

Early Clark County Wills and Executor's Records¹ (Abstracts and Notes)

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Fait, Henry. Administrators, Henry, George, and Margaret Fait, appointed July 18, 1801. Bond, \$7000. Securities: Thomas Downs, William Goodwin, Peter Stacy (Clark County Will Record A, 1801-1817, 1).

Stootsman, Joseph. Administrator, widow Rachel Stootsman, appointed August 31, 1802. Bond, \$1200. Securities: Jacob Stootsman, Sr., Samuel Stootsman (*ibid.*, 3).

Tuley, Charles P. Administrator, Captain George Wood, appointed September 29, 1802, at request of widow, Betsy Tuley. Bond, \$1000. Securities: George Huckleberry, Sr., Peter McDonald (*ibid.*, 4).

Martin, James. Administrator, John McClintick, appointed April 25, 1804. Bond, \$800. Securities: Joseph Bartholomew, James Stewart (*ibid.*, 5). Appraisement of personal property and bill of sale (*ibid.*, 178-79).

Bradford, William. Will dated May 4, 1804; probated August 8, 1804. Heirs: wife, Susannah Bradford. Executors: Susannah Bradford, Davis Floyd. Witnesses: Job Guest, William Hawthorn, Steven Harmon (*ibid.*, 6-7).

Stootsman, John. Administrator, Daniel Stootsman, appointed December 17, 1804. Bond, \$800. Securities: Jacob and David Stootsman (*ibid.*, 8).

Smith, William. Will dated January 31, 1804; probated February 18, 1805. Heirs: wife, Patsey Smith, and sons, Peter, John, and James. Executor, Joseph Bartholomew. Witnesses: Samuel Gwathmey, William Prather, George Wood, Peter Smith (*ibid.*, 9-10).

McGuire, William. Will dated October 4, 1805; probated October 26, 1805. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth McGuire, and children (not named with the exception of a daughter Martha). Executors: Elizabeth McGuire and James N. Wood. Witnesses: James and Nancy McCoy (*ibid.*, 11-13.)

Dorsey, Bales. Will dated June 19, 1806; probated September 2, 1806. Heirs: children, Thomas, Betsey, Margaret, Richard, Ely, Susanna, Bales, George, Mark. Executors: George Wood and James Davis. Witnesses: John Douthitt, John Ferguson, Hugh Kelley (*ibid.*, 14-15).

Anderson, James. Inventory and appraisement of personal estate made by John Pottorff and Nicholas Harmon, December 23, 1806. Filed January 1807 (*ibid.*, 16-17).

Moore, Robert K. Will dated April 20, 1806; probated July Term, 1807. Heirs: wife, Catharine (Prince) Moore, James Sneed, of Jefferson County, Kentucky [relationship not indicated]. Executors:

¹ Compiled from microfilm copies of Clark County, Indiana, Will Record A, 1801-1817, and Will Record B, 1817-1833, made for the Historical Records Survey, Works Progress Administration, in 1936, and deposited in the Archives Division of the Indiana State Library.

James Sneed, Cuthbert Bullitt, Thomas Prather, of Kentucky. No witnesses given, but will was proved by Thomas T. Davis, Worden Pope, Marston G. Clark, Willis W. Goodwin, John Thompson, Samuel Gwathmey (*ibid.*, 17-18).

Kelly, Samuel. Will dated November 7, 1806; probated July Term, 1807. Heirs: brother, John Kelly, in trust for heirs not named. Executor, William McMean. Witnesses: William Lockhard (or Lockart), Joseph Pound, James Stout (*ibid.*, 19).

Scott, James, Sr. Died September 9, 1807. Nuncupative will of September 4, 1807; probated October Term, 1807. Heirs, wife, Charlotte. Witnesses: Isaac Holman, Bazil R. Prather (*ibid.*, 20).

Jones, George. Will dated August 13, 1806; probated January 9, 1808. Heirs: wife, Jane Jones; stepdaughter, Polly Archer; sister, Polly Jones. Executors: Samuel Gwathmey, Davis Floyd. Witnesses: Susanne Floyd, Polly L. Floyd, Davis Floyd. Will proved by Davis Floyd, Robert A. New, Gabriel I. Johnston (*ibid.*, 21-22).

Wilson, James. Will dated March 20, 1806; probated March 7, 1808. Heirs: sons, George and John; daughter, Jane. Executor: Samuel Kaufman. Witnesses: Aquilla Rogers, Andrew Spears, Mary Kaufman (*ibid.*, 23-24). Appraisalment of personal property (Vol. B, 1817-33, 134).

*Robertson, James.*² Will dated December 9, 1780; filed September Term, 1808. Heir: Philip Barbour, of Natchez, Tennessee. Executor: Philip Barbour. Witnesses: Thomas Pollock, John Allen, Joseph Rotunge (?). Will produced by Philip Barbour, Jr., and proved by George Rogers Clark, Davis Floyd, James N. Wood. Protested by John Berry, William Ferguson, Jesse Turpin (*ibid.*, Vol. A. 23-32).

Perdun, Margaret. Will dated September 27, 1808; probated October 25, 1808. Heirs: grandchildren, Sarah and Elizabeth Righthouse. No executor named. Witnesses: Sarah Fouts, Abraham Vanvel (?), John Vanvel (?), Mary Hacket (*ibid.*, 33-34).

McKlane (or McClean), Bernard. Administrator, Josn Vawter, appointed December 1, 1809. Bond, \$400. Securities: Willis W. Goodwin, Robert A. New (*ibid.* 34). Appraisalment of personal property and bill of sale (*ibid.*, 44-51).

Coombs, William. Will dated April 9, 1810; codicil added April 10; probated May Term, 1810. Heirs: wife, Nancy Coombs; children, John, Jesse, William, Margaret. Executors: Thomas Carr, Nancy Coombs. Witnesses: James McCoy, William Reed, Elisha Carr (*ibid.*, 35-36). Appraisalment of personal property and bill of sale (*ibid.*, 114-19).

Hay, John. Will dated October 24, 1810; probated November 5, 1810. Heirs: wife, Nancy Hay; children, Andrew, Anne,³ Milton, Nancy, Harry, Warefield, Julia, and Campbell. Executors: Nancy Hay,

² Robertson had been allotted 2,156 acres of land in Clark's Grant for his services as lieutenant in George Rogers Clark's army. The will was certified in French on June 17, 1782, by Carlos de Grand Pré, commandant of the Spanish Province of New Orleans. Further proceedings are to be found in Clark County Will Record B, 1817-33, pp. 79-84. The Official Plat of Clark's Grant, made by William Clark, 1789-1810, shows that P. Barbour, Jr. was granted a deed to Robertson's land on November 27, 1809.

³ Anne (or Ann) Hay was married to Jonathan Jennings on August 8, 1811. Clark County Marriage Records, Vol. A, 7.

John McClung, James Scott. Witnesses: B. Wood, John T. Chunn, John Denny (*ibid.*, 37).

Guest, Bazel. Will dated December 28, 1810; probated March 4, 1811. Heirs: wife, Rachel Guest, and daughter Anne. Executor: Rachel Guest. Witnesses: Richard Mosley, Elizabeth Crew (*ibid.*, 38-39).

McCann, Moses. Will and codicil dated March 4, 1811; probated March 20, 1811. Heir, son Thomas. Executor, James N. Wood. Witnesses: John K. Graham, Joseph Stroud, John Conner (*ibid.*, 39-41). Appraisalment of personal property and bill of sale filed June 15, 1812 (*ibid.*, 57-71).

Boldorson (?) Andrew. Will dated November —, 1811; probated November 30, 1811. Heirs: children, Betsy, Henry, Polly, Sally, John, Fany (or Lang?), Daniel, Thomas, David, Peter, Eve. Executors: John Miller, Isaac Holman. Witnesses: Peter Etter, Gaspar Pope (*ibid.*, 42-43).

Hutchings (or Hutchens), Joseph. Administrator, son Stephen, appointed March 31, 1812. Bond, not given. Securities: Charles Bullock, Davis Floyd (*ibid.*, 51). Appraisalment of personal property presented June 8, 1812 (*ibid.*, 64-67).

Malott, Joseph. Died March 25, 1812. Nuncupative will of that date presented April 8, 1812 by John Daily and James Davis. Heir: wife (name not given, but probably Catherine as she purchased a number of items of the estate). Administrator, father-in-law, Philip Daily. Securities: James Davis and Jacob Daily (*ibid.* 52-53). Appraisalment of personal property and bill of sale returned April 18 and 26, 1812 (*ibid.*, 72-76).

Shake, George. Appraisalment of personal property by Patrick Welch, Davis Floyd, Joseph Pound, made April 19, 1811 (*ibid.*, 54-58).

Barnaby, Mathew. Administrator, Robert Barnaby, appointed May 14, 1812. Bond, \$400. Securities: John Ferguson, James McCampbell (*ibid.*, 58-59). Appraisalment of personal property made June 5, 1812 (Vol. B, 155-56).

Clendenon (or Clendenning ?), Thomas. Administrator, widow Elenor, appointed June 13, 1812. Bond, \$300. Securities: James Alexander, Isaac Watkins (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 59). Appraisalment of personal property made June 22, 1812 (Vol. B, 163).

Roby, Townley. Administrators, widow Rebecca and William Ellis, appointed July 10, 1812. Bond, \$600. Securities: Henry Bottorff, Abraham Epler (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 62). Appraisalment of personal property (Vol. B, 136-37).

Hollis, Sarah. Administrator, Willis W. Goodwin, appointed September 22, 1812. Bond, \$500. Securities: John Douthitt, James Zenor (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 63). Appraisalment of personal property (Vol. B, 149-59).

Bloom, Peter. Appraisalment of personal property made October 19, 1808 by John Thompson and Robert A. New. Bill of sale, November 1, 1808 (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 77-80).

Domont, Barbara. Will dated October 6, 1802; probated June 13, 1812. Heirs: son Jesse and granddaughters, Lane (Jane) and Sarah Bowman, daughters of Aaron Bowman. Executor: Aaron Bowman,

son-in-law (*ibid.*, 81-82). Appraisement of personal property Vol. B, 148).

Ward, Richard. Administrator, brother, John Ward, appointed March 27, 1813. Bond, \$100. Securities: James Sweney (or Seveney?), David Smith (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 83).

Summers, James. Administrator, brother-in-law, John B. Pittman, appointed April 19, 1813. Bond, \$160. Securities: John Gibson, George Bratton (*ibid.*, 83-84). Appraisement of personal property (Vol. B), 137.

Kelley, Cornelius. Administrator, Elias Kelley, appointed May 3, 1813. Bond, \$80. Securities: John Ferguson, James Kelley (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 84-85).

Hutcheson, John. Administrator, Thomas Hutcheson, appointed May 3, 1813. Bond, \$120. Securities: John Ferguson, William P. Meredith (*ibid.*, 85).

Gibson, Thomas. Administrator, John Gibson, appointed May 7, 1813. Bond, \$100. Securities: Alexander Buckner, William P. Meredith (*ibid.*, 86).

Goodwin, George. Administrator, William Goodwin, appointed May 7, 1813. Bond, \$300. Securities: John Ferguson, James Curry (*ibid.*, 87). Appraisement of personal property (Vol. B, 143-44).

Fisler, William. Administrator, John Fisler, appointed May 11, 1813. Bond, \$200. Securities: John Ferguson, George Ross (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 88).

Warnock, Joseph. Administrator, Michael Warnock, appointed May 17, 1813. Bond, \$200. Securities: James McCampbell, John Ferguson (*ibid.*, 88-89). Appraisement of personal property (Vol. B, 127-28).

Jones, Henry. Administrator, widow May, appointed May 20, 1813. Bond, \$250. Securities: Robert Breeze, Sr., Joseph Johnston (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 89-90).

Sigman, Barnett. Administrator, John Eldridge, appointed September 25, 1813. Bond, \$500. Securities: James Scott, John Ferguson (*ibid.*, 90).

McCoy, William. Will dated July 9, 1813; probated October 7, 1813. Heirs: wife Elizabeth; children, James, Isaac,⁴ John, Royce, Mrs. Sarah Payne, Mrs. Lydia Little (or Littell?). Executor: James Lemon. Witnesses: James Lemon, Jesse Coombs, Royce McCoy. Lemon withdrew as executor on October 7 and the court appointed James McCoy and the widow, Elizabeth McCoy, as administrators (*ibid.*, 91-92, 105-8).

Alexander, James. Administrators, widow Elizabeth and Samuel Stewart, appointed October 20, 1813. Bond, \$500. Securities: James Scott, James Bigger. (*ibid.*, 92-93). Appraisement of personal property (*ibid.*, 150-52).

Cosner, John. Administrator, father, Henry Cosner, appointed November 25, 1813. Bond, \$200. Securities: John Weathers, John Ferguson (*ibid.*, 93).

⁴This is the Isaac McCoy who became a missionary to the Indians. The father, William McCoy, had been a pastor of the Silver Creek Baptist Church in Clark County

Stewart, James. Administrator, Merchant Stewart, appointed February 14, 1814. Bond, \$500. Securities: Samuel Reynolds, George Ross (*ibid.*, 94). Appraisalment of personal property (Vol. B, 138-39).

Mosley, Richard. Administrator, Andrew Fait, appointed April 29, 1814. Bond, \$300. Securities: James Lemon and [name omitted] (*ibid.*, Vol. A, 95).

INDIANA CENSUS RECORDS OF 1820 AND 1830

The indexing, on cards, of heads of families as recorded in the photostat copies of the original census records of Indiana for 1820 and 1830, which was instituted in the Genealogy Section of the Indiana State Library, has been completed and the cards are now on file in the Genealogy room.

The compilation of this index was begun in March, 1936, and finished by March, 1939. The work was done almost altogether by three persons, Miss Leona E. Tobey, assistant in the Genealogy Section, who had full direction; Mr. Louie B. O'Neel, who assisted largely with the checking and editing; and Miss Nerine Roberts, who typed the majority of the cards.

Many difficulties were encountered in the process of the work, chief among which were the variances in spelling, the deciphering of the old handwriting, and, in some cases, the almost illegibility of the records. To insure accuracy a system of checking and rechecking was followed.

Over 80,000 cards were necessary. Each card contains the name of the head of the family, the year of the census (1820 or 1830), the county under which the name is recorded, and the reference by volume and page to the photostat records. These photostat copies to which the index refers consist of six volumes for 1820, and seventeen for 1830. They are arranged by county, and each contains the name of the head of the family, the number, but not names, of members of the family with their approximate ages.

The Indiana Historical Society and the Society of Indiana Pioneers made noteworthy contributions to the purchase of cards for the project.

By means of this index, it is now possible to locate readily any head of a family in any county in Indiana in 1820 or 1830. The index will be a valuable aid not only as a means of establishing one's ancestors in the early history of Indiana, but as a guide to localities where one might expect to find information.—Anna Poucher, *Head, Genealogy Section, Indiana State Library.*