

Reflecting on the uncertainty of life and believing it to
be my duty as husband and father to dispose of my estate so
as to produce the greatest benefit to my wife and children,
after mature deliberation I have determined to distribute it
in the following manner. I lend to my wife during her life or widow-
hood all my estate, having full confidence in her equal affection
for all our children and that she will to the utmost of her ability ex-
pand them as their situation may require.

As I have made large advances in money for the benefit of
my sons William and Benjamin, they or either of them as well
as any of the rest of my children against whom I may have account
in the distribution of my estate will be responsible for the sum
charged to each or any of them on my Book of Accounts. And
if any of the children so charged should have received more
than an equal distribution of the whole estate, they or either
of them will be required to refund the balances respectively.

At the death or marriage of my wife, as the case may be, my
whole estate both real and personal will be sold at public
auction on such terms as my Executors may think most con-
ducive to the benefit of the legacies and the proceeds together
with every other species of estate will be equally divided among
my children, having regard to the cases mentioned in the pre-
ceding clause. I constitute my sons William and Benjamin
Executors and my wife Fanny Executrix of this my last will
and testament. Written 13 February 1824.

At the death or marriage of my wife, as the case may be, the whole estate both real and personal will be sold at public auction on such terms as my Executors may think most conducive to the benefit of the legatees and the proceeds together with every other species of estate will be equally divided among my children, having regard to the cases mentioned in the preceding clause. I constitute my sons William and Benjamin Executors and my wife Fanny Executrix of this my last will and testament. Witness 13 February 1824.

Robert Gompkins

State of Kentucky
At a County Court held for Jefferson County in the State aforesaid at the Court house in Louisville on the thirteenth day of January One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three

The within instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Gompkins deceased was produced in Court and proved to be in the hand writing of and wholly written by the said Gompkins by the oaths of Benjamin Lawrence, Thomas B. Miller and William Hummer. Whereupon the same was established to be the last will and testament of Robert Gompkins and ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

Test

Warden Pope Clk