

In the name of God amen, the 25th day of July 1823.

I George Stokes Sen of the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament; that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto Almighty God that gave it and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in my life time, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth One third of all my estate during her natural life.

Item 2nd As it is my desire for all my children to be equal sharers in my property and some has received property to a considerable amount and others nothing, An account book will be carefully and correctly kept with the "A.B.L.L." shewing what each one has received and after all are made equal sharers the balance to be equally divided amongst them all. The eighty acres of land I gave my daughter Elizabeth Stafford is for her and her heirs. If any of my children that are now single should marry at the time of their marriage they shall have liberty to draw property to the amount of \$1000.00 if it be necessary.

To be kept in a book

According to Will

But any of my children that are single should marry
at the time of their marriage they shall have liberty to
draw property to the amount drawn by those that are al-
ready married. The two children of my son John Hooker viz George
Thomas and Sarah Elizabeth shall have the land that I
gave my son John and shall draw his equal part with the
rest of my children. If either of the above named children
shall die without an heir the other shall have all interest
in the land and other effects; If both of the above named
children should die leaving no heir, the land shall be sold
and the money equally divided between my surviving chil-
dren. If any of my children should die leaving no heir, the
property that I gave them shall be equally divided between
my surviving children

Item 3rd. I appoint my son in law Thomas Baird and my
son Andrew Hooker my lawful executors to my estate and
acknowledge this to be my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
the day and year first written
Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in
presence of us and each other

George Hoke (Seal)

Alexander McKisson
Michael McKisson
Joseph A. Sweeney

State of Kentucky

for the County of Jefferson in the above referenced at the Court
house in Louisville on the third day of September 1837

The last will and testament of George Hecks deceased late of this
County was produced in Court and proved to be such by the
oath of Rebecca Swinney and Michael Allison two of the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and is recor-
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