

mentioned said bequests to be particularly in the care of my executors
of my will is that at the decease or future marriage of my wife
that my three eldest sons have each a negro of the three then you
to be chosen seniority the rest of my negroes & horses, cattle & hethers
furniture to be equally divided among my four youngest sons viz
James, David & Richard & Grayson by my executors & all the stock
of every kind & plantation utensils to be sold at the discretion of
my executors & the monies arising from such sale to be equally
divided among my four youngest last named sons - furthermore
I give & bequeath to my son William Mason the negro boy George he
never has in his possession 10th His my desire that my Executors
make a good & lawful title to John Bailey to a lot in Yorkville
on his said Baileys paying off the price of said lot with all costs
thereon - Lastly I do hereby Ordain & appoint my beloved
wife Nancy Mason & my two sons William Mason & James Mason
executors of this my last will & Testament, Dowering & dividing
nestling all others. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this 8th day of January AD 1822 -

Signed in the presence of

J. M. Walker

John Dillman

James Plascott

James Mason *(Signature)*

In the name of God amen I William Mason of Middlebury
County in the State of Indiana, Do make & Ordain this my last
will & Testament, And by these presents utterly disowning all dis-
allowing, disclaiming & declining all other wills legacies and
bequests And this & no other to be my last Will & Testament infor-
mation hereof I give & bequeath my property in the following
manner & form after paying all my just debts

1st I give & bequeath to my wife Dorothy all the land & improvements in
the following bounds beginning at a black Hickory on the west-
bank of the Middlebury creek near the mouth of a Hollow thence
northward hollow to a house on line, thence with the river line
to a pine formerly a stone. This place comes thence to a bridge

Post Oak near the old Waggon Roads, there take Blackfoot Creek
flowing towards the north, then with the river becomes
a stream on the west side of the Mopans creek near the old waggon
roads there is a creek taken at the mouth of it. The back road
there is a branch leading to the beginning to have clearing has left
a tree called Nettle tree bears yellow flowers and Dolly like them
8 pigs together with a small lot of household & kitchenware
many fine trees & shrubs. 2d I give & bequeath to my daughter
the Mopan place known as White Bear also one half to
my son William & his wife - 3d I give & bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth & her husband & children all the land lying North of the
River giving her & her children all the land lying West of the street bequeathed
to her & her heirs forever. I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth
one Negro girl named Rhoda to her heirs forever - 4th I give &
bequeath to my son Stephen a parcel of land lying North of the
said lands also a Negro man named Robert & a horse saddle
& bridle, one book & pen with a saddle & bridle to
my son William all the land lying West of the street bequeathed
to my wife also a Negro woman named Linda & her son named
Stephen bequeath to my wife Linda & Briddle, one Horse, one bed & furniture
6th I give & bequeath to my son Samuel all the land I bequeath to
my wife at her death or in case she marries, likewise two negroes
named Charles & John also a filly saddle & bridle
also one horse saddle & bridle, one bed & furniture
my Grand son Marcus one horse saddle & bridle, one bed & furniture
I wish to be equally divided between my five children herein
mentioned I hereby constitute & appoint my friends Burgoines
Lanard & my son Stephen the sole executors of this my last will & affid
ment. In testimony whereof I have so written my name & affid
this 16th day of June A.D. 1824.

There is worth my leave him to the beginning to have dividing his life
or widowhood, likewise to George Johnson named Daddy likewise
a man called Nester two cows & calves, two hogs for pork & bacon
8 pigs together with a suitable portion of household & kitchen furni-
ture & however two ewes & lambs. 2^d I give & bequeath to my daughter
Mary my lands on the South side of W. Pitts Creek commonly called
the Muddy place forever, likewise one white bear, also one badger
possum & saddle & bridle ~~get~~ I give & bequeath to my daughter
Eliza it to her called buck & one badger & squirrel & saddle &
bridle & two hounds & forty dollars to her & her heirs forever. I
further give & bequeath to my daughter Mary one negro named Bunch
to her & her heirs, forever. If either goes to my daughter Lizzie
one negro girl named Noddy to her & her heirs forever. 4th I give &
bequeath to my son Stephen a parcel of land lying North of the
parcel bequeathed to my wife likewise the mill which is located
on said lands, also a negro man named Robert & a horse saddle
& bridle, one badger & squirrel one rifle, &c. 5th I give & bequeath
to my son William all my land lying West of the tract bequeathed
to my wife, also a negro woman named Lucy & her son named
Albert likewise one horse saddle & bridle, one rifle, one bed & furniture
6th I give & bequeath to my son Samuel all the land I bequeath to
my wife at her death or in case she marries, likewise two negroes
Mays named Charles & John, also a filly called Bet with a saddle
& bridle one rifle, one bed & furniture 7th I give & bequeath to
my Grand son Marcus one horse saddle & bridle, one bed & furniture
8th & lastly all the remainder of my property not herein mentioned
I wish to be equally divided between my five children herein
mentioned. I hereby constitute & appoint my friend Augustus
Johnson & my son Stephen the sole executors of this my last will & testament.
In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name & affixed
my seal this 14th day of June A.D. 1826.

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