

Decession
of the Estate
of Richard
Edmondson

Persuant to an order of Franklin Court to us Directed we the subscribers
have divided the Estate of Richard Edmondson Deceased which was presented
to us in the following manner
To John Edmondson William Edmondson & Thomas Jones, one Negro Woman
Named Anne, one Child Sarah, and Dr. Peter, & one Rob. appraised
to one hundred & fifteen Pounds, They Pay to Robert Kemp Two pounds
& Robert Kemp Two Negro Boys Nirus & Leans Valued at Thirty seven pounds
To Brevelle Swanson & Thomas Edmondson one Negro Woman Named
Dinah, They Paying to Samuel Edmondson Thirty Shillings
To Samuel Edmondson a Negro Boy Named Ben appraised to fifty pounds
To Humphrey Edmondson a Negro Woman Named Lucy appraised to
thirty Pounds to pay to Chilimon Edmondson Twenty one Pounds
To Richard Edmondson one Negro Man Named Ben appraised to fifty pounds
to pay to Chilimon Edmondson Eight Pounds & to Sam^e Edmondson Ten pounds
To Chilimon Edmonds to have a Negro Boy, well appraised to Ten
Pounds

Certified under our hands this 4th Day of November 1789

J Hugh Jones
Frederick Jones
Ben Cook

At a Court held for Franklin County in May 1790 The within
Division of the Estate of Richard Edmondson was Presented into Court
and ordered to be Recorded

Clerk J. H. Smith, C.C.

John Ferguson
Last Will
& Testament
Examined

In the name of God amen. I John Ferguson of the County of
Franklin and State of Virginia, Former Being in a Reasonable State of Health
and of Sound Mind and Memory thanks be to God for his mercies, But
calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for all
men once to die do make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament (that
is to say) Principally first of all I recommend my Soul to God that
Gave it and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion
of my Executors, Nothing Doubting But I shall receive the same againe by
the Mighty Power of God and as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith
it has Pleased God to Bless me with I Give, Surrender and Dispose
of in the following manner and form (that is to say) first of all I
Desire that my funerals Expence and Just Debts be Paid Secondly

I Give unto my Beloved Wife Elizabeth the Plantation which I now Live on during
 her Natural Life also Two Good work Horses and Twelve head of Cattle of her ^{large} ~~large~~ upon
 the Plantation together with the Plantation ~~intents~~ ^{intents} with the Mill and all the Mills
 thereunto Belonging, all my household furniture also Three Negroes ^(to wit)
 Isaac, Adam & Spence and at her pleasure the Disposal of Negro Joshua, and unto
 my son William Ferguson I Give and Bequeath a Negro fellow Named Jas together
 with his Equal Share of my Estate Not Now or hereafter Bequeathed, and to my son James
 Ferguson I Give and Bequeath a Negro wench Named Leavin together with his
 Equal share of my Estate Not Now or hereafter Bequeathed and to my son John Ferguson
 I Give and Bequeath a Negro Man Named Am together with an Equal Share of
 my Estate Not Now or hereafter Bequeathed, and to my son George Ferguson I Give and
 Bequeath one half of all my Quarter Land on Big River and Long Creek Including
 the Mill and Land thereunto Belonging, Reserving one Hundred Aers out of the place
 Known by the Name of Memphis Place and the other half of the aforesaid Memphis
 Place I Give and Bequeath to my son Thomas Ferguson his Part Including the Mill
 the said Land and Improvements to be Equally Divided Between the said
 Thomas and George Fergusons Agreeable to to Quintality and Quintety and also to the said
 George and Thomas Fergusons three Equal Share of my Estate Not Now or hereafter
 Bequeathed and to my Daughter Mary Carrie I Give and Bequeath a Negro fellow Named
 Abraham and Noma, and to my Daughter Sarah Weacks I Give and Bequeath a
 Negro wench Named Till, also I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Fanny Weacks
 Six Shillings and Noma, I also Order my Executors to Lay off one hundred Aers of the
 above Excepted Land out of John Memphis Tract for the Support and Maintenance of
 my Daughter Fanny Wade and her Children during her Natural Life also a Negro
 wench Named Agnes which Land and Negro wench is to be under the Immediate
 Direction of my Executors to be applied wholly to the use aforesaid and at her Decease
 to be joyed & Possessed by the Lawful Heirs of her Body, and to my Grandson Samuel
 I Bequeath one Negro Gnal Named Mace to him and his heirs for ever but
 of the dies Before he comes of Age, his and Increase to be Equally Divided Between
 my Children, and to my son Charles Ferguson I Bequeath the Land and Plantations
 now Live ^{upon} after my Wifes Decease to him and his heirs for ever also an Equal share
 of my Estate Not Now or hereafter Bequeathed, and I Appoint and Ordain my son John
 Ferguson and Springfield Will my sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament utterly
 disallowing and Revoking all other Wills Legacies and Bequests & Ratifying & Confirming
 this and no other attesting this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 11th February 1789

In Presence of
 James Cannon
 Robert Woodruff
 William Campbell

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 John + Ferguson L.S.
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At a Court held for Franklin County on Monday the first day of February 1790 This Last will and Testament of John Ferguson Deceased was Proved by the oath of Robt. Woods Jr. one of the witnesses thereto Subscribed & the same was ordered to be Certified.

And at a Court held for the said County on Monday the 3rd Day of May 1790 This Last will and Testament of John Ferguson Deceased was Exhibited in Court by John Ferguson & Swinfield Hill Executors therein Named and further Proved by the oath of William Campbell a witness thereto Subscribed and ordered to be Recorded.

And on the Motion of John Ferguson and Swinfield Hill Executors therein Named who made oath thereto, Certificate is Granted them for obtaining Probate thereof in Due form Giving Security, whereupon they together with Samuel Batteson Stephen Smith and Mops Green their Securus Entered into & Acknowledged the Bond in the Penalty of Three Thousand Pounds for the said Executors for the said Executors due and faithful Administration of the said Decedents Estate & Performance of his Will Liberty being Reserved the other Executors in the said will mentioned to join in the Probate.

Test A. Smith. CC

Justices

for

Ferguson

Know all Men by these Presents that we John Ferguson Swinfield Hill Samuel Batteson Stephen Smith & Mops Green are Vice and firmly Bound to Hugh James Jonathan Richardson John Smith & Thomas Hale Gent. Justices of the Court of Franklin County Now sitting in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds To the which Payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Justices and their Successors we Bind our selves and Each of us our and Each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals this 3rd Day of May 1790

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above obligation is such that if the above Bound John Ferguson & Swinfield Hill Executors of the Last will and Testament of John Ferguson Deceased do make or Cause to be made a True and Perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattles and Credits of the said John Ferguson Deceased or into the hands & Possession of any other Person or Persons for them and the same to be made do Exhibit in the County Court of Franklin at such times as they shall be therunto Required by the said Court and the same Goods and Chattles & Credits & all other Goods Chattles & Credits of the said Deceased which at any Time after shall Come to the hands Possession or Knowledge of the said John Ferguson & Swinfield Hill

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or into the hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for them to well and Truly Administer according to Law and further to make a Just & True Account of all Actings and doings therein when therefor Required by the said Court and also shall well and Truly Pay and Deliver all the Legacies Contained & specified in the said Testament as far as the said Goods and Chattels & Credits will thereunto Extend and the Law shall Charge them with this obligation to be Void and of None Effect or Else Remain in full force Power and Virtue

John Ferguson L^s
 Sumpter Hill L^s
 Samue Peterson L^s
 Stephen Smith L^s
 Mops Green L^s

At a Court held for Franklin County on Monday the 3rd Day of May 1790
 The within Bond was Acknowledged by the within Named Parties to be their Several Acts and Deed and the same was ordered to be Recorded

Teste
 J^{es} Smith C^{lc}

May the 11th 1790

Inventory
 of the Estate
 of John
 Ferguson Dec^d

A List of the Goods and Chattels of John Ferguson Dec^d

1 Negro fellow Named Dick £30. 1 do Boy Named Brick £25	35. 0. 0
1 Negro wench Named Dinah £30 1 do Girl Named Lin £20	50. 0. 0
1 Negro Girl Named Sarah £15 1 do Girl Named Nayah £10	29. 0. 0
1 Negro Boy Named Shure £10. 1 Scuball Horse £10	78. 0. 0
1 Old Black horse £6 1 Dark Bay horse £12 1 Old Roan horse £6	20. 0. 0
1 7 Year old Colt £10 1 Scubald Mare £2 1 Waggan & hind Gears £15	27. 0. 0
1 Set Smiths Tools £12 2 Cows & Calves £3 3 Horses & Bull £2	31. 0. 0
1 2 Years old S. & 2 Yearlings £5. 2 Young Calves 12/ 3 Cows & Calves £7. 10.	18. 2. 0
1 Cow & Yearling £7. 10. 1 Old Bull £2. 5. 1 Bull Yearling 12/6	5. 7. 6
1 Cow & Yearling £7. 10 6 Cows & 2 Steers £18	20. 10. 0
6 2 Year Old £7. 10 3 Year Old at 12/6 £1. 17. 6 1 Cow & Yearling £7. 10	11. 17. 6
3 Beef hides 30/ 3 Beef hides 30/ 1 Calf skin 2/6 Parcel of iron breakers 10	13. 2. 6
1 Beef hide 10/ 1 1/2 Cart Wheels 10/ 1 Sore & 1 Old Leathers 10/	3. 6. 0
2 Old Blows & Lumber Tree 10/ 1 Cask 1/6 Iron Wedge 1/2	0. 15. 6
1 Ax 1/2 2 Hoes & Shovel 1/6 10 Sheep £3.	3. 8. 6

Joshua Rutherford
 Mops Green
 Thomas Hale

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At a Court held for Franklin County on Tuesday the 3rd Day of August 1790
The within Inventory of the Estate of John Ferguson was Returned into
Court and the same was ordered to be Recorded

Teste
J^{es} Smith. ccc

Maryann
Estes, last
Will & Testament
In the name of God amen I Mary Ann Estes of Franklin
County do make this my Last will and Testament hereby Revoking all
Wills by me before made & desire that this may be Regarded as my Last Will
and Bequeath to my son Joel Estes a Negro man Named John a Negro
Woman Named Fannie her Two Children Luckie & Aude & all their Increase
to him his heirs & Assigns for ever also my horse and all my cattle, I Give to my
Grand Daughter Betty Estes one Bed, Item I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter
Nasty Ferguson one Negro Woman Named Fian & her increase from this time to her
heirs and Assigns for ever, Item I Give to my Grandson Scrimson Brown one
Negro Girl Named Dicie & her increase to him his heirs & Assigns for ever, Item I Give
to my Grand Daughter Mary Scrimson Ferguson one Negro Girl Named Phibe
to her her heirs & Assigns for ever, I Give to my Daughter Betty Evans one Bed,
All the rest of my Estate not hereby Disposed of I Give to my said son Joel Estes
and appoint him Executor of this my Last will, In witness whereof I have hereunto
affixed my seal & set my hand this Eighteenth Day of November in the Year of
our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Nine

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
in presence of

Hugh Innes
Robert Innes
Elizabeth Thompson
Mark

her
Mary Ann / Estes Seal
marks

At a Court held for Franklin County on Monday the 21st day of June 1790 The
Last Will and Testament of Maryann Estes Deceased was Produced in Court
By Joel Estes who took the Administration of the Estate upon himself with the
will annexed, which was proved by the oath of two of the witnesses thereto Subscribed
& with Hugh Innes his Security Entered into Bond & Acknowledged the same according
to Law and ordered to be Recorded by the Court

Teste
J^{es} Smith. ccc