

In the name of God amen, this thirty
first day December One thousand seven
hundred and ninety seven I Richard Mitton
of the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky,
being of perfect mind and memory but weak
in body and calling to mind the mortality
of my body and knowing that is appointed
for all men and to die do constitute and
ordain this my last will and testament
principally and first of all I give and re-
committ my soul into the hands of God
that gave all, and for my body I recom-
mend it to the earth to be buried in a
Christian like manner at the discretion of
my executors nothing doubting but at
the general resurrection shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God, And
in touching my worldly estate as wheresoever
it hath pleased God to bless me with in this
life I do give devise and dispose of the same
in manner and form following viz -
I do give to my beloved wife Peggy during her
natural life all my estate movable and immo-
vable real and personal freely by her to be
possessed and enjoyed Here I give and bequeath
unto my two sons William and Mitton &

& John Mitton five shillings apiece to be levied
out of my estate to them and their heirs which
is all I allow them ~~and~~ of my estate
Here I give and bequeath unto my son Moses
Mitton a Negro boy named Lewis to him and
his heirs forever - Here I give and bequeath unto
my son Elijah Mitton a Negro boy named
Daniel to him and his heirs forever - Here I
give and bequeath ~~to~~ to my daughter Nancy
Davis a Negro boy named Sam to her and her
heirs forever - Here I give and bequeath to my
daughter Sally Mitton a Negro man named
Frank to her and her heirs forever - Here I give
and bequeath to my daughter Frances Davis
one Negro Girl named Easter to her and her
heirs forever - Here I give and bequeath to my
son in law Rawlough Chinn a feather bed
and furniture when he shall demand it -
Here I give and bequeath to my son in law
James Davis after the death of my wife
Peggy one third part of all the stock of horses
cattle sheep and hogs also the tract of land whereon
I live freely by him to be possessed and enjoyed forever
Here my decree is that all my daughters that
shall be alive and my son Elijah Mitton if alive
shall equally divide the remaining part of my
estate after the death of my wife Peggy to be

be divided by my executors without ad-
 ministration thereon And lastly I do con-
 stitute and ~~appoint~~ ^{ordain} my two sons Moses
 Mellon and Elyah Mellon my only and
 sole executors of this my last will and testament
 and I do utterly disallow revoke & disannul
 all and every other will legacy bequest &
 execution by me named written or bequeathed
 ratifying and confirming this and no other
 to be my last will and testament In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and face my
 seal the day and year first above written
 Signed sealed pronounced } Richard
 and declared in presence of } his mark
 Bryant Young, my attorney } Mellon
 For Sunday good reasons I do give
 and bequeath to my son Grandson James
 Moore one Negro girl named Lucy freely by
 him to be possessed and enjoyed forever and my
 desire is that he let his Mother Molly Moore
 have the use of said Negro girl so long as she
 shall live and after her death if the said Negro
 shall have increase to be equally divided
 between his brothers and Sisters then living
 Given under my hand and seal as above
 In the presence of } Richard Mellon
 Bryant Young } mark
 my attorney

At a County Court held for Nelson County
 On Monday the eleventh day of May 1801
 The annexed last will and testament of
 Richard Mellon died was proved by the Oaths
 of Bryant Young and William Young sub-
 scribing witnesses thereto and sworn to by Moses
 Mellon One of the executors therein named and
 ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the
 said Moses Mellon Certificate is granted him
 for obtaining probat thereof in due form he
 having given bond with William Young and Bryant
 Young his Securities in the penalty of five thou-
 sand Dollars conditioned as the law directs
 Teste Benj. Simpson

In obedience to a former Order of Nelson County
 Court directed and in addition to a former previous
 Order appraisement of the Estate of James Mor-
 rison died in the subscribers after being first
 sworn before William Hendricks Gent. do appraise
 the following articles of the Accedent agreeably
 to the following prices to wit
 One Watch valued to £ 3. 6.
 4 Old Books to wit 2 Vol. of Homer
 2 of appl. garths Theological } On 12th
 Library of the American Society, Landings of }
 Locks thought on education 4/6 Pittman
 Michael returned 4/6 Books of prayer