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Will dtd 25 Aug 1826...Co. of Garrard...

In the name of God Amen,

I Henry REYNOLDS, Senr of the Co. of Garrard and State of KY being aged and infirm in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks to the Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of all transitory things and that it is appointed unto all men once to die I do hereby make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament revoking and forever disavowing all other, heretofore made by me.

And first and principally of all I devoutly and firmly recommend my immortal Soul into the holy care & Keeping of Almighty God who gave it And my body to the Earth from whence it originated to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my exers hereinafter named. Nothing doubting but at the General ressurection I shall receive the same by the Almighty Power of God. And touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to endow me I do dispose of in the following manner.

Item: All my just debts [if any] shall be promptly and speddily paid by my exs.

Item: As to my land they are already given to my sons Thomas, Henry, Moses and David. And my will and desire is that they hold the same exactly as it now stands to them and their Heirs forever.

Item: I give & bequeath to my son David following negroes, [to wit] Presley, Price, Silas, Gabriel and Amy with all their future increase during his natural life in trust only together with all the rest of my estate both real and personal Which may be in my possession at my decease and which is not otherwise herein devised and as its my intention to divide the above negroes and other estate to my sd son David only in trust during his life my will is that whole shall [equally divided among the whole of his children to them.]

Item: My will and desire is that my 2 negro women called Black Nell and Yellow Nell at my decease [henceforth and forever free and emancipated].

Item: I desire and will that my negro girl Dinah shall live with and serve my son David until she is twenty five years old which will be in the year 1836 at Christmas and if she should have any increase in that time my will is such increase shall be a part of my estate to be divided and disposed of in the same way that I have disposed of the balance and at the age of 25 my said girl Dinah with all her future increase will be henceforth and forever free and emancipated.

Item: I have heretofore given to all my other children in land and other property as much as I conceive to be equal in consequence of which I make them no other devise & I wish it expressly to be understood that I make the above devise to my son David in consequence of his being faithfully taken care of myself and my wife during our lives and which he has done and still continues to do in the most dutiful manner as well as to make my devise to him equal to what I have hereafore given my other children And lastly Thereby constitute ordain and appoint my friend, Tyree HARRIS, James FLETCHER and Elijah L. HARRIS Exrs of this my LW&T, writing whereof I here to fore set my hand and seal this 25th of Aug 1826.

Attest: Alex [A] JENNINGS, Tyree HARRIS, James FLETCHER

Sgd Henry [X] REYNOLDS

Oct Ct 1826 The foregoing will was produced to court by HARRIS, FLETCHER and JENNINGS proceed & order to be recorded & the same is truly admitted to record. Attest: same as above.

Oct Term 1826 Estate packet, Garrard Co., KY

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