

Abstracts of Early Wills and Executors' Records*

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Boyer, Philip, of Bethlehem. Will dated September 28, 1821; probated November 12, 1821. Heirs: wife, Barbara Boyer; children, Jacob, Betsey, Caty, Anna, Andy, John, Peggy, Henry; three children of Christian Boyer [relationship not indicated], Augustus, Harriett, William; father and mother, Christopher and Mary Ann Boyer; brother, Michael Boyer. Executors: Robert B. Henry, William G. Armstrong, Captain William Kelley. Witnesses: William Robinson, Hector G. Taylor (Clark County Will Record B, 1817-33, 186-88, 190).

McNew, Jeremiah. Will dated November 9, 1821; probated November 16, 1821. Heirs: wife, Nancy McNew; children, Priscilla, Leer (?), John, Betsy, Willis, Allen, Polly. Executor: William Hamilton. Witnesses: John T. West, Joseph Bowman. Appraisement of personal property and bill of sale (*ibid.*, 188-90, 206-7).

Reed, John. Will dated April 1, 1821; probated June 30, 1821. Heirs: wife, Mary Reed; children, Nelly, George, Rebecca. No executor named. Witnesses: Charles Ross, Edward Boicourt (*ibid.*, 196).

Stacey, George. Appraisement of personal property and bill of sale, November 24 and 27, 1821. No appointment of administrator found (*ibid.*, 197-99).

Henderson, Alexander S. Will dated September 9, 1821; probated January 10, 1822. Heir: wife, Polly Henderson. Mentions property in Georgetown, Kentucky, belonging half to him and half to brother, Samuel Henderson. Executors: wife and Samuel McCampbell. Witnesses: Littleton B. Houston, Robert Tilford, John G. Henderson. Appraisement of personal property made by John M. Lemon and James Weir (*ibid.*, 199-202, 261-63).

Robinson, Charles. Will dated October —, 1821; probated February 1, 1822. Heirs: wife, Nancy Robinson; children, Elick, James, Reuben, David, William, Franky Burns, Sally, Liza, Martilla [?], and Peggy Robinson. Executors: wife, son Elick, John T. Littell. Witnesses: John Burge, James Elder, George Philips. Appraisement of personal property (*ibid.*, 208-11).

Richards, Samuel. Administrator, widow Elizabeth Richards, appointed March 1, 1822. Bond, \$600. Securities: John Owens, Sr., and Jacob L. Stilwell. Appraisement of personal property and bill of sale, April 3 and 19, 1822 (*ibid.*, 211, 239-41).

Ferguson, William. Administrator, widow Margaretta Ferguson, appointed April 9, 1822. Bond, \$200. Securities: John and James McKinley, James Ferguson. Appraisement of personal property made May 9, 1823 by Thomas Dorsey and John Burge (*ibid.*, 224, 260-61).

Coombs, William. Will dated December 13, 1821; probated April 12, 1822. Heirs: wife, Rachel Coombs; children, Joseph, Bazel, Sally, Jesse, John, Thomas, two others whose names were illegible. Executors:

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wife, John Bowell and John Coombs, my brothers. Witnesses: James (or Joseph) Lingan, Absalom Carr, Jesse Coombs (*ibid.*, 224-26).

Boyer, John. Administrator, Jacob Overman, appointed May 14, 1822. Bond, \$160. Securities: James Weir, Alexander Stewart, Andrew P. Hay (*ibid.*, 226).

Howe, Humphrey, a man of color. Administrator, Henry Bottorff, appointed June 1, 1822. Bond, \$400. Securities: Eli Robertson, Alexander Young. On June 22, 1822, Simon Verry and Isaac Crosby made a sworn statement that on the night preceding his death on May 9, Howe verbally made known his will as follows: all his property to be equally divided among his children, Winney [?], Polly, Leander, and William (*ibid.*, 226-28).

Gresmore, Jacob. Administrators, widow Sarah Gresmore and Charles Beggs, appointed July 1, 1822. Bond, \$2000. Securities: John Gresmore, Abraham Epler (*ibid.*, 228).

Lawrance [or Lawrence?], William. Will dated July 9, 1822; probated July 15, 1822. Heirs: daughters Polly Bower and Peggy Lawrance; rest of children [not named] have received their full share. Executors: John Lawrance, Thomas Needham. Witnesses: John Reese, Elizabeth Bower, Alexander Walker (*ibid.*, 299-30).

Spangler, David. Will dated June 26, 1822; probated July 24, 1822. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth; ten children, William, Simon, Polly, Alfred, Elizabeth, Neil Lucinda, Ann Hag [?], Lewis Shipman, Sally, and James. Executors: oldest children, William and Simon. Witnesses: John Miller, Cornelius Ruddell (*ibid.*, 231-33).

Williams, Charles B. Administrator, James Ridge, appointed August 14, 1822. Bond, \$50. Securities: Reuben W. Nelson, James Currey (*ibid.*, 233).

Parks, Mathew. Will dated July 29, 1822; probated August 12, 1822. Heirs: sister Isabel; John Perry; Mathew Parks, Jr.; Jane Brewer, daughter of Benjamin Brewer; heirs of brother Joseph Parks, namely, Mathew, Stephen, John, Prisse [?], Andrew, Samuel, Willis; heirs of brother John Parks, namely, Elizabeth and Lewie [?]; John Parks, son, and Peggy Parks, widow of brother Andrew Parks. No executor named. Witnesses: John Carr, Bazel Bowel. Joseph Parks appointed administrator (*ibid.*, 234-36).

Hedinger, Jacob. Will dated July 19, 1822; probated August 14, 1822. Heirs: brothers and sisters, Michael, Katherine Shelhammer, Barbery Fight. Executor: Andrew Bowers, Sr. Witnesses: Daniel Cornelious, Sophia Bower, Alexander Walker (*ibid.*, 236-37).

Gillespie, William. Nuncupative will dated June 11, 1822; probated August 20, 1822. Heirs: children, Sarah, William, Gaun, Thomas, and Margaret. Executors: James Gillespie, James Gray. Will proved by Gaun Gillespie, Jr. and Sr. (*ibid.*, 238-39).

Stacy, Catherine (widow of Peter Stacy). Will dated August 31, 1822; probated September 12, 1822. Heirs: daughters, Louisa Ann Stacy, Nancy Holmes, Sally Hawn, Patsy Gresmore; sons, Henry and James. Owned land in Illinois Grant. Executor: Dr. J. W. Redman. Witnesses: J. W. Redman, Meshack Richardson (*ibid.*, 243-44).

Roberts, James. Will dated August 27, 1822; probated September

14, 1822. Heirs: wife, Susanna Roberts; children, Mary McMaikin, Nancy Rodgers, Katherine Henderson, James Roberts, Jr. Executors: John and Thomas Rodgers. Witnesses: Samuel Plasket, James R. Rodgers (*ibid.*, 245-46).

Garnes [or Garner ?], Joseph. Administrator, widow Polly Garnes, appointed August 28, 1822. Bond \$1000. Securities: Jacob Teeple, Robert Robertson (*ibid.*, 246-47).

Rice, John. Administrator, Davis Shockley, appointed October 2, 1822. Bond, \$300. Securities: John Boyer, John Carr (*ibid.*, 247).

Vernon, Alban. Administrator, Ann Vernon, appointed October 2, 1822. Bond, \$3000. Securities: James McCartney, Thomas I. Todd (*ibid.*, 247-48).

Allhands, John, Jr. Administrator, father John Allhands, appointed November 16, 1822. Bond, \$800. Securities: James Currey, John Boyer. Inventory of personal property and bill of sale. *Ibid.*, 248, 292-94.

Thomas, Evan [of Utica]. Will dated September 28, 1822; probated November 9, 1822. Heirs: father and mother, Evan and Sarah Thomas. Executor: John Miller. Witnesses: William Clark, Matthias Wirts [?], Jonathan Clark (*ibid.*, 248-49).

Calloway, Samuel. Died November 1, 1822. Nuncupative will, probated November 23, 1822. Heirs: wife, Jane Calloway; children, Samuel, Benjamin, Peter, Thomas, Charity Collier [?], Rachel Owens, Mary and Betsey Calloway. Witnesses: George Shake, Levi Johnson. Administrator, Matthias Vigal, appointed November 25, 1822 (*ibid.*, 249-51).

Shelby, Evan. Administrator, widow Margaret Shelby, appointed December 10, 1822. Bond, \$3000. Securities: James Currey, William H. Moore (*ibid.*, 251).

Clark, William. Administrator, widow Elizabeth Clark, appointed December 18, 1822. Bond, \$6000. Securities: Bazel R. Prather, Jacob Gulick, William Clark (*ibid.*, 252).

Shaffer, John Christian. Administrator, widow Christine Shaffer, appointed December 18, 1822. Bond, \$2800. Securities: Jacob Gulick, William Clark (*ibid.*, 252).

Carr, Thomas. [Date of will and date of probate missing.] Heirs: wife, Hannah Carr; children, Absalom, Betsy Bowel, Nancy Parr, John, Joseph, Hannah, Thomas, Rachel, Jefferson, Rebecca, Elisha. [Executor and witnesses missing] (*ibid.*, 252-54).

Graves, Daniel. Administrator, widow Sophia Graves, appointed February 18, 1823. Bond, \$200. Securities: David Coombs, Samuel [illeg.]. Inventory of personal property (*ibid.*, 257, 287-88).

Cole, Thomas. Will dated November 13, 1822; probated March 17, 1823. Heirs: brother, Christopher Cole. Owned land in Jefferson County, Ohio, that formerly belonged to his father, Thomas Cole. Executor: Christopher Cole. Witnesses: John Lee, Philip Jolley (*ibid.*, 257-58).

Kinkead, Joseph. Administrators, widow Sarah Kinkead and William Russell, appointed March 20, 1823. Bond, \$600. Securities: James Sharp, Charles Beggs (*ibid.*, 258-59).

Tyler, Oswell. Administrator, Absalom Elliott, appointed March 27,

1823. Bond, \$200. Securities: Henry Stonecypher, William Garner (?). Appraisal of personal property and bill of sale (*ibid.*, 259, 289-91).

Sullivan, Daniel. Administrator, John Dunkin, appointed May 10, 1823. Bond, \$80. Securities: Charles Beggs, Isaac Shelby (*ibid.*, 259).

Manley, John. Administrator, Micajah Peyton, appointed July 28, 1823. Bond, \$600. Securities: John Pitcher, John McKinley (*ibid.*, 261).

Lewis, John. Administrator, widow Patsey Lewis, appointed August 6, 1823. Bond, \$200. Securities: James Davis, Jacob I. Robinson (*ibid.*, 263).

Mitchell, John. Administrators, Thomas Mitchell and William Oard, appointed August 6, 1823. Bond, \$250. Securities: William Mitchell, Augustus Oard. Appraisal of personal property (*ibid.*, 264, 278-80).

Bradford, George. Administrator, widow Rosanna Bradford, appointed August 20, 1823. Bond, \$300. Securities: William McMillin, John M. Lemon (*ibid.*, 264).

Weir, James. Administrators, widow Wincay [?] Weir, Andrew P. Hay, and Jonathan Jennings, appointed August 21, 1823. Bond \$1200. Securities: Stephen Henley, James Sharp, John Douthitt (*ibid.*, 265).

Thorn, William W. Will dated December 17, 1822; probated July 9, 1823. Heirs: wife, Charlotte Thorn; children [not named]. Had property in Madison, Indiana. Witnesses: Jacob Anderson, George Allhands. Executrix: Charlotte Thorn (*ibid.*, 265-66, 268-69).

Neeld, William. Will dated July 30, 1823; probated August 22, 1823. Heirs: wife, Jemina Neeld; children, William, Warren, Larkin, Elias, Green, Sally Redman, Polly Littell, Elizabeth, Jane. No executor named. Witnesses: James Black, Absalom Littell (*ibid.*, 267-68).

Henthorn, William. Will dated August 25, 1823; probated September 2, 1823. Heirs: children, Robert, Abraham, John, David, Mary Smith, Margaret Jackson, Ann Watson; Robert Jackson [son-in-law?]; heirs of deceased son William; Joseph Stockwell [relationship not indicated]. Executor: son, Robert Henthorn. Witnesses: Peter Amick, William Hill, William Nicholson. Had land in Illinois Grant (*ibid.*, 268-69).

McAfee, Matthew. Administrator, John Huckleberry, appointed September 9, 1823. Bond, \$200. Securities: George Huckleberry, John Douthitt (*ibid.*, 269).

Huckleberry, John. Will dated September 17, 1823; probated September 27, 1823. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth Huckleberry; children, Edmund, David, Levina Copple, Christina L. Huckleberry. Witnesses: Stephen Henley, Henry Huckleberry, John A. Athon. No executor named. Widow, Elizabeth Huckleberry, and Martin Huckleberry appointed administrators (*ibid.*, 270-71).

Willey, Almond. Administrator, Barzillai Willey, appointed September 27, 1823. Bond, \$2800. Securities: Charles Ross, Martin Huckleberry (*ibid.*, 273).

Combs, Joseph. Will dated August 21, 1823; probated October 20, 1823. Heirs: wife, Sarah Combs; son, William. Executors: John

Bowell [or Powell?], Thomas Mitchell. Witnesses: Mitchell Lee, John Mitchell (*ibid.*, 274-75).

Warnock, Michael. Will dated August 22, 1823; probated October 22, 1823. Heirs: wife [name not given]; children, John, James, Betsy, Sarah; Joseph Warnock [son or nephew?]. No executor named. Witnesses: Morgan Huff, James Garner, Joseph Craig (*ibid.*, 275).

Beadle, William H. Administrators, John Garner and Martin Geiger, appointed October 29, 1823. Bond, \$800. Securities: Eli Sharp, John Carr (*ibid.*, 275).

Prather, Bazil R. Administrator, widow, Rachel Prather, appointed December 3, 1823. Bond, \$2000. Securities: John Prather, Isaac Holman (*ibid.*, 276).

Peirce, Reuben. Administrators, James Morrison and John B. Pittman, appointed December 24, 1823. Bond, \$1000. Securities: John S. Simonson, Thomas I. Todd (*ibid.*, 277-78).

McCarley, James. Will dated December 13, 1823; probated January 7, 1824. Heirs: wife, Jane McCarley; daughter, Margaret Elizabeth [a minor]. Executor: wife and John Douthitt. Witnesses: John Stealey, James Scott, William M. Steele, Ann Vernon. Appraisement of personal property by Alevious [?] F. Greene, Alexander Mars, Samuel McCampbell, January 13, 1824. Owned stock in tan yard (*ibid.*, 280-82, 285-87, 288-89).

Washbourn, Asy. Appraisement of personal property by James Sharp and John Garner, January 27, 1823. Bill of sale, February 15, 1823. No appointment of administrator found (*ibid.*, 283-84).

Fifer, Christopher. Will dated February 14, 1824; probated April 10, 1824. Heirs: wife, Catherine Fifer; daughter, Mary Hutchins; grandchildren, George, Malinda, and Nancy Hutchins, together with all children of daughter Mary Hutchins; David Drummond [relationship not indicated]. Executors: wife and John Coble. Witnesses: John Blackburn, James Gillespie (*ibid.*, 295-96).

Smith, Peter [of Charlestown]. Will dated December 22, 1823; probated April 14, 1824. Wife, Rachel Smith; heirs of deceased son, William Smith; daughters, Nancy Winchester, Elizabeth Lines [or Linn?]. Executors: Joseph Bartholomew, John Douthitt. They refused to serve and Peter and John C. Smith appointed administrators. Witnesses: Littleton Howard, John Cravens (*ibid.*, 297-98).

Downs, Thomas. Will dated April 19, 1813; probated June 21, 1824. Heirs: wife, Priscilla Downs; children, James, Eliza. Executor, son James. Witnesses: John Stewart, Joseph Biggs, ——— Huff (*ibid.*, 299-300).

Fulton, Henry [of Jeffersonville]. Will dated July 28, 1823; probated June 24, 1824. Heirs: wife, Isabella Fulton [living in Pittsburgh]; daughter, Jane A. Craig, wife of Neville B. Craig of Pittsburgh; sons, Robert Galt and Jefferson Wilson Fulton; nieces, Alice Lindsey Hamilton, Jane Wilson Reynolds; nephew, John Wilson; sister, Jane Thompson, living in Ireland. Executors: wife, daughter, son-in-law Neville B. Craig, son Robert Galt. Witnesses: Reuben W. Nelson, Abraham Wilkinson, William Howe (*ibid.*, 301-4, 318-19).

Hall, James. Administrator, James Fisler, appointed June 22, 1824. Bond, \$100. Securities: John Miller, Martin Huckleberry (*ibid.*, 304-5).

Swartz, John. Administrators, Elizabeth and Jacob Swartz, appointed June 28, 1824. Bond, \$3000. Securities: Samuel Bottorff, Solomon Jacobs (*ibid.*, 305).

Applegate, Samuel. Will dated January 3, 1820; probated July 17, 1824. Heirs: sons, Hezekiah, Samuel, Thomas; seven daughters, Sara, Rachel, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and three others not named; two children of deceased daughter, Alice Harmon; granddaughter, Nancy McDonald. Executors: eldest son, Hezekiah, youngest son, Thomas. Witnesses: John Norris, John Gibson, Hugh Gibson (*ibid.*, 305-7).

Green, Amos. Administrator, widow Minty Green, appointed August 14, 1824. Bond, \$1500. Securities: Robert Jackson, William Brenton (*ibid.*, 308).

Garner, James, Sr. Administrators, son John Garner and John H. Thompson, appointed September 4, 1824. Bond, \$2000. Securities: William Rowland, James Garner, Jr., Shiveral Garner (*ibid.*, 308).

Allen, William. Will dated October 10, 1824; probated October 30, 1824. Heirs: wife, Rebecca Allen; son John; other children not named. Executor: Willis W. Goodwin. Witnesses: John McClintick, Charles Springer, William McClintick. Another son, Willis, mentioned in codicil (*ibid.*, 309-10).

Buck, Stephen. Administrator, widow Abigail Buck, appointed November 17, 1824. Bond, \$1000. Securities: George W. Garetson, Daniel Williams (*ibid.*, 311)

Borden, John. Administrator, widow Lydia Borden, appointed November 24, 1824. Bond, \$6000. Securities: Henry Dow, Benoniwell Shaw, Samuel Maller [?]. Appraisement of personal property (*ibid.*, 311, 326).

Fulton, Robert G. Administrator, Jefferson W. Fulton, appointed December 3, 1824. Bond, \$6000 [?]. Securities: John Fischle, Jr., Aaron M. Goldsmith (*ibid.*, 311).

Hester, Mathias. Will dated November 25, 1824 [?]; probated November 5, 1825. Heirs: wife, Susanna Hester; children, David, Maria, Elizabeth, George K. Executors: Charles Mathews, George K. Hester. Witnesses: James Scott, Ephraim T. Osmond, Charles Spangler (*ibid.*, 312-15).

Robertson, Sarah. Administrator, William Robertson, appointed January 8, 1825. Bond, \$800. Securities: David Patterson, Alexander Young (*ibid.*, 315).

Stutesman, Mary. Administrator, Samuel Stutesman, appointed February 19, 1825. Securities: William Pangborn [?], John Covert (*ibid.*, 316).

Gibson, John. Will dated February 8, 1822; probated February 24 and March 3, 1825. Heirs: wife, Mary Gibson; sons, Joseph, John, James, Hugh, and Elezer; daughters, Mary, Esther, Elley. Executor, son Joseph. Witnesses: James Weir, Evan Barrickman (*ibid.*, 316-17).

Gilmore, William. Administrators, Thomas Wilson and Christopher Peacely, appointed March 21, 1825. No bond given. Securities: Jefferson Fulton, E. S. Harrell (*ibid.*, 319).

McDonald, Peter. Will dated February 14, 1825; probated April 5, 1825. Heirs: wife, Catherine McDonald; children, David, Daniel, Sarah Mitchell, Catherine Ditze, Rachel Long, John, Molly; children of deceased daughter, Elizabeth Price; James and Peter McDonald [relationship not indicated]. Executors: Andrew Mitchell, David McDonald. Witnesses: B. Ferguson, Jacob Huckleberry, Daniel Huckleberry (*ibid.*, 320-21).

Littell, Absalom. Will dated October 21, 1821; probated [no date]. Heirs: wife, Mary Littell; sons, Amos, Abraham, Absalom, John Thompson, Josiah T.; daughters, Anna and Margaret; son-in-law William Pettyjohn for use of grandson, Amos Pettyjohn. Executors: Absalom and Josiah Littell. Witnesses: Absalom Littell, Jr., and Moses W. Sellers, son-in-law (*ibid.*, 322-23).

Vanlear, Matthias. Will probated in Washington County, Maryland, July 26, 1823. Executors: wife, Mary Vanlear, John Vanlear, Jr., Matthias Vanlear. Copy sent to Clark County, Indiana. Text not given (*ibid.*, 324-25).

Dudman, Thomas. Administrators, William Bullock and Absalom Wood, appointed June 14, 1825. Bond, \$500. Security, John B. Pittman (*ibid.*, 325).

Gibson, Joseph. Administrators, Rachel and John Gibson, appointed July 5, 1825. Bond, \$1200. Securities: Martin Huckleberry, Andrew P. Hay (*ibid.*, 326).