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In the name of God, Amen! I, Michael
Welch of the County of Bourbon and State of Kentucky, being
weak in body, but of sound mind, blessed be God for his mercies.
Do this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord One
thousand seven hundred and ninety six make and publish
this my last will and Testament in manner following, that is
to say,-- First I give to my son Abraham all my estate real
and personal whereof I shall die seized in possession to him
his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give to my loving
wife Mary Welch a comfortable maintenance during her
natural life, out of the said estate.-- Also I give to my son
John five pounds, and to each of my Daughters Abigail,
Margaret, Catharine and Mary five pounds to be paid out
of my estate on the first day of January One thousand seven
hundred and ninety eight.-- My lands on Johnstons fork
in Mason County together with all my goods and Chattels
and personal estate whatsoever I give to my son Abraham
his heirs and assigns forever, he paying the above Debts.
Also I make and ordain my son Abraham and my wife Mary
Welch Executor and Executrix of this my last will, in trust
for the intent and purposes in this my will contained.

In Witness whereof I the said Michael Welch have
to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal
the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Subscribed by ^{his} Michael X Welch ^{mark} O

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by the said Michael Welch as and for his
last Will and Testament in the presence
of us, who were present at the signing &
sealing thereof. --

John Steele

William Miller

John Smith

Bourbon County

April Court 1800. --

This last will and Testament of Michael Welch deceased
was produced into Court and proved by the oath of John Steele
and William Miller subscribing witnesses thereto, and
ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Abraham
Welch one of the ~~subscribing~~ Executors named therein who
made oath thereto and together with William Miller his
Security entered into and acknowledged their bond in
the penalty of three hundred pounds conditioned according
to law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate
thereof in due form. Liberty is reserved to the Executors
named in the said Will, to join in the probate when they
may think proper.

Teste
L. H. Arnold Clerk.

Nicholas County

June Court 1801.

This last Will and Testament of Michael Welch
deceased, with a Certificate of its having been proved and
recorded in Bourbon County, was produced and ordered
to be recorded. And on the motion of Abraham
Welch

Witch one of the Executors herein named, who made oath
and together with John Wilson his security entered into &
acknowledged Bonds in the penalty of Three Hundred pounds
Conditioned agreeably to Law. Certificate is granted him for
obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste
Levis H. Arnold Clerk.

An Inventory of Michael Melches estate to wit,
To one negro man thirty five years old - 575 - - -
To one negro woman twenty five years old - 30 - - -
To one Black mares twenty years old - 5 - - -
To three cows - 9 - - -
To Iron utensils and pots mettle - 13 - 7 - -
To two Beds, bedsteads and furniture - 13 - - -
To Chest Table and Chairs - 2 - 10 - -
To two wheel's and Reel - 1 - 12 - -
To Puddles - 1 - 1 - -
To Queens ware - 1 - 4 - -
To fifteen sheep - 6 - - -
To broopers ware - 12 - - -
£210 - 6 - -

Given under our hands this 3rd day of July 1801 - -

William Wallace
David Humphreys
Susan Mars
David Gray

September term 1801.

Nicholas Bourne

This Inventory of the estate of Michael Melch deceased
was returned into Court and ordered to be recorded - -

Teste Levis H. Arnold Clerk.

Teste

In the name of God Amen! I William Mitchell of
the county of Nicholas and Commonwealth of Kentucky, being
very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory,
thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality
of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testa-
ment that is to say, principally and first of all I give and
recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that
gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried
in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall
receive this frame again by the mighty power of God.
And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased
God to Bless me in this life I give devise and dispose
of the same in the following manner and form - -

And first I give to my dear wife below, wife Mary
Mitchell one young mare known by the name of Sweet
Also a Saddle and bridle, one Melan bow, two beds
and bedcloaths, Also I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Mary Mitchell the one third of all my real estate
to have and to hold the same forever. Secondly I give
and bequeath to my beloved son James Mitchell one
but and holding - Thirdly I give to my son William
Mitchell one young bay mare, and the residue
of my movable and personal estate to be sold at
public Vendue, and the money arising therefrom to be
divided in manner following 1/3 one fourth part

Teste