

to the benefit and support of my wife; And whatever remains unappropriated at her death of all my property of every kind Thomas Brown is to inherit on his compliance with the aforesaid Contract between him & myself. And lastly I appoint my wife Susanna Prayer Executor of this my last will and testament requesting the assistance of my friend Robert Strange to assist her in executing in making any settlement she may have to make and for his friendly assistance, I desire him to be honorably paid hereby revoking and disannulling all other wills, testaments or bequests by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1846

Acknowledged in the presence of  
By Crutcher

James T. Crutcher

I James Prayer do make and publish the following Contract to be added to the foregoing will - My wife Susanna Prayer is to have and retain possession of my house, kitchen and every thing pertaining thereto during her natural life, or dispose of them according to her own will and all not by her otherwise disposed of. Thomas Brown is to inherit. And to Thomas Briggs the girl who now lives with me I leave a bed of the shuck they will not to the age of eighteen years old - And disannulling and disannulling all previous wills or testaments by me heretofore made I set my hand and seal to this, April 6 1846

Acknowledged in the presence of

James Prayer

By Crutcher

James T. Crutcher

Barren County, 1st August 1849

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Prayer and together with the Codicil attached thereto was produced in Court and proven in and form of law by Henry Crutcher and James T. Crutcher witnesses to whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last will of said James Prayer deceased

Attest Not. Public

Ellis  
Will

In the name of God Amen I John Ellis of Barren County Kentucky do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that after my decease that all my personal property and my 2<sup>nd</sup> tract of land be sold, that is my mill tract to be run off beginning at the old line near Christopher Thomas and running South to include the Salt well to the old Salt house spring on Paynes line

thence with Paynes line to the youngs line & thence to the old line and thence to the Beginning and the other tract known by the name of the Riddle tract my house tract whereon I live I desire my two sons William & George Ellis to have my house tract which I valued at \$8 per acre and should they not take the land at my price let them the said tract to be sold and the money arising therefrom all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and the residue to be divided in manner of form following 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my son William Ellis the tract whereon he now lives which I valued at one dollar & fifty cents per acre and half of my bench tract to be freely enjoyed by him & his heirs forever 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my son George Ellis the tract of land whereon he now lives which I valued at \$1.50 the per acre, and the other half of my bench tract to be freely enjoyed by him and his heirs forever 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Mary Lepp the tract of land in which she has sold which is valued at \$100 per acre and so much money as may make her land equal to William & George Ellis to be freely enjoyed by her & her heirs forever 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Betty Wilson in money out of the sales of my lands & other property to make her equal to the rest of my heirs above named in lieu of land to be freely enjoyed by her & her heirs forever 6<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Darnaby in money out of the sales of my lands & other property to make her equal to the rest of my heirs above named in lieu of land to be freely enjoyed by her & her heirs forever 7<sup>th</sup> And after my just debts & funeral expenses is paid and my heirs above named being made equal the residue of any land money to be equally divided amongst all my heirs 8<sup>th</sup> I desire my negro woman Patty be set free & liberated and to act as all other free people of colour with all her bedding & 9<sup>th</sup> Item I desire if my two sons George & William Ellis should not take the house tract of land at the price I have before stated and pay to the other heirs their proportionable parts then the land is to be sold to the highest bidder observing & binding the purchaser to keep open all former fences as had heretofore been kept open by me. 10<sup>th</sup> And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint William & George Ellis Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills & by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1849

Signed Sealed & acknowledged

in presence of us

Henry Childers

Douglas St. Argus

John Ellis (Seal)

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 (1849)

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 Boushaws 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 <sup>his</sup> my corner, thence I Boushaws 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 <sup>woman</sup> Clarissa, one girl Abby, one bay horse Bob, one bay mare Bird, two mules, four 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 <sup>head</sup> 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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