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C Duke
Will

In the name of God Amen I Cosby Duke of the County
of Warren and State of Kentucky being in a low state of
health but of sound mind and memory do make con-
statute and ordain this my last will and testament
To wit after all my just debts are paid I give & dispose
of the balance of my estate in the following form (Witness
my hand) I give unto my son Thomas Duke the tract of
land Oppurchased of Jacob E Davidson containing
seventy six acres to him and his heirs forever - I give unto
my granddaughter Nancy Jane Duke one horse black
and white by the name of the black belly & one feather bed
and furniture, which belly is to be sold this fall and
the money paid over for the benefit of my said grand-
daughter - The balance of my estate I leave to my beloved
wife Nancy Duke for her maintenance for & during her
life and hereby appoint my son Thomas Duke trustee to
take care of my said wife and to manage the said property
for her benefit which consists of the tract of land whereon
I now live with all my stock of horses cattle hogs the
crop of every description with the home hold & kitchen furniture
with the farming utensils & tools of every description and
at the death of my wife it is my will and desire that
my tract of land and all the other property be equally
divided between my two sons namely John Duke and
Thomas Duke. Lastly I appoint my son Thomas Duke
my sole executor of this my last will and testament
ratifying and confirming this to be my last will & testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 9th day of July 1839
Signed & sealed in presence of
John King
Argel Holder

Warren County 26th December Term 1845
The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Cosby Duke decd was presented in Court and proven by the
Oath of Argel Holder a subscribing witness thereto and the other
subscribing witnesses John King being sworn his signatures were
proven & whereupon the same were ordered to be recorded in the
last will of said Cosby Duke decd
at The J. Nelson Clee

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Darker
Will

I Thomas Parker found in memory & of a dispo-
sition to make and Ordain this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all other and former wills made by me being desirous
of disposing of my earthly estate in manner & form following-
First I leave my wife Elizabeth M Parker to have & to hold
all of my land which is one hundred acres and all of my
horses and cattle & hogs & sheep to make use of for her
benefit during her natural life, and further more I desire
her to have and to hold all of my money which is two hundred
dollars and all of my home hold and kitchen furniture
to use and dispose of in the way she thinks proper during her
natural life, and at her death I desire her to have the
privilege of disposing of my home hold and kitchen furniture
and money in the way she thinks proper, and after her natural
death I will and bequeath unto my son Henry Parker
all of my land and horses & cattle & sheep & hogs to will
and do with as he may think proper for the support and
benefit of him and his heirs In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2^d day of
November 1844 Signed & acknowledged in the presence of
William R Edwards
George W Doss
Thomas Parker &c

Warren County 26th December Term 1845
The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will of Thomas
Parker decd was presented in Court and having been partially
proven at the October term last by the Oath of George W Doss
a subscribing witness thereto was at this term fully proven
by the Oath of William R Edwards the other subscribing
witness thereto. Whereupon the same were ordered to be recorded
in the last will of said Thomas Parker decd
at The J. Nelson Clee

Darker
Will

The Non Captive will of Reuben Kelly made during his
last illness. It is my will & desire that my granddaughter
Amos Kelly have one horse saddle & bridle also half of
sheep & 1 bed & bed clothing & then equal division of personal
property & we do hereby certify that the above division was made
by said Kelly in our presence & was called on by him as witnesses
him under an hand this 16th Dec 1845
James Mathers &c
David Porter &c

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Barren County Oct December Term 1845.
The foregoing New Testament will of Rouben Kelly
has been produced in Court and proven in due form
of law by the oath of James Withers, & Edward Foster
subscribing thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered
to be recorded as the true last will of said Rouben
Kelly dec^d

charged

All The I. H. C. C. C.

W. Crutcher

Will

I Rod (alias Edmund) Crutcher man of color do make this
last will and testament revoking all others. I desire that
my executors learn out what money I may have on hand at my
death and after the payment of my just debts apply the interest
to the ~~interest~~ and benefit of my son Sam and my daughter
Frances in such a way as my said executors may think proper.
All other property and effects of which I may die possessed to
be disposed of by my executors as they may think proper and the
proceeds to be applied to the use and benefit of my aforesaid legatee
in such a manner as my said executors may think proper.

I direct that B B Grump shall have the guardianship and control
of my son Sam until he my said son shall arrive at the age
of twenty one years which will be in March 1847.

I direct that Benja B Grump shall ^{have} the guardianship and
control of my daughter Frances until she shall arrive at the
age of eighteen years which will be in August 1848 during
that she shall be brought up in his family and that she be
learned to read. I appoint B B Grump and Benja B Grump
executors of this my last and testament Witness my hand this
13 day of October 1843

Test W. Ritter

E. H. Rogers

Rod ^{his} Crutcher ^{mark}

Barren County Oct January Term 1846
The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Rod Crutcher was produced in court and proven in due form
of law by the oath of Wilson Ritter and John H. Rogers
subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same was ordered
to be recorded as the true last will of said Rod Crutcher
dec^d

All The I. H. C. C. C.

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A Tutor

Will

I Absalom Duder of Barren County and State of Kentucky
do hereby make my last will and testament in the following manner
- and that is to say: First I bequeath my soul to God.
Secondly I desire my funeral expenses and all my just debts
to be paid. Thirdly I give to my beloved wife Mary Duder all
my estate both real and personal to have hold and enjoy
during her life but if she marry again I desire my coloured
man Rob to be free but if she remain single I desire Rob to
serve her until her death and then to be free. At my wife's
decease I desire the aforesaid Rob to have all my land and its
appurtenances also one good feather bed, a bedstead a bag good
supply of bed clothing therefor. At my wife's decease I desire
my coloured girl Minerva to be free together with all the children
she may have at my wife's decease I desire the said Minerva
to have a horse worth forty five dollars, a side saddle worth
eighteen dollars, a cow and calf, my second rate bureau a bedstead
together with and plenty of bed clothing therefor. I desire the
balance of my property to be sold and the proceeds to be equally
divided between the sons of my brother Joel Duder.
I desire my brother Henry Duder and my nephew John Duder
to be executors of this my last will and testament. If my
coloured man Rob should decease before my wife I desire the
aforesaid sons of my brother Joel deceased to inherit all the
property bequeathed to Rob that is after my wife's decease.
I hereby revoke all former wills or testaments by me heretofore
made. Given under my hand this twenty fourth day of
December one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Test Nicholas W Jones

William S. Hammett

Robertson Duder

Absalom Duder

Barren County Oct February Term 1846
The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Absalom Duder dec^d was produced in court and proven in
due form of law by the oath of Nicholas W Jones and William
S. Hammett subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the same
was ordered to be recorded as true last will of said
Absalom Duder dec^d

At

The I. H. C. C. C.