

I Samuel Merrill Sen of Warren County & State of Kentucky Realizing that I am mortal being in a calm and composed state of mind and of disposing memory do ordain and make this instrument my last will & testament in manner and substance as herein last down
 1st I give unto the heirs of my son George Merrill dec'd a small slip of land ad mms. W^m Merrill suppond to contain twelve or fifteen acres beginning at a tree marked **SM** at the lower end of a meadow running a southwardly down by marked trees to John Claytons corner on my line at Deer Cords Farm thence thence with Claytons line to W^m Morrills corner which will include the line west.

2nd The tract or land wherein I now live containing about five hundred acres having been reserved as an undisturbed residence for myself and wife during life and should I decease before she does my will is that my said wife survive to Merrill shall hold the above lands together with all my whole both real and personal of whatsoever kind in fee simple for and during her natural life though at liberty at any time to surrender any part to my exors to be appointed as herein directed.

3rd I will that after the decease of myself and wife several negroes to w^{ch} I have to my several sons in the order herein stated - I give to my son Sam^l Merrill Jr. Maria and Rachel. I give to my son Ezra & Merrill Maria and future increase to my - I give to my son Jas Merrill Mary with her present and future increase - I give unto my son Schuyler Merrill my negro man Lewis - I give unto my son Rob^t Merrill Peled & his exors. I will that the land wherein I now live with the appurtenances thereto belonging at the decease of myself and wife be equally divided between my two sons Jas & Robert Merrill in any way they may think proper - I will that my grandson Geo Merrill (son of Geo dec'd) be furnished with a good horse saddle bridle & saddle from my estate at such age as my exors think proper.

The residue of my estate of all and every description not herebefore given away to be sold on such credit as my Exors may deem best after paying my just debts if any and all proper charges the amount remaining to be equally divided between the whole of any legates being alive or survivor - And lastly I do constitute and appoint my two sons Sam^l & Jas

Merrill Exors to carry this my last will and testament into full effect. I do hereby pronounce & ratify this instrument to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of August 1835

Witnessed before us

John Clayton

Deer Cords

Warren County Set February term 1837

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Merrill dec'd was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of John Clayton and a wit Deer Cords Farm thence thence with Claytons line to W^m Morrills corner which will include the line west.

J. G. Nelson 1836

Warren County } Know ye to whom it may concern
 State of Kentucky } that I Elizabeth Parker of the County & State above mentioned being of sound mind & memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) I give and bequeath unto my son Jackson Parker my slaves that is one negro man named George one negro woman named Molly and one negro boy named James and also all my other property of every description whatsoever I may have at my death when I hereby appoint sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills by me made or forming this will no other heretofore by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of December 1835

Signed Seal & acknowledged

in presence of

William Sandrum

William Howard

Address Butler

Archelam & Roby

Warren County Set December term 1836

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Parker dec'd was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of William Sandrum and Archelam & Roby subscribing witnesses thereto to be the true last will and testament of said Elizabeth Parker dec'd and ordered to be recorded

J. G. Nelson 1836