

SOME VINCENNES DOCUMENTS.

[The following are copies from original documents now in the office of the Clerk of Knox County, Indiana.—G. S. C.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS POSEY.

IN the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Posey, of Jeffersonville, Ind. Ty., being of sound mind, but knowing the uncertainty of life, doth make and ordain this, my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made.

I commit my soul to God who gave it, with a hope of pardon for my sins and reconciliation through the atoning mercies of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; and my body to be interred in a plain and decent manner.

My beloved wife, Mary Posey, being considerably advanced in years, my desire is to place her in the most agreeable situation that my property may admit of, and to her own wishes. It will be very troublesome for her to keep house. I would therefore recommend that she should live with one of her children. Should she make choice of this mode, my will and desire is that my executors or administrators shall furnish her with the necessary supplies for her maintenance, and that she shall have a servant to wait upon her, and such part of my furniture as may be necessary during her life.

My children, John, Fayette, Lloyd, Thornton A., William C., and Eliza Maria, I leave assigned to each such portions of my property as I was able to give. To Lloyd, Thornton and Eliza Maria, I gave two slaves each, and made over to them certain lands, the titles of which are found defective, and a compromise having taken place with John Lewis, by which he relinquished to me a debt that I owed by law given Warner Lewis of about two thousand dollars, I mean to compensate for the defect of titles of the land given them each one-third of the \$2,000.

The residue of my estate I give to my children, Thomas, Alex, Washington A. G. and Sarah Ann T. T., except should Mr. Francis and Mrs. Lucy Fitzhugh make over property to Sarah Ann T. T. to the amount of a fourth part of the residue of my property, then in that case I devise that she should only receive a mourning ring.

Whatever property I may have remaining I direct may be disposed of in manner that my executors or administrators may agree upon, and I direct that they make deeds of conveyance for all lands, either sold or to be sold, and collect all debts owing me, and pay all debts justly due.

My Order of Cincinnati I give to John Posey; my sword and brass-barrel pistols to Thomas Posey; my watch to Alex Posey; my Stony Point pistols to Fayette Posey; my cane with gold head to Joseph M. Street; my sword cane to A. D. Thorn; my library to Lloyd and Thornton A. Posey; my riding horse and gold epaulets to Washington A. G. Posey, and a mourning ring to Eliza Maria Street.

I authorize my executors or administrators to either make sale of the residue of my property or make a dividend as may best suit the legatees, and as may be agreed upon by the said executors or administrators.

I constitute and appoint my sons, Thomas, Alex and Washington A. G. Posey executors of this, my last will and testament, any one of which by the consent of the others, may make deeds of conveyance to any of my lands.

Given under my hand this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord Christ, 1816.

THOMAS POSEY.

Filed April 14, 1818.

[Total appraisement of estate, \$957.75. Chattels. Another inventory of one Dearborn wagon and two pairs harness, etc., at \$270.00, and one bay horse, saddle and bridle, etc., at \$130.00. The first inventory made by Benj. Parke and John D. Hay.]

A SUIT AGAINST GEORGE ROGERS CLARKE.

LAURENT BAZADON, Merchant,	}	Attachment, \$20,000.
vs.		
GEORGE ROGERS CLARKE.		

BE it remembered that heretofore, to-wit, during the vacation and after the adjournment of the August court, which was in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the said Laurent sued out of this court a writ of attachment, called a writ of foreign attachment against the said George Rogers Clarke, which said writ is in the words and figures following to-wit: Territory of the United States northwest of the river

Ohio, Knox County, Sct. The United States to the Sheriff our said County of Knox, greeting: We command you to attach all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, lands and tenements and hereditaments of George Rogers Clarke, of the County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky (as is supposed) that may be found in your bailiwick, and a true return thereof make before the justices of our County Court of Common Pleas next to be holden in Vincennes, in and for our said County of Knox, on the first Tuesday of November next; then and there in our said Court to satisfy the demand of Laurent Bazadon, merchant. In case the said Laurent shall establish his demand in a plea of trespass, therefore, with force and arms the said George entered the house of the said Laurent and took away the goods, wares and merchandise of him, the said Laurent, to the damage of the said Laurent, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, before us ourselves to be exhibited. Hereof fail not, and of this writ make due return. Witness Pierre Gamelin, Esq., first justice of our said court at Vincennes, the fifth day of August, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six. R. Buntin, prothonotary.

On which said writ is the following return, to-wit: One 20-acre lot on the mill run; one 20-acre lot joining; one 9-acre lot facing the rapid; one 6-acre lot facing the rapid; one 940-acre lot joining Clarksville; one $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre lot at the point of rocks supposed to be his. David Owens' information. Mr. Laccapagne told me of a 500-acre tract, No. 18, the rest mortgaged to him. Levied on the lands and tenements, etc., on the 30th September, 1796, rights and credits of G. R. Clarke. Christopher Wyant, sheriff.

On which return the plaintiff appeared by his attorney, and on motion it was ordered that the Prothonotary do advertise in the Publick Gazette that unless the defendant do appear at the next court that judgment will then be entered by default, and at the next term, to-wit, the tenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, plaintiff appeared and the same was continued until the next term, to file his declaration, at which time, to-wit, the eighth day of November, in the year one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-seven, the plaintiff appeared and filed his certain declaration against the defendant

in a plea of trespass, and these are pledges for prosecution, to-wit, John Doe and Richard Roe, which declaration is in the words and figures following, to-wit: County Knox Sct. Laurent Bazadon, late of St. Vincennes, in our said County, merchant, complains of George Rogers Clarke, of the County of Jefferson, in the State of Kentucky (as is supposed), and late General and commanding officer of a party of men, called the Oubache regiment, of a plea of trespass for this, to-wit: Whereas, the said defendant on or about the seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, in Vincennes, in our said County of Knox, and within the jurisdiction of this court, with force and arms, that is to say, with a body of men under military appearance, armed with guns, swords, knives, etc., etc., broke and entered the storehouse of the said plaintiff, and then and there took and carried away the goods, wares and merchandise, furs, peltries, books and accounts and papers of the said plaintiff to the value of twenty thousand dollars of the currency of the United States, and the same detained and kept, and afterwards, to-wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at St. Vincennes, in the same county, and within the jurisdiction of the said court, disposed of the same to the said defendant's own use; and other injuries to him, the said plaintiff, and then and there did against the peace of the United States, and to the damage of the said plaintiff the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and therefore he brings suit, etc. John Doe and Richard Roe pledges for prosecution. I. Darneale, p. q., and thereupon came the defendant by Gabriel Jones Johnson, his attorney, and on motion of plaintiff for a continuance the same is laid over till to-morrow evening, at which time, to-wit, on Thursday the eighth day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the parties appeared, the plaintiff in his proper person and the defendant by Gabriel Jones Johnson, his attorney in fact, whereupon it was ordered by the court that the said action be withdrawn and that the defendant recover of the plaintiff his costs and charges about his defense in that behalf expended, and the plaintiff in mercy, etc.

[From court book in Knox County Clerk's office, "Minutes from 1796 to 1799." A record of court cases. In this book Bazadon figures in fourteen different cases as plaintiff. This case was dismissed by plaintiff on return of writ.]