

In the name of God Amen

I William Oldham of the Town of Louisville, County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky being sick and weak in body, but of a sound disposing mind and memory, do make, ordain and publish this and this only to be my true last will and testament in manner and form following To wit: Inbrimis. It is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that my Executors herein after named, shall as soon as possible after my death pay all my just debts.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Oldham for and during her natural life my household and kitchen furniture, my waggon and team, my negroes Harry Peter, Frank, Ann, Cynthia, Esther and Maria and my two three storey brick houses and grounds attached thereto in said Town which I purchased of Walter E. Power and which lies on the South side of and adjoining Market Street. Also all of my other property of every kind and description, except as is herein otherwise directed upon the following trusts and conditions To wit: That she shall keep all my children that are not married together and will board and clothe them and educate such of them as are not educated as far as in her power without charge to them or any of them therefor. And as my said children shall arrive at full age or marry to assist ~~himself~~ or them as far as far as she conveniently can, taking care to assist all alike and when my youngest child shall come of age the property aforesaid may be equally divided between all of my children, share and share alike and when my youngest child shall come of age the

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dren share and share alike after allowing to my said wife a
comfortable living out of the same if she is then living and unmar-
ried. In case my said wife shall die before my youngest child shall
arrive at full age, then my Executor shall sell the personal property
belonging to my estate and rent out my houses and hire out my
negroes. And the money arising therefrom shall be applied to the board-
ing, clothing and educating of such of my said children as shall
be under age. And the residue of any, shall be equally divided be-
tween all my children as aforesaid. If there shall be any surplus
in the life time of my said wife that shall also be divided as aforesaid.
Item. It is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that if
any of my negroes shall behave improperly or in such manner that
it shall be unsafe or against the interest of my estate to hold them
longer that my Executor shall sell them or any of them for the best
price that can be had and if my estate shall not then be
debt to lay out the money in purchasing of other negroes
held as ~~the~~ stated and as my said wife shall direct.

direct, that if my four hundred acres of land more or less, with
one by my father Samuel Oldham is not already sold, that my
executor shall if he considers it necessary and to the interest of my estate
sell the same for the best price that can be had and apply the proceeds
thereof to the payment of my just debts and in either case my executor
is hereby fully authorized and directed to convey the same with
good and sufficient deeds or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers
thereof. It is my will and desire that my executor sell any of my
personal estate that my said wife may desire for the purposes of
paying my just debts or he laid out in other property as the
interest of my estate may require.

Item. It is my will and desire that in case any of my said
children shall die without issue before all of them shall be
of full age as aforesaid, that his, her or their share shall go
to the survivor or survivors of them, and in case there shall
be no issue living at the time aforesaid of any of my said children
who may be then dead, the child or children as the case may be
shall take and hold in the same manner the parent would
have taken if living.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend
Levi Eyles Executor of this my last will and testament.

For Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and af-
fixed my seal this twenty fifth day of February 1826
Signed, Sealed and delivered by
the Testator in our presence
Wm Oldham (seal)
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W Field
D Walcott
John C Evans

State of Kentucky

At a County Court held for Jefferson
County in the State aforesaid at the Court house in Louisville
on the third day of April One thousand eight hundred and
twenty six

The within Instrument of writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of William Oldham deceased
was produced in Court and proved to be the last will and
testament of the said Oldham deceased by the oaths of Wil-
liam Field and John C Evans two of the subscribing wit-
nesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and is recorded in
my Office as Clerk of the said Court

Wm Owen Pope