

L. Melham

Witness present
A. Hurling
D. Hamie
J. Britton

State of Kentucky

Franklin County Court 3 Feb. April Court 1835

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of
Lyddell Melham deceased was produced in Court and proved
in part by the oath of John J. Britton one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto. - Same Court April 1835.

The last will and testament of Lyddell Melham deceased was
fully proved by the oath of John Hamie a subscribing witness
and ordered to be recorded, which is done accordingly. -

In the year 1835 A. H. Pennek clerk
By J. Hamie J. P. C.

In the name of god amen I Zachariah & William of Franklin
County and State of Kentucky being weak in body but sound
in mind disposing of my money do make and constitute this my last will
and in the following manner to wit after my just debts are
paid I will and dispose of the residue of my property as follows
viz I leave the tract of land on which I now reside to have
to my wife Grace William except what I shall hereafter
begeth to my first wife & children during her natural life
also all my household and kitchen furniture furniture
micant and even in raggan with the following horses one Gray
mare called Betty one bay horse called Mack and a bay filly
two years old called Tom one sorrel filly two years old called
the young one and one black mare called one black mare
called Jess six best hogs also one cow and one pair of
swine of my youngings fifteen head of sheep twenty five first
pieces of my stock of hogs all my hay fadder, corn, bacon, wheat
and oats that may be in my farm at my death and at the
death of my wife the land and stock that she may have to get
her with the household and kitchen furniture farming
utensils I wish to be equally divided between my four sons
namely Thomas, W. H. Williams, Zachariah & William George
W. H. Williams Edward W. H. Williams Sam Davis Henry
Zachariah George and Edward I leave to my sons
by my first wife namely Elyah Williams & Hanson W. H.
Williams and a Nelson Williams and my daughter
Catharine Williams and my grand son Joseph Nelson
Williams Son of my daughter Mary Williams to be equally
divided between them thirty two acres of land being part
of the tract on which I now live and business as follows

bequeathed to her for life shall be sold by my executors on a credit
of twelve months and the proceeds to be equally divided among all my
children or their heirs - Item In the event of my dying
before my son Charles shall arrive at the age of twenty one
I appoint & direct his guardianship to my friends Joseph
Quidley Esqr. Item I appoint as the executors of this
my last will my son Robert Church my son in law Benjamin
Hawkins & my friends Joseph Quidley Esqr. that they will
execute it as I have herein expressed my intentions,
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
my seal this 12th day of September 1833.

Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of us
L. Sanders
B. B. Johnson

Franklin County February Court 1834

The last will & testament of Thomas Church deceased was
produced to court & was proven by the oaths of Lewis
Sanders Jr. & Benjamin B. Johnson subscribing witnesses
thereof & ordered to be recorded, which is done accordingly.
A. H. Pennek clerk

In the name of god amen I Zachariah & William
of Franklin County and State of Kentucky being weak in body
but sound disposing of my money do make and constitute this my
last will and in the following manner to wit after my just
debts are paid I will and dispose of the residue of my property as
follows viz I leave the tract of land on which I now reside
I leave to my wife Grace Williams except what I shall hereafter
begeth to my first wife & children during her natural
life also all my household & kitchen furniture farming
utensils and one cow and one raggan with the following
horses one gray mare called Betty, one bay horse called Mack
and a bay filly two years old called Tom

After paying all my just debts, it is my will and desire
that all the estate of which I may die possessed or be hereafter
possessed in any manner entitled, of every kind and description
whatsoever, shall be vested in my wife Elizabeth & I Melham
and her heirs forever. I appoint my said wife executrix
of this my last will and testament, and request that she
may not be required to give bond for the faithful discharge
of her duties as such executor to make out an inventory of my
estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my private seal this 11th day of September 1833

beginning at a planted stone near a branch
thence south 6 1/2 East 98 poles to a planted stone on a
hill side thence south 58 1/2 west fourteen poles to a
planted stone on the north side of a branch south 36 1/2
East 26 poles and ten links to a planted stone at the
North East side of the grave yard thence south 30 East
6 3/4 poles to a planted stone on the line of Majors line
and with the same south 40 west 29 poles to a planted
stone corner to said Majors and Edmund Laughran
with Laughtins line North 30 west 111 poles to a plan-
ted stone and elm stump on the east side of the
Versailles road corner to Walker Laughran and with
his line North 70 East 2 1/2 poles and 15 links to a planted
stone on the side of a branch corner to said Laughtins
and said branch with Laughtins line and with the
meanders north 34 west 24 poles and ten links North
16 1/2 west 18 poles and 10 links to a planted stone
corner to Walker Laughtin in a line with the
original line in the beginning of being a part of
the line by their mother and also a part of the
line of William Mellen William and my daughter
Catharine William and my grand son Joseph
William the lot I purchased of from Smith in
Bostonburg to be equally divided between them
and the same is named in the general description
of Kentucky Item I give to my son in law James
William 25 he married my daughter Catharine
one dollar to him and his heirs forever

Item I have in addition to what I have left my
son Elijah William five dollars to him and his heirs
forever Item I have in addition to what I have left
have left my son Mansion 25 dollars to him and his heirs forever
to what I have left my son Milton William ten
dollars to him and his heirs forever

Item I have to my daughter Catharine William in addition
to what I have previous given her ten dollars to her
and her heirs forever

Item I give to my grand son Richard William in addition
to what I have previous given him fifteen dollars
to him and his heirs forever

Item I give to my two sons William Mellen
William my daughter Catharine William and my
grand son Joseph William to them severally one acre
the main Harry and her future increase to them and

their heirs forever
Item I have a claim on Richard Bouquard deceased estate which
unsettled should any thing be recovered from said Estate
I have it to be equally divided between my first wife children
and my grand son Joseph Richard William

Item I give unto my wife a negro woman named Fanny and a negro
boy named William during her natural life and at her death
said boy and woman with their increase to be equally divided between
my four sons by my last wife to them and their heirs forever

Item I leave to my wife during her natural life forty seven acres
of land that I purchased of Lewis R. Major and eight acres I
purchased of Sam Redman and at my wifes death the said
tracts of land to be equally divided between my four sons
by my last wife I leave to my son Jeremiah O. William one
fourth of the equipage therunto belonging all the residue of my
Estate not heretofore bequeathed I direct to be sold under the direction
of my executors and in twelve months after the date of said date
I direct my said executors to pay the said sums heretofore
mentioned in the foregoing part of my will and lastly I appoint
my beloved wife Grace William my executrix and my
sons Edmund Laughtin and Walker Laughtin my executors to this
my last will and Testament I witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this day of February 1834 in presence
of the 4th page between the third and fourth lines William
and between sixth and seventh line before signing
at my residence in Kentucky

in presence of
Wm. Stanton
A. H. Kenmuck
Richard M. McHenry
Jno. Stewart

Franklin County April 10 1834
The last will and Testament of Jacobus M. Williams
deceased was produced in court and was proven by the oaths
of Wm. Stanton A. H. Kenmuck and Richard M.
McHenry the subscribing witnesses thereto and the validity
thereof proven by the oaths of Ezra Richmond and John
Sounstey subscribing witnesses thereto to which is ordered to be
recorded which is done accordingly

J. A. H. Kenmuck, J. C. C.

I Thomas P. in the name of God amen A. Thomas Collins of the County
Collins of Franklin in the State of Kentucky do make and
use declare this my last will and Testament in the presence
and form following to wit I resign my soul in the hands
of Almighty God the living and believing