

Geo. Ringer

Martin Shellman

Nancy Carl

Kentucky Buchanan County 1st

At a County Court begun and held for the County aforesaid on Monday the 18th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty and the within writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Almy decd was proved in due form to be the act and deed of the said Thomas Almy by the oaths of George Ringer and Nancy Carl witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

Attest Jefferson Sumner Deputy Clerk of the
Buchanage County Court

I William Hardin ~~son~~ of Buchanan County Kentucky knowing that it is appointed once for all to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner to wit 1st It is my will that all my just debts be first paid out of my estate 2nd I do will to my lawful wife Susan Hardin upon her relinquishing her right ^{all} claims to the balance of my estate eight hundred acres of land having her first choice out of any land I specify to be laid off in one of two tracts as she may think proper and to have and to hold the same forever I also will to my wife Susan all my household furniture farming utensils and stock for her natural lifetime and after her death to be ^{the} equal property of my two youngest daughters Hannah and Lucinda Hardin and their heirs forever it is also my will that my wife Susan is to have all the rent corn and what is due me this present season 3rd It is my will that the balance of my estate indiscriminately be equally divided quality and quantity between Henry Hardin Malinda, Beauford, Amelia, Merry, Eliza Davidson John & Hardin John Hardin Mary and Hardin Lucinda Hardin and Eliza Comstock and Lemina Comstock heirs of Henry and Comstock decd the two latter being entitled to one equal part with the others as their mother would have been entitled to if she were living taking into consideration what each one has received by reference to deeds recorded in the Clerk's Office that those who have received more is to have less to make all my before mentioned heirs equal I do also will unto my son William Hardin three dollars out of my estate and not any thing more out of my estate I do hereby nominate and constitute John & Hardin and Robert Huston my executors giving them full power to appoint commissioners to value all the lands I possess and invest them with authority to have and make a division of the land among my before mentioned heirs as soon as convenient after my death and to it clearly understood that my executors before mentioned have first a right and authority to sell any lands I specify to discharge my just debts In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th day of June 1821

In presence of

Edson Brown

Robert W Washington

Robert Huston

William ^{his} Hardin ~~son~~

Kentucky Buchanan County 1821

at a County Court begun and held for the County aforesaid on Monday the 17th day of September 1821 the within writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Hardin was proposed in due form to be the act and deed of the said William Hardin by the oath of John W. Washington and Robert Hunter witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the 18th day of September John C. Hardin in open Court made oath to the same according to law

Attest

Jo Allen, Clerk Buchanan County Court

I Thomas Stith of Buchanan County and State of Kentucky aged fifty years in good health and of sound mind do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Lady Maria Stith one third part of all my personal estate with my dwelling house and plantation with the adjoining wood lands (as far as to interfere with the settlement of the little spring) for her use and comfort during her natural life and my son Benjamin Stith to live with her mother during her life and at her death the said Benjamin is to live and possess the said land and plantation as above forever 2^d I give to my son Richard Stith that part of my land whereon he now lives from the small ridge that runs across the valley a small distance below his plantation and so far up as not to interfere with that part of the land whereon Jacob Haydon now lives to him and his heirs forever 3^d I give to my son William S Stith that part of my land from the boundary of the old tract to the small ridge below his brother Richard to him and his heirs forever 4th My son Thomas Stith to be educated as a physician at the expense of my estate and if he should return from Virginia not having opportunity to study with his uncle James he must have an inheritance with his brothers either in the place where Jacob Haydon now lives or at the high spring (as the case maybe) and be made equal with the other brothers according to quantity and quality by their brothers and if my lands should by last the money arising from the improvement with the land and acres of the Indian good lands I consider as belonging to my sons and their mother her lifetime 5th And it is my desire that my estate continue in the same situation that that it now is in the hands of my wife Maria Stith to act and do for the good of the children and distribute to the children as they become of age equal to those already married so long as Mr Stith remains my wife and if she marry it may so remain if her husband is willing to live comfortably in the estate and not wast it but if they are inclined to make money for themselves I desire that they may have one third part of my then personal estate with the provision made in the five clause of this my said will and the balance of my personal estate to be taken care of for the use of my children as shall seem best to them. I shall appoint 6th And when my son Benjamin S Stith becomes of age if there is any estate in the hands of the guardian said and will make them equal I desire that the balance may be equally divided between all my children 7th At the death of my wife Lady I desire that all my personal estate in her hands may be divided between my son and daughters the daughters to have whole shares and the sons to have half shares by the rule of division of lands and shares 8th And lastly for valued I bequeath and make over to Thomas Blaymont Daniel Ridel Robert