

with infants

be the undoubted authority that a few
hours before Jacob Blankenbecker, died to wit on
the same 2nd day of January 1801 being the day on
on which he died we heard him direct his will
well as is herein before set forth being then in
his last sickness and as we believe in a sound
mind

John Saml & Isaac
Milner junr

At a County Court held for Jefferson County
at the Court house in Louisville on Monday
the 19th day of January 1801

The willis nuncupative and last will
of Jacob Blankenbecker deceased was proved by the
Oaths of William George and the said John Saml
Now and at the instance of of Samuel
Blankenbecker admitted to record

Test Wardens

In the name of God Amen

I John C Christian of Fayette County and
State of Kentucky being of sound mind and intending
to take a Journey shortly for the recovery of my health
do constitute ^{appoint} and ordain and publish this as my last
Will and Testament

Witness My hand. It is my will and desire that all the negro
Slaves to which I am entitled shall be free immediately
upon the event of my death and I do hereby manumit
them and I declare and publish as my will

it upon my Executors to do every thing in their power
and which the laws of the land may require to be done
to secure them in the full Enjoyment of their liberty.
It is my desire that my Executors shall deliver
to Thomas Body one of the above negroes my
Bay horse Selimon and another that I left at
Col. Henrys Virginia a Bay horse Both of which
I do well and bequeath to him forever.

Item It is my will and desire after the payment my
Just Debts that a Handsome Tombstone with
proper Inscription thereon be erected over the grave
of my ^{father} and Mother under the particular direction
of Col. Bullitt and for the special purpose of
~~enabling~~ him to have this effected I do desire four
hundred pounds to be collected out of the money
due me and put into his hands, if this sum
should not be sufficient I hope those who will
by law succeed to my real estate will contribute
proportionately till enough is raised.

Item I do Will to Each of my Sisters ten guineas to Buy
a Locket to wear in memory of me.

Item I will and Bequeath to my Aunt Anne Hemings of
Virginia five hundred pounds Cash to dispose of
as she thinks proper and to be paid to her out of
the first money collected by my Executors except
what may be necessary to effect the purposes above

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the first money collected by my Executors except
what may be necessary to effect the purposes above
specified.

Item As my Cousin Leonard Fleming is indebted to
me one hundred pounds I do hereby release him

from said Debt and desire no demand on to be
of it. Item I do will and bequeath to Samuel Bond
my riding horse saddle and bridle exclusive of
Charge for attendance on me

Item It is my will and desire that fifteen hundred pounds
be collected and put out to Interest by the executor
and under the management of all my executors
hereafter to be mentioned except Mr. Dickinson my
Brother in law and the Interest arising from said
sum to be annually paid to my sister Mr. Eliza
beth Dickinson and at her death I do will and
Bequeath the said fifteen hundred pounds to be
equally divided among her Children if she dies
leaving any otherwise to be equally divided among
my other sisters then living as this clause ~~is~~
will concern me much best understood as the
meaning and intent of it that I wish my sister Dick-
inson to have the Interest of fifteen hundred pounds
and the principle to go to her Children if she dies
leaving any but that the principle should never
be liable to be spent by Mr. Dickinson or ever to
come ~~to~~ to his hands, if after satisfying the
legacies above mentioned there should not be fif-
teen hundred pounds remaining then I hope it will
be made up my brother in laws should there be
more than enough to satisfy all the legacies in
this Will the residue I wish to be applied to char-
itable ^{uses} by my Executors I do hereby
Constitute and appoint Alex. Bullitt Doctor

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one or more of whom may if the rest will
proceed to Execute my will except Mr Dickinson
is not to act in that part which respects him
In Testimony whereof I have set my hand
this day of 1806

John H Christian

Mary Howard
Mary Parker

The Commonwealth of Kentucky to any
two Justices of the peace of Fayette County greeting
Whereas the last will and Testament of John H Chris-
tian are (which is hereto annexed) hath been an-
nounced to our County Court of Jefferson for probate
by Alexander Bullitt one of the Executors there-
named and it hath been represented to our said County
Court that Mary Howard and Mary Parker the
aforesaid Witnesses to the said Testament
reside in your said County of Fayette And that
the said Mary Howard is so aged and infirm that
she cannot travel to the Court of our said County of
Jefferson to prove the said Testament as the law
directs Therefore Know ye that we trusting to your
fidelity and provident circumspection in diligently
examining the said Mary Howard and Mary
Parker Witnesses aforesaid of the execution and
publication of the Testament by the said Testator
And hereby authorize and command you that you
do personally go to the said Mary Howard and
Mary Parker and examine them on oath whether
the said John H Christian signed and published the
aforesaid will

Mary Howard
Mary Parker

John H. Christian

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Whereas the last will and Testament of John H. Chris-
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by Alexander S. Bullitt one of the Executors there-
named and it hath been represented to our said County
Court that Mary Howard and Mary Parker
the subscribing Witnesses to the said Testament
reside in your said County of Fayette And that
the said Mary Howard is so aged and infirm that
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Do hereby authorize and command you that you
do personally go to the said Mary Howard and
Mary Parker and examine them on Oath whether
the said John H. Christian signed and published the
writing to this Commission annexed as his last will
and Testament or whether some other person signed
the same in his direction. Whether he was of disposing
mind

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mind and memory and whether they subscribed
their names thereto in his presence and at his request
And their Examination so taken you are to send under
your hands and seals certified and enclosed to the
Justices of our said County Court of Jefferson at the
Court House in Louisville on the third Monday in April
next returning also the said Testament and the
True Witness Worden Pope Clerk of our said County Court
the Court House the 17 day of March 1801 and in
the 9th year of the Commonwealth

Worden Pope

In Obedience to a decree from the Court of Jefferson
County to us annexed We have proceeded to examine
Oath Mary Howara and Mary Parker subscribed
Witnesses to the last will and Testament of John
St. Christian who depose and saith that the said
John St. Christian appeared to be of disposing mind
and memory and acknowledged the signature to the
will annexed to be his hand in our presence who
are subscribing Witness.
Sworn to Before us William Dudley & John Chinn
Justices of the peace for Fayette County Given under
our hands and seals this 9th day of April 1801

John Chinn
Wm Dudley
Ap^l County Court

Jefferson County det

The within last will and Testament
of John St. Christian dec^d together with the Com-
missions and aforesaid annexed were