M., one fourth part to Jordan A. M. M., & one fourth part to Samuel M. M. or their heirs, 6th All the residue of my estate of what nature & sort, I may be not herein before disposed of, I desire may be sold, and the proceeds equally divided among my several children herein before named, which I give to them & their heirs forever - I desire that Rebecca M. M., widow of Lewis M. M. dec'd shall live upon the lot with her children if she chooses during her natural life or widowhood, & 7th As respects Sam. a black woman, I desire that she shall be at liberty to do for herself for the balance of her time, and to live on the premises if she chooses until her death, with my home place, and I require upon my children to see that she does not suffer for the necessities of life - And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friends John Dodd & A. R. Pittman Executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all other former wills, or testaments by me heretofore made, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 3rd day of January 1850

Sign'd, Seal'd, & declar'd as for the Eliza Mary (S. M.) last will & testament of the above named Eliza Mary, in presence of us James H. Love

Christopher Newman

Barren County, 1st February Term 1850

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Eliza Mary dec'd was produced in Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of James H. Love and Christopher Newman subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the last last will and testament of said Eliza Mary dec'd

Thos. F. Nelson