

At a court held for Jefferson County, July 7<sup>th</sup> 1795 the foregoing instrument of Writing purporting to be the Last and Nuncupative Will of John Vaughan dec'd was proved by the Oaths of John Porter and John Nelson and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste Steph. Crosby cl.

In the name of God Amen I David Wood Minister of the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky being in low state of Health at present but sound of mind and memory do make constitute and appoint this to be my last will and testament, Revoking all others hereby made by me and do dispose of my estate in manner and form as follows with (Viz)

Item, it is my will and desire that my Executors do pay all my Just debts, and to enable them so to do it is my desire that the sale so much of my estate as will be sufficient to accomplish the same.

Item It is my will and desire that my Executors do collect one hundred

in my possession of one hundred and fifty pounds on Robert K. Allen which Bond will be due on the first day of May next, and likewise

make sale of one Bay mare and colt, also one other bay mare three years old next Spring and the Money arising from the Sale of the

Mares and colt, Together with the Money to be collected on the Bonds above mentioned, to be laid out wholly in the purchase of a Tract of

Land, as near my present dwelling place as they conveniently can or else where that my wife Mary Meriwether may choose

Land when so purchased, I lend to my beloved wife Mary Meriwether for her use for and during her natural life and after death the same

mentioned Land to descend on my Son Henry Wood Meriwether him and his heirs for ever, but if in case the said Henry should die without son then or heirs lawfully begotten of him

and in that case then the said Land and the same shall descend on my Son John Wood Meriwether him and his heirs for ever

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...the property coming from the sale thereof equally and  
children there, it is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary  
shall keep the whole of my estate except as above bequest for her quiet  
chaste support and Education: to which support and education shall  
for out of the profits arising from said Estate, until the first of my children  
shall come of lawful age or marry, at which either of the last mentioned  
shall take place, it is my will and desire, that my wife Mary  
shall take out one third part of my estate to be given by her Out of  
the whole, which third part I leave to her the said Mary Meriwether  
during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided among  
all my children then alive, and the remaining two thirds to be equally  
divided, amongst the whole of my children, the child so coming of age  
marrying, shall take out his or her part, which I give to him or her  
and to his or her heirs for ever, and the 1783-1813 of my Estate, after  
such child's part is so taken out, to remain in possession of my  
wife Mary Meriwether for the only proper use maintenance and  
Education of the rest of my children, and as either or the whole shall  
shall be come of age or marry, it is my will that the balance still left  
in my wife Mary Meriwether's possession shall so continue to be as  
(as above directed) until each child shall have his or her part, which  
I give to them and theirs for ever, But after any such division shall  
have taken place, it is my will and desire that the Estate of those  
children who may not have arrived to lawful age or married shall  
remain in the hands of my wife Mary Meriwether for the benefit  
of said children; and finally I do appoint my Friends William  
Meriwether James Meriwether and John Hughes Executors to  
my last will and testament, I do testify whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my Seal this Tenth day of December  
One thousand seven hundred and ninety four

shall come of lawful age or marry. And when either of the last mentioned  
shall take place, It is my will and desire, that my wife Mary Meriwether  
shall take out one third part of my estate to be chosen by her Out of the  
whole, which third part I lend to her the said Mary Meriwether  
during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided among  
all my children then alive, and the remaining two thirds to be equally  
divided, amongst the whole of my children, the child so coming of age  
marrying, shall take out his or her part, which I give to him or her  
and to his or her heirs for ever, and the balance of my Estate (after  
such child's part is so taken out) to remain in possession of my  
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my last will and testament; I do testify where of I have known  
Set my hand and affixed my Seal this Tenth day of December  
One thousand seven hundred and ninety four  
Signed Seals and delivered in presence of us  
Then his Read David Woods Meriwether

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Mary Meriwether Edward Naughton  
James Anderson } John Hughes  
John Hughes

At a Court held for the purpose of settling the  
will and Testament of David Woods Menwether deceased was present  
the Oaths of Mary Meriweth & Ann Hughes Subscribing Witnesses  
and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste Alex. Oimsby Clerk

In the name of God amen I Armistead Churchill of the state  
Kentucky and County of Jefferson do make this my last will and testament  
in manner and form following, I premise I have lent to John Dawning  
who married my Daughter Elizabeth Churchill in the year One thousand  
seven hundred and eighty, Four Negroes Elias Betsy and his Children  
and their Increase so long as the aforesaid Dawning and Elizabeth live  
and after their Deaths to their Children, but should they never have  
any Children, then they are to return to my family but as the aforesaid  
Dawning and Elizabeth live his will and pleasure named John Dawning  
it is my will and desire that the aforesaid Negroes shall remain  
the property of my Grand Son John Dawning after the Death of John  
Dawning his Father forever. Item I give to my Son John Churchill  
all my Land which lies between Luns Pond and the Fishing Pond I have  
given him half the Land which I now hold in the County I believe  
called Mason opposite to the little Meane and the Negroes which I  
already given by the Names of David Muzakhi Woman and  
others forever, I have given to my Son Henry Churchill Four  
black Decks and Twenty besides One thousand acres of Land in the  
County of Fayette on the waters of Elk horn and Bear Creek forever, I have  
given to my Son Armistead Churchill, William Charles, Peter  
and Mary besides One thousand acres of Land in the County of  
Jefferson on the waters of Elk horn and Bear Creek forever, Item, I give to  
my Daughter Mary Churchill when ever she may marry Row Any  
and little Kate forever, Item I give to my Son Samuel Churchill