

It Handley is buried never to be sold but left for a burying ground for all relations who may see proper to bury there also I reserve one acre of ground for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be laid off in a square and a deed made in fee simple to that Church forever where the present meeting house and burying ground now stands. And in witness of the same I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23^d day of October 1830

Anthony Thompson.

As a further Codicil to my will, I will and devise that Gardner Pitts shall have no control over any part of my land further than to live on it where he has made his improvements but shall not be allowed to sell the same improvement nor rent it to any person unless it be to some one of my children or grandchildren who may see proper to rent or purchase the same but I do devise that my daughter Julia and her children shall have their

Kentucky Daviess County Ct.
County Court August term 1834

This day the within instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Anthony Thompson died with the two Officers church around was produced in Court & duly proved by the oath of George Leuchman as subscribing witness thereto to be solely in the hand writings of sd Anthony Thompson, whereupon the same together with the foregoing Certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my Office

Given under my hand this 13th day of August 1834

John H Jennings D.C.
for John J McFarland Clerk

State of Kentucky
Daviess County 3rd June Term 1867

The Book containing the foregoing will having been destroyed it is ordered that the same be re-recorded
Witness my hand this 14th June 1867

J. C. Jones Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I John A. Peterson of the County Prince George do make and order this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, I Item I give to my son John A. Peterson my water grist mill and the tract of land I reside on to him and his heirs forever

Item I have given to my daughter Maria A. Prentiss as well as to my son John A. Peterson a tract of land each as per deed recorded in Prince George Clerk's Office,

Item I give to my son John A. Peterson a negro boy named Harry which is now in his possession, to him and his heirs forever

Item The negro girl Marcha which I gave to my daughter Lucy Ann, Young and which since her death is in the possession of her surviving husband William St. Young I give to him and his heirs forever. Item I have given to my daughter Maria A. Prentiss a negro girl named Eady which I afterwards purchased of her husband therefore my children are equal as relate thus far to my negroes or slaves,

Item all my Ohio Kentucky or western lands (except what I purchased of my son in law John Prentiss as per deed recorded in Prince George Clerk's Office as well as my lots at or in the town of Broadway or Appomattox river also all my slaves or negroes also all the rest and residue of my estate ~~real and~~ personal of every description and denomination whatever, except what I may hereafter bequeath, I give to be equally divided between my son John A. Peterson and my daughter Maria A. Prentiss the part or portion that may fall or be allotted to my son I give to him and his heirs forever, the part or portion that may fall or be allotted to my daughter Maria A. Prentiss, I leave to her so long as she lives for the use maintenance comfort and support of herself and her children that she now has, or may hereafter have and for the education of her children, and at her death to be equally divided between, such children as she may die the mother of them and their heirs forever, but in case my said daughter Maria should live to see any of her children married and die leaving a child or children such grand children shall have that part or portion divided between them as would have fallen or been allotted to its parent if living, which respective proportions I give to them and their heirs forever

Item As I have promised to my son John A. Peterson that he should have a negro girl Eady which I have bought up as a cow it is my desire and will that she the said girl Eady shall be allotted to my son as one of his proportion of my negroes or slaves

Item I give to my son John A. Peterson the tract of land I bought of Charles A. Gilliam, also the tract of land I bought of Eliza Eppes laying on the southwally run in Prince George County deeds for which were recorded in the Clerk's Office of Prince George in 1824 which said land I give to my son John A. Peterson and his heirs forever

I do loan to my daughter Maria St Prentis so long as she lives the tract of land I purchased of Elgin Russell as per deed recorded in Prince George Clerk's office and at her death to be equally divided between such children as she may die the mother of in case she should live to see any of her children married and die leaving a child or children such grand child or children is to take such part of portion between them as the parent if living would be entitled to.

I do all the estate both real and personal and of every description whatever that I have purchased of my son in law John Prentis as per deed dated the first day of March 1825 and recorded in Prince George Clerk's office I want to my daughter Maria St Prentis for the use Comfort and Maintenance of her and her children so long as she lives and at her death to be equally divided between such children as she may die the mother of and in case she should live to see any of her children married and die leaving children each grand child or children take among them equally the the portion the parents if living would have been entitled to.

I do In consequence of the death of my daughter Lucy Ann Young without leaving issue it appears that the tract of land I gave her for deed returns immediately at the death of her husband

Wm Young to me and in case of my death to my heirs consequently subject to my disposal therefore it is my will & desire & I do hereby loan the said tract of land to my daughter Maria St Prentis during her life for the support & Maintenance and the education of her children as well those she now has, as any she may hereafter have and at the death of my said daughter Maria then I give the said land to such children as she may die the mother of but should my said daughter Maria live to see any of her children married and die leaving a child or children such grand children or child are to have that part or portion that would have been allotted to its parent if living which respect proportion I give to them and their heirs forever no part of this tract of land or any interest or profits whatsoever arising therefrom by any means whatever directly or indirectly is to be subject to the payment of any debt or debts now contracted or may hereafter be contracted by her present husband or any future husband or any other person whatsoever.

I do My negro man Abrahim and negro girl Eliza as well as the stock of horses cattle hogs and plantation utensils, also all the household and kitchen furniture and indeed I believe everything my son in law John Prentis has being the property and all the property and all the property (except a negro boy John I sold to my son in law under a trust deed to Land Perkins for the benefit of myself and my son John St Prentis) is to be considered as my negroes horses &c and to be placed with my general stock of negroes horses furniture stock &c and to be equally divided with the rest of my personal property

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Between my son John St Peterson & my daughter Maria St Prentis the part that is allotted to my son I give to him and his heirs forever that part that may be allotted to my daughter Maria St Prentis is to be under the same restrictions that I have heretofore in this will placed the land and other property I have given her the above property is the at this time as loan to my son in law subject to my will.
I do The disposition as above and throughout this will of a loan to my daughter my dear Maria is not owing to the want of affection for her husband but owing to my belief that he is not calculated (though a man of strict integrity and fine information) to take care of his estate and battle with the chicanery of his fellow man. The estate or property of every description therefore loaned to my daughter Maria is by no possible means either directly or indirectly or by any possible way for even one moment to be subject for any debts or debts contracted heretofore or hereafter by her present husband or any future husband or any other person it being my intention to keep it together for the maintenance & support as above stated for my daughter Maria & her children.

I do Notwithstanding the disposition of my estate it is my will and desire that my dear wife should have the whole of that part both real & personal which I have given to my son for her support and the support of my son so long as she is my widow and at the termination of which my son is to have immediate possession.

I do It is my will and desire that there be no sale of my estate except such as my wife may choose to pay what debts I may owe.

I do My son John St Peterson at the expiration of two years after the death of his mother my dear wife, is to pay out of his portion of my estate to his sister my daughter Maria, if living or her children the sum of Five hundred dollars to be laid out by him in such way as he may think best for the Comfort and support of his sister and her children subject to the same restrictions as all bequest is given to my daughter Maria.

I constitute my loving wife and my son John St Peterson my whole and sole executor and Executor of this my last will and testament and who are hereby authorized to qualify as such without being ruled or obliged to give security.

In witness my hand and seal this 27th day of January 1829 John St Peterson

I do In the last item on the first page of this will and testament it will be seen that I willed a negro girl by the name of Cady to my son John St Peterson

as therein expressed, since writing it my son has again married and wanted a cook consequently I have given him the Gub Cadey at this time, but it is to be considered as so much in advance that is he my son at my death to have one Negro less than his sister valued to three hundred dollars or three hundred dollars less of my personal Estate than his sister.

Now witness my hand & seal to this addition which is to be considered as much my will as the foregoing on this sheet of paper.

John A Peterson seal
August 1830

Item - The tract of Land I bought of Thomas Pruitiss & his wife of the State of Ohio which lays on the Ohio River in the State of Kentucky & is commonly called the Yellow Bank Land (indeed it is a part of the Yellow Banks), I loan to my daughter Maria H Pruitiss so long as she lives & at her death to go to her Children under the same rule, restriction and limitations that all other property that I have left her in this my Last Will & Testament if given. The deed for the above Land is in my desk properly authenticated. Item - If my Executor & Executrix think it advisable they are at liberty to keep my Estate together for two years to make two Crops before they shall be bound to make a division as heretofore stated.

John A Peterson seal
Decr 2 1830

Item - I hereby constitute and appoint my son John A Peterson Trustee so as to enable him with Authority to take care of and manage & dispose of the estate both real and personal that I have left his Sister and then to his Children in this my last Will and Testament as I intend & to see that my wishes and intentions as to the same is fully carried into execution. And the said John A Peterson is therefore clothed with every legal power for the foregoing purposes & is not to be bound to give security for the same & is also hereby authorized to name a successor either by last will & Testament or by deed from under his hand.

Item - My son who is also Executor of this Will is authorized to make an exchange of any lands I may have left my daughter Mary H Pruitiss & her Children provided it meets with the approbation & consent of my said daughter -

Many thus husband these several additions is to be considered as much my last will and testament as if it all had been written at once. In testimony of which I affix my hand & seal this 3^d of Decr 1830.

John A Peterson seal

At a Court held for Prince George County at the Court house on Tuesday the 11th day of January 1831 this last will and testament of John A Peterson dec'd was presented into Court and proved to be the hand writing of the Testator by the Oaths of Robt Batts R. G. Dunn & Daniel Eppes and by Order of the Court it is truly recorded John A Peterson the Executor therein named made oath thereto according to Law and entered into and acknowledged his bond in the penalty of Fifteen Thousand dollars Conditioned as the Law directs - Certificate is granted the said Executor for obtaining a probate of said Will in due form.

Teste

R B Sturdivant C.C.

State of Virginia }
Prince George County } Clerk

Robert Gilliam
Senior Deputy for Nathaniel B Sturdivant Clerk
of the County Court aforesaid in the State of
Virginia do Certify that the foregoing is a true
Copy from the Records of the County Court
Prince George

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of
the County Court aforesaid this 13th day of
June 1834 and in the 58th year of American In-
dependence.

R. Gilliam Senr D.C.

State of Virginia }
County of Prince George } Clerk

Robert Batts
a justice of the peace in and for the County
aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby cer-
tify that the attestation hereto annexed made by
Robert Gilliam Senr deputy for Nathaniel B.
Sturdivant Clerk of the County Court at Prince
George is in due form and by the proper officer
appointed by the Laws of the said State for
that purpose and that full faith and credit

is due there in every Court or office in the United States.

Given under my hand at the County of Prince George in the State aforesaid this 13th day of June A.D. 1834 and in the 58th Year of American Independence

Robert Batts J.P.

State of Virginia
Prince George County

to wit I Robert Gilliam
Sew Deputy for Nathaniel B. Standaunt Clerk of
the County Court aforesaid in the State of Virginia
do hereby Certify that Robert Batts Esquire whose
Certificate is hereto annexed is and was at the time the
said Certificate appears to have been made a Justice
of the peace in and for the County of Prince George
in the State of Virginia duly Commissioned and qua-
lified to the said office according to the Constitution
and Laws of the said State

Given under my hand and the Seal of
the County Court aforesaid this 13th
day of June 1834 and in the 58th
Year of American Independence

R. Gilliam Jnr D.C.

Virginia - Prince George County to wit.

I do hereby certify that it appears from the records
of my Office that the following named slaves are hold-
en by John A. Peterson Trustee for the Use of Mrs. H.
Peterson and a copy of which is hereto annexed for
the benefit of Maria H. Prentiss and her heirs viz) Abrah-
am or Abram one woman Eliza one child Suley and two
Children Peter and Henry

R. Gilliam Jnr D.C.

State of Kentucky

of I John J. McFarland Clerk
of the County Court of Daviess County in the State
aforesaid do Certify that on the 22nd day of Aug-
ust 1834 the within Certified Copy of the Last
Will and Testament of John H. Peterson and
was produced to me in my office by Prentiss
and at his request the said Will together with the
Codicils and above and foregoing Certificate have
been duly recorded in my office - Given under
my hand this 23rd day of August 1834

John J. McFarland

State of Kentucky
Daviess County

3rd June Term 1867
The Book containing the foregoing will
having been destroyed it is ordered that the same be re-recorded
Witness my hand this 10th June 1867 J. C. Jones Clerk

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I Cornelius Payne of Daviess County and State of Kentucky
being in a low state of health but of sound mind and
memory do make this my last will and Testament My
will is that my just debts be paid then my will is that
Mary Payne my beloved wife air the balance of my estate
during her widow hood but if she should marry my
will is that the property that I have will to her is to belong
to my children equally but if she should remain a widow
my will is that my youngest child become of age that my
estate to be equally divided between my children I have
Eliza Ann Payne John T. Payne Edward W. Payne and
Charles H. Payne of which I have subscribed my names
in the Presence of John Purcell Fancin Higdon & Jas
Miley this 2nd day of February 1835

Cornelius Payne
Witness
John Purcell
Fancin Higdon
James Miley

Kentucky Daviess County 2nd
May Term 1835

This day the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to
be the last will and Testament of Cornelius Payne was produced
in Court and being duly proven was ordered to be recorded
whereupon said writing together with the foregoing Certificate
have been duly admitted to record in my office this 10th June 1835
J. C. Jones Clerk

State of Kentucky
Daviess County

3rd June Term 1867
The Book containing the foregoing will
having been destroyed it is ordered that the same be
re-recorded Witness my hand this 10th June 1867
J. C. Jones Clerk