

35/ In the name of God amen I John Fortwell of the County of Christian and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say I recommend to and give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the earth after my death, to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner by my Executors hereafter mentioned, and as touching my worldly estate, which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner (to wit) after my just debts are paid. I then the first I give and bequeath to my three sons John Fortwell Richard Fortwell and James Fortwell this tract of land I own here containing my four hundred acres to be sold by my Executors and the money arising from the sale of said tract of land to be equally divided amongst my said three sons above mentioned. Further more I give to my two sons John and Richard Fortwell a negro man by the name of Lewis and his wife Miriam and a negro boy named Sam, a negro girl named Leah and a negro girl named Pallas, being the children of said Miriam, the last year crop of tobacco supposed to be about four thousand weight or all the tobacco now on hand, I give and bequeath to my three sons John Fortwell Richard Fortwell James Fortwell and my daughter Frances Harpiss to be equally divided amongst the said three sons and daughter Harpiss. I also give and bequeath to John Richard and James Fortwell my present flock of horn and what to be equally divided amongst them I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances Harpiss a negro girl named Sam I give and bequeath to my two sons James Fortwell and Alexander Fortwell the negro woman named Kate and a negro boy by the name of Eliza and a negro boy by the name of Glen to be equally divided between them the said James and Alexander Fortwell, I give and bequeath to my two sons John Fortwell and Richard Fortwell all my stock of Horn cattle and Hogs to be equally divided between them excepting two Horses one by the name of Rube I give and bequeath to John Richard Fortwell son of Richard Fortwell, I also give and bequeath to John Harpiss son of John Harpiss one horse by the name of Larry also I give to said John Harpiss one mare saddle. Further more I give and bequeath to my two sons John Fortwell and Richard Fortwell and my daughter Frances Harpiss all my household and kitchen furniture also my farm utensils to be equally divided amongst my said two sons John and Richard Fortwell and my daughter Frances Harpiss. I also give and bequeath to my three sons John Fortwell Richard Fortwell and James Fortwell three hundred and fifty eight dollars in silver and gold to be equally divided amongst them the said John Richard and James Fortwell, and I do hereby utterly disallow, Revoke and disannul all and every former decrees Wills and bequeaths and bequests by me in any manner before made Wills and bequeaths and bequests and confirming this as and the other to be my last will and testament, and I do hereby constitute, declare and appoint Richard Fortwell and John Fortwell my Executors to this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
Signed sealed and
delivered in the presence of
Witnesses
Robert Turner
Robert McFarland
Thomas McFarland
W. C. Porter

Christian County Court November Term 1820
This foregoing last will and testament of John Fortwell deceased was this day produced in Court by his Executors and proved by the Oaths of Robert McFarland and W. C. Porter subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded for testimony whereof and that the same together with this testimony are truly recorded in my office of said County Court I have hereunto set my hand.

Wm Clark Clerk

In the name of God amen I Bathrine Bryan of Kentucky in the County of Christian being mindfull of my mortality do this 1st of March in the year of our Lord 1820 make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following: First I desire to be decently Buried without any funeral pomp or ceremony and since also I give and bequeath after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses unto my sister Frevilla Bryan all the real and residue of estate & property whatsoever and wheresoever of what nature kind or quality I own the same may be and for her own use and benefit absolutely and do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Siffert Harpiss sole Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Bathrine Bryan (Sister)

Signed sealed and declared by the said testatrix as and for her last will and testament in our presence who at her request her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Anthony Chapman
David W. W. W.

Christian County Court

May Term 1820

The foregoing last will and testament of Bathrine Bryan deceased was this day produced in Court & proved by the Oaths of Anthony Chapman and David W. W. W. subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon the same was ordered to be filed for further proof.

That Wm Clark Clerk