

May the 8<sup>th</sup> 1818 I ought and desire this my last will and  
testament. I wish my Executors hereafter named to pay all  
my just debts as soon after my decease as the nature of the situation  
of my estate will admit without making too great a sacri-  
fice of the property I wish in the first place that all my credi-  
tors may be released by paying out of my estate all indebted-  
ness first of all debts so that the credit of my estate all indebted-  
ness not suffer in the smallest degree. And after those debts are  
paid, pay all others as speedily as possible.  
or in the course of one year, which I think it will be regulated by  
arranging my business I wish all my lands (except the tract  
and the money arising from the sale to be sold if necessary  
payment of my debts and the balance to be appropriated to the  
beneficial use for the benefit of my family and if any Executors  
should think it best, I wish them to sell my mill establishment  
I hope they will have due regard to the interest of my younger  
children as well to the improvement of their minds at their estate  
And also to the quiet and convenience of my beloved wife whose deli-  
cate state of health will require great attention and I hope  
but will be administered to her by my Executors to make  
as far as possible.  
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my comfort will be administered to me  
and life as happy as possible.  
I wish her to have the plantation of new live on and the  
negroes, stock, and all the house, kitchen and plantation when  
she is for use during her natural life. I know she will give every  
aid in her power to our beloved children, who I hope will be dutiful  
and obedient to their aged and infirm parent and affection-  
ate to each other. I mean to provide for them in equal proportion  
or as near so as possible and I hope there will be no dissatisfac-  
tion amongst them in account of the distribution of what I  
may be able to leave them which will be but little, although I  
have devoted my whole life to that object to the best of my ability.

My will is that after the death of my wife the whole of my  
estate be equally divided amongst all my children having  
due regard to advancements made already to my sons Thomas  
and William. And should I make advancements to any other  
before my death, I wish them to be taken into acct so that  
all my children may enjoy equally the fruits of my labour  
and live in the utmost harmony and brotherly love and  
improve the little I may leave them. It is my wish that my wife  
assist all my children as far as she can by loans if they should  
settle or want, but take care to keep a plenty for her own use.  
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not wish my Executors to be required to give security for the  
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performance of their <sup>duties</sup> further than their own  
obligations. I appoint my three sons viz James, Thomas and  
William my Executors of this my last will and testament  
revoking all others heretofore made. I hope they will act and  
each other as witnesses. I have hereunto set my hand this  
day of May 18th 1784. Thomas

State of Kentucky

At a County Court held for Jefferson County in  
the Court house in Louisville on the twelfth day of May One thousand  
and Eight hundred and twenty three.

The within instrument of writing  
was produced in Court and Stephen Jones and Joseph B. Gatson  
two of the Executors therein named appeared in Court and renounced  
the Execution thereof and all benefit interest and advantage in  
the same. And thereupon the said instrument of writing was proved  
and established to be the last will and testament of the within  
named James Garnsley dec<sup>d</sup> by the oaths of the said Stephen and  
Joseph and ordered to be recorded and is recorded. And on  
the motion of John Jones (Danner) the other Executor named in the  
said will Execution of the same was granted him. Whereupon  
he took the oath required by law and gave bond with David  
Garnsley and Alexander Garnsley his securities in the penalty  
of fifteen thousand dollars Conditioned according to law

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