

Rankin
et al

In the name of God amen I Jeremiah Rankin of the
 State of Kentucky and County of Fayette, Being in a very
 imperfect state of health and Calling to mind my Mortality
 in the full possession of a sound mind do make and Ordain
 this my last will and testament. To say in the first place
 I bequeath my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the
 dust until the morning of the resurrection of the just, nothing
 doubting but it shall arise to life everlasting. And as to touching
 my temporal concerns with which God has blessed me I desire
 them first to the good providence of almighty God to manage
 them for the good of my surviving family as shall be for
 his glory and their ~~eternal~~ good. 2^d to the direction of
 my faithful Executors as they will be directed by true wisdom
 in the use of the land on which they live with these few
 instructions. first that they will cause to be sold as much
 of my moveable property as can be well spared of the farm
 at public Vendue giving one year Credit out of which first
 to pay all my lawfull debts and with the balance to procure
 a negro man to manage the farm or what other and my
 Executors shall find convenient. 3^d I will that my son
 Joseph whom I dedicate to God, to be employed as he shall see
 fit be supported in his literary pursuits if it is his choice
 until he shall ^{have} finished his education and shall be accounted
 to him as part of his estate or whole just as his Executors shall
 see equal. As to my mansion I do allow it to be with the
 rest of my estate to be used as much requires for the support
 of my beloved wife and Children during her widowhood
 and their marriage with this reserve that no more ground
 be cleared nor timber wasted that can be spared until
 my sons come of age. I further add that should my Executors
 see cause, to sell their own possessions in order to move out
 of this Country with the approbation of my beloved wife and
 my Children I fully empower them to make sale of my real
 property and move the family with them as they see
 their own. And I do appoint my Brother A Rankin

and my Brother in law W^m H. Hiltner to be my Executors of
 this my last will and testament annulling and revoking all
 other wills and testament heretofore made by me and confirming
 this my last will and testament to be my only one. In testimony
 hereof I have set my hand and seal this 11th day of August one
 thousand eight hundred and four

Testy
 Joseph Walker
 et al Rankin
 et al Rankin

Jeremiah Rankin (Seal)

Examined

Fayette County October Court 1804

This last will and testament of Jeremiah Rankin dec^d was
 produced in Court proven by the oaths of Joseph Walker et al
 Rankin and et al Rankin subscribing witnesses thereto and
 ordered to be recorded

Teste Levi Jones Clerk

In the name of God amen I William Whitlender through
 the abundant Mercy of God the weak body yet of a sound
 mind and memory do make this my last will and testament
 In premise I commit my body to the ground from whence it
 was taken in certain and sure hope of the resurrection through
 our Lord Jesus Christ I commit my soul to God who gave it
 as to my worldly affairs which it has pleased him to bless me
 with I wish it to be disposed of as followeth. Item 1st
 I wish all my just debts to be paid after which my will and
 desire is that my estate of every description or species of property
 be equally divided amongst all my brothers and sisters. I constitute
 and appoint my brothers John Whitlender and Henry Whitlender
 Executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of August
 1804

Whitlender
 et al

Teste
 John & Henry
 Thomas Ellis
 John Whitlender senior

William Whitlender (Seal)