

December the 9th 1814. I have a complaint on one that will soon take me & and it is my will that my lawfull wife Jane Wth shall have all my estate forever this is my will.

James Wth

Kentucky Buchanan County Court

At a County Court begun and held for the County aforesaid at the Courthouse in the town of Harpersburg on Monday the 27th day of August 1815 the annexed writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Wth, deceased, was exhibited in Court and there being no subscribing witness thereto Martin Wale was sworn who swore that he was well acquainted with the hand writing of the said James Wth deceased and that he had frequently seen him write and that he firmly believed that the whole of the said will was written by the said James Wth deceased and thereupon the same was ordered to be certified & laid on for further proof. And at a County Court held for the County aforesaid on Monday the 18th day of September 1815 and in the 2^d year of the Commonwealth the said writing was further proved by Martin Wale who again came into Court also Samuel B Killefry James Eddison William Eddison & Henry Eddison who all being duly sworn solemnly swore that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of the said James Wth deceased and that they had frequently seen him write and that they verily believed that the whole of the said writing both the body of the writing and the signature thereto was wholly in the hand writing of the said James Wth deceased whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded & so which judgment Samuel Wth who appeared & contested the validity of the will prayed for & obtained an appeal to the Court of Appeals and at a County Court begun & held for the said County at the Court house aforesaid on Monday the 15th day of November 1819 and in the 2^d year of the Commonwealth the judgment & opinions of the Court of Appeals confirming the judgment & order of the County Court of the County of Buchanan aforesaid was read and thereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded agreeably to the former order of the Court.

at To Allen etc Buchanan County Court.

I David Ruff of the City of Richmond do make this my last will and Testament Infirmities I give and devise to my son Frederick Augustus Ruff a tract of land of equal value with the tract I have heretofore put into the possession of my son David Ruff junior and also thirty six slaves or fair families of equal value with those in possession of my son David I give and devise to my son David Ruff junior the lands in his possession called and named Mount Ede and Red House plantation containing about fourteen hundred acres also thirty six slaves which are also in possession of my son David Ruff junior with their future increase All the rest and residue of my estate real and personal after payment of my just debts I give devise and bequest to my four children and their heirs equally to be divided among them presently Eliza Myers wife of Jacob Myers Sarah A Duffield wife of John Duffield and Frederick A Ruff and David Ruff junior I further order and direct that my executors hereinafter named or each of them as may act do sell and convey such part of my real estate as may be necessary for the payment of my debts or such debts as they may deem necessary to prevent a sacrifice of the

property which sales may be extended as to persons as many shares as they may think most beneficial to my family and I hereby appoint my sons Frederick & John my son in law Jacob Meyers and my friend Thomas S. Bouldin Executors of my last will and testament and revoke all former will by me made and I hereby order and direct that no security be required of my said Executors for the execution of this my last will ^{and publish} signed sealed this my last Will and testament this twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen

Test

John Jamison

Amos Ogden

W. H. Rice

David Rapp

At a quarterly Court continued and held for Henrico County at the Court house on Tuesday the sixth day of May 1817 the last will and testament of David Rapp was presented in Court and thereupon John Jamison and W. H. Rice two of the Justices of the Peace personally appeared in Court and made oath that David Rapp the testator signed published and declared the said writing as and for his last will and testament in their presence that they believed he was of perfect sense and memory at the time and date they believe he then named as witnesses to the said will in presence of the testator whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Thomas S. Bouldin one of the executors named in the said will who paid the costs and entered into and acknowledged in the presence of the Court his bond and entered into and acknowledged in the presence of the Court his bond in the penalty of three hundred and thirty dollars conditioned according to law without security it being directed in the Will of the testator a certificate was granted to him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form liberty being reserved to the other executors named in the said will to join in the said probate when they shall think fit

Test J. B. Whitelock C. H. C.

Virginia Henrico County Court

I Squire Bacon Whitelock Clerk of the said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last Will and Testament of David Rapp deceased taken from the records of the Court of the County aforesaid the testimony whereof I have herewith subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said County this second day of December 1818 in the 38th year of the Commonwealth

J. B. Whitelock C. H. C.

Virginia Henrico County Court

I William Mayo presiding Magistrate of the Court of said County by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by an act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to prescribe the mode in which the public acts and Records and judicial proceedings in each State shall be authenticated so as to take effect in any other State" do certify that the foregoing attestation is in due form that Squire Bacon Whitelock is Clerk of the said County Court of Henrico and that full faith and credit ought to be given to all his acts as such given under my hand and seal this 17th day of December One thousand eight hundred and eighteen

Wm Mayo

Kentucky etc.

I Achilles Seward clerk of the Court of Appeals for the State aforesaid being authorized by law to receive and admit to Records and other writings in my office do certify that the foregoing copy of David Rife's will was produced to me in my office in Frankfort on the 23rd day of January 1819 and that the same with the certificate thereon is truly recorded. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name the day and year aforesaid.

Achilles Seward C. C. C.

Kentucky Daviess County etc.

I William A. Griffith clerk of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of the last Will and Testament of David Rife dec'd was this day exhibited to me in my office and the same together with the clerical certificate and testimonial thereon endorsed is truly recorded in my Office here under my hand this 30th day of March 1819 and 27th year of the Commonwealth.

Wm A Griffith

Kentucky etc.

At a county Court begun and held for the County of Buchanan at the Court House in Hardinsburg on Monday the twentieth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty and in the 28th year of the Commonwealth a meeting purporting to be an authenticated copy of the last Will and Testament of David Rife deceased late of Henrico County and State of Virginia which appears to have been duly proved and admitted to records in the County Court of Henrico County in the State of Virginia was produced on Court whereupon for motion Thomas F. Boddin acting executor named in said Will by Robert Duffell his attorney in fact the same is offered for probate in this Court which attested copy is filed and stamped it is ordered that the clerk of this Court make out an authenticated copy of the same and attach to it a commission for taking proof of the execution of the original and it is further ordered that the Mayor of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner to examine upon oath the subscribing witnesses the original will touching its execution and the examination so taken to report faithfully to this Court.

Kentucky etc.

I Joseph Allen clerk of Buchanan's County Court on the State aforesaid do certify that the above and foregoing contained in seven pages is a true copy of a writing now filed in my Office purporting to be an authenticated copy of the last will and testament of David Rife deceased late of the State of Virginia and all certificates thereon endorsed as also a true copy of an order of the said County Court of Buchanan's County made when the said copy of said will was offered for probate in said Court and that I have in obedience to said order filed and attached the following commission.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 23rd day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty and in the 28th year of the Commonwealth.

Jo Allen

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky to the Mayor of the City of Richmond Shewing That
Whereas we in confidence of your fidelity the County Court of the
County of Breckinridge in the State of Kentucky have appointed you and by their
present do give unto you full power and authority diligently to examine John
Jameson Swell Oggood & Wm H Rice on their corporal oaths first taken before you
touching their knowledge of the execution of a certain writing purporting to be
the last Will and Testament of David Rapp deceased which is now filed and of
Record in the County Court of Henrico County in the State of Virginia a true
copy of which with the endorsements is contained in the first six pages hereof
and the said Court also direct that said examination be taken upon record to
writing and send the same with this Commission enclosed under your hand
and seal to our said Court with all convenient speed Writing Joseph Allen
Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse in Newbernburg the 23rd day of
March 1828 in the 25th year of the Commonwealth

In Attest

Virginia City of Richmond Court

In obedience to the annexed Commission from the County
Court of Breckinridge in the State of Kentucky I John Adams Mayor of the City of
said have caused John Jameson and Matthew H Rice two of the subscribing
witnesses to the last Will and Testament of David Rapp late of County of Henrico in
the State of Virginia and William Dobson junior to appear before me this day in
our City of said the original Will of the said David Rapp being also produced before
me by the Clerk of the County Court of Henrico of said and the said John Jameson
being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God do depose and say
that he has compared the original Will of David Rapp with the copy thereof annexed
to the Commission aforesaid and find the same to be truly copied except the words
"said" to be interlined between the words "son and David" in the seventh line of the
first page of this copy that he is a subscribing witness to the said last Will and Tes-
tament that the said testator acknowledged and published the same as his last
Will and Testament in the presence of this deponent and this deponent attested
the same in the presence and at the request of the said testator who was at the
time of the execution of the said Will of sound and disposing mind and memory
the said deponent further saith that Swell Oggood another subscribing witness
to the said Will hath since departed this life

John Jameson

And the said Matthew H Rice being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of
Almighty God do depose and say that he has compared the original Will of
David Rapp with the copy thereof annexed to the Commission aforesaid and finds
the same to be truly copied except as noted above in the deposition of John
Jameson that he is a subscribing witness to the said last Will and Testament
that the said testator acknowledged and published the same as his last Will and
Testament in the presence of this deponent and this deponent attested the same
in the presence and at the request of the said testator who was at the time of the
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said deponent further saith that Swell Oggood another subscribing witness to
the said Will hath since departed this life.

Wm H Rice