

Green County I Thomas Grimes feeling the symptoms of my dissolution fast  
approaching make this my last will and Testament in the of God Amen.  
I recommend my soul to God who gave it (and my body to be decently buried at  
the discretion of Executors. I will that all my just debts be paid and divide  
my property both real and personal in the following manner

Item first I will my beloved wife Polly Grimes the plantation whereon I now live with  
a sufficient number of hands for the Cultivation of the same as long as she  
shall Continue my widow and the balance of the hands that are at the above  
plantation to be put under an overseer at my Mills on the Waverly creek  
for the purpose of Cultivating and improving the plantation. But if my beloved  
wife should marry she must give up possession of the plantation (and take five choice  
negroes and her proportionable part of the Stock and household furniture and her part  
of the money made on the plantation before her marriage and at the death of my  
beloved wife the above five negroes are to return to my Children with their moneys

Item second I will and bequeath that all monies arising from my Mills plantations negroes  
and Stock more than supports the family be put in a bank or out to interest for  
the benefit of my Children

And lastly I do hereby Ordain Constable & appoist Jesse Grimes Pollen (officer & Robert  
Solomon Executors to this my last will and Testament to execute the same  
agreeably to the Tenor thereof And I do hereby revoke all other wills heretofore made  
(and declare this to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed my seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1816

Signed sealed in the presence of  
to Powers  
Bally Simonton  
Thomas Johnson J.P.

Thomas Grimes  
his  
mark

Green County of Ordinary November Term 1816  
Personally appears in Open Court Thomas Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses  
to the foregoing will who being duly sworn saith that he saw the above  
name Thomas Grimes sign seal and heard him publish the foregoing as his last will  
and Testament And that he believes him to be of perfect sound mind and memory at the  
time of his doing and that Bally Simonton and Elizabeth Powers were with himself  
subscribing witnesses to the same

Witness to & subscribed in Open Court 4<sup>th</sup> November 1816  
Benjamin Torrance CLK

Thomas Johnson

Recorded 20<sup>th</sup> December 1816  
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