

ABSTRACTS OF EARLY WILLS AND EXECUTORS' RECORDS¹

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Whalan, James. Will dated July 24, 1825; probated September 6, 1825. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth Whalan; sons, William, Edward, Jacob. Executor: Ephraim Arnold. Witnesses: Elias M. and William Neeld (Clark County Will Record B, 1817-33, pp. 326-27).

Prather, Aaron. Administrator, widow Elizabeth Prather, appointed December 27, 1825. Bond, \$3,800. Securities: Peter Bottorff, Cornelius Ruddell (*ibid.*, 328).

Booen, William. Administrator, widow Catherine Booen, appointed February 16, 1826. Bond, \$200. Security, John M. Lemon (*ibid.*, 328).

Lutes, Caspar. Will dated September 6, 1818; probated February 25, 1826. Heirs: wife, Catherine Lutes. If she died without heir, property to go to Alexander Joseph Lutes, son of brother, Harry Lutes. Executors: wife and brother Harry. Witnesses: John Gibson, David Lutes, George Long (*ibid.*, 329-30).

Tyler (?), *Joseph*, a man of color. Administrator, Moses Tyler, appointed March 6, 1826. Bond, \$100. Securities: John Fleehart and Alexander [illeg.] (*ibid.*, 331).

Downs, James. Died about April 14, 1826. Administrators, Ann Downs and Louis Bottorff, appointed May 13, 1826. Bond, \$2,000. Securities: Abednego Richardson, Aquilla W. Rogers (*ibid.*, 331).

Thomas, Jonathan. Administrator, widow Martha Thomas, appointed May 25, 1826. Security, John Work (*ibid.*, 332).

Shafer, Catharine (?). Administrator, Lewis Shafer, appointed July 11, 1826. Bond, \$400. Security, John Lantz (*ibid.*, 332).

Harvey, John. Died about December 5, 1825. Administrator, Edwin Rector, appointed July 13, 1826. Bond, \$1,200. Securities: John H. Thompson, Orlando Raymond (*ibid.*, 333).

Jacobs, Jeremiah. Will dated September 9, 1813; probated May 17, 1826. Heirs: sons, John, Ely, Solomon; daughters, names not given. Owned land in the Illinois Grant. Executor: son, Solomon. Witnesses: David Spangler, Jesse Rowland. Proved by Rowland, Spangler having died since making of the will (*ibid.*, 333-35).

Steel, Robert. Will dated October 4, 1825; probated June 13, 1826. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth Steel; sons, Robert, James, John; daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Ashable Todd (or Tidd?). Executors: wife and Stephen Hutchings. Witnesses: Stephen Hutchings, Esrom Hutchings, William Pangburn (*ibid.*, 335-36).

Stewart, William. Administrator, Samuel Stewart, appointed August 19, 1826. Bond, \$400. Security, William Izard (*ibid.*, 337).

Peck, Rufus. Administrators, widow Naomi Peck and Samuel Hattel (?), appointed August 21, 1826. Bond, \$1,000. Security, Henry Dow, Sr. (*ibid.*, 337).

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Ridge, Samuel. Administrator, Amos Ridge, appointed August 22, 1826. Bond, \$575. Security, James Smith (*ibid.*, 338).

Goodwin, William. Will dated July 29, 1826; probated August 22, 1826. Heirs: sons, Amos, John, Willis W.; daughter, Elizabeth Stacy; grandchildren, William and Mary, children of deceased son, George. Executors: sons Willis W. and Amos Goodwin. Witnesses: Abednego Richardson, Alexander Griffith (*ibid.*, 339-41).

Gillems (?), *Jonathan.* Administrator, William Heath, appointed September 28, 1826. Bond, \$100. Security: Martin Huckleberry, Colbert R. Johnson (*ibid.*, 341).

Cameron, Robert. Administrator, Samuel Patterson, appointed September 28, 1826. Bond, \$300. Security, John Boyer (*ibid.*, 341).

Lemon, James. Administrator, widow Mary Lemon, appointed October 2, 1826. Bond, \$150. Security, John M. Lemon (*ibid.*, 342).

Hostetler (or Hostetter ?), *Adam.* Administrators, Daniel Bower and David Hostetler, appointed October 6, 1826. Bond, \$3,600. Security, Adam Bower (*ibid.*, 342).

Grissemore, John. Will dated September 25, 1826; probated October 13, 1826. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth Grissemore; children, George, Henry, Margaret Homes, Catharine Howard, Sarah Hazard, Elizabeth Hedrick, Mary Duncan. Executors: George Grissemore, Leven Howard, John Hazard. Witnesses: Daniel McGready, John Grissemore (*ibid.*, 342-44).

Gibson, John. Administrator, John Gibson, appointed November 25, 1826. Bond, \$300. Security, Andrew P. Hay (*ibid.*, 344).

Durell, Stephen. Will dated August 18, 1826; probated January 27, 1827. Heirs: wife, Lucy Durell; children, John, Stephen, Zebulon (of New York state), Elizabeth, Oliva, Lucy Griswold; grandson George, cripple son of Stephen; names of other sons and daughters not given. No executor named. Witnesses: John Sutherland, John Watson. Lucy Durell, widow, appointed administrator. Bond, \$250. Securities: Laman Griswold, William Irwin (*ibid.*, 346-47).

Coombes (Coombs?), *Jesse.* Died January 22, 1827. Administrator, widow Lydia Coombes, appointed February 6, 1827. Bond, \$500. Security, John McCoy (*ibid.*, 349).

Reese, John. Will dated October 29, 1826; probated February 13, 1827. Heirs: children, Benjamin, John, Catherine Tilford, Sarah Davis. Executors: son Benjamin and Thomas Davis. Witnesses: Alexander Walker, James Britton, Robert Tilford (*ibid.*, 349-50).

Conaway, Johnson. Administrator, widow Elizabeth Judy (?) Conaway, appointed April 7, 1827. Bond, \$1,000. Securities: Elias Johnson and Charles Bullock (*ibid.*, 351).

Linton, James. Will dated April 28, 1827; probated May 24, 1827. Heirs: wife, Adaline Linton, and children (names not given). Executor: Adaline Linton. Witnesses: John Douthitt, James Scott, James McClung. Bond, \$6,000. Securities: William Crawford, John Austin (*ibid.*, 352-53).

Perry, Andrew. Administrator, Matthew Perry, appointed June 7, 1827. Bond, \$600. Security, Zebulon Collins (*ibid.*, 353-54).

Jolley, Philip, of New Washington. Will dated June 20, 1824 (1826?); probated July 31, 1827. Heirs: brother, Malachi Jolley, Sr.,

of Ohio, and sister, Eunice (?), of Ohio; Philip Jolley Roe, son of George Roe of New Washington. Witnesses: Samuel L. Adams, Benjamin Depew (?) (*ibid.*, 354-55).

Blizard, William. Will dated July 15, 1827; probated August 21, 1827. Heirs: sons, John, James, Nathan, Ezekiel; daughters, Elizabeth Young, Jane Jacobs, Ruth Jacobs, Esther Dowden; grandchildren, Hannah Elizabeth, Eliza Jane, and Sarah Elene Blizard. Executors: sons, James and Nathan. Witnesses: Charles Beggs, John Grismore, Daniel Grismore (*ibid.*, 355-56).

Robison (or Robertson), James. Administrator, John Robison, appointed September 29, 1827. Bond, \$400. Security, Andrew Everman (*ibid.*, 356).

Martin, Aaron. Died about October 23, 1827. Administrators, widow Hannah Martin and son Aaron Martin, appointed November 12, 1827. Bond, \$3,000. Securities: Andrew Mitchell, John Deuner (?) (*ibid.*, 356).

Miller, John. Will dated August 15, 1827; probated November 10, 1827. Heirs: wife, Anna Miller; children (not named except eldest son, Carnes). Witnesses: John Abbott, Henry Reindking (or Ranaking?). Executor: wife, Anna Miller. William Brindle appointed administrator, November —, 1827, Mrs. Miller having died. Bond, \$1500. Securities: Samuel Prather, Robert McGee (*ibid.*, 356-57).

Ashton, Abraham. Administrators, widow Hannah Ashton and Joseph Ashton, appointed November 20, 1827. Bond, \$2000. Security, John Prather (*ibid.*, 358).

Williams, Reese. Died about November 18, 1827. Administrators, widow Levina Williams and John Williams, appointed December 4, 1827. Bond, \$600. Securities: John Conner and John Horner (*ibid.*, 360).

Roe, George. Died about October 25, 1827. Administrator, William Roe, appointed December 10, 1827. Bond, \$500. Security Christopher Cole (*ibid.*, 360).

Ross, Nathan. Died about August 25, 1826. Administrator, John Ross, appointed February 7, 1828. Bond, \$200. Security, John Lutz (*ibid.*, 361).

Scott, Robert. Died about February 7, 1828. Administrator, Abner Martin, appointed February 29, 1828. Bond, \$600. Security, John M. Lemon (*ibid.*, 361-62).

Hay, John D. Died about September 17, 1825. Administrator, James W. Hay, appointed March 31, 1828. Bond, \$110. Security, James King (*ibid.*, 362).

Sutten, James. Died November, 1827. Administrator, Samuel Starkweather, appointed May 20, 1828. Bond, \$300. Security, John Austin (?) (*ibid.*, 364).

Hostetler, Shem. Died about May 12, 1828. Administrator, widow Barbara Hostetler, appointed August 19, 1828. Bond, \$750. Security, Daniel Bower (*ibid.*, 364-65).

Wright, William. Died August 4, 1828. Administrators, widow Amy Wright and William Smith, appointed August 21, 1828. Bond, \$400. Securities: Athenatious Wather and William Smith (*ibid.*, 365).

Turner, Richard. Died about September 6, 1828. Administrator, Francis Turner, appointed September 22, 1828. Bond, \$400. Securities: Jacob Bottorff, Daniel Bower (*ibid.*, 365).

Work, Martha. Administrator, John Work, Sr., appointed September 27, 1828. Bond, \$5000. Securities: John Coombs, William Bullock (*ibid.*, 366).

Whitesides, Samuel. Died about October 5, 1828. Administrator, William Lockhart, appointed October 27, 1828. Bond, \$300. Security, John Garner (*ibid.*, 366-67).

Collins, James. Administrator, Jonathan Watkins, appointed November 11, 1828. Bond, \$150. Security, Henry Stacy. Collins was a member of James Bigger's Company of Rangers in 1812 (*ibid.*, 367).

Guernsey, Guy. Administrators, Polly, Jacob, Jane, and Seymour Guernsey, October 14, 1828. Bond, \$800. Security, Martin Huckleberry (*ibid.*, 368).

Garner, John. Will dated November 11, 1828; probated December 1, 1828. Heirs: wife, Jane Garner, and children, names not given. Executor: Jane Garner. Witnesses: William Duerson, Jr., Asa Glover (*ibid.*, 368-69).

Long, Solomon. Died about December 12, 1828. Administrators, Sarah Long and Aaron Martin, appointed January 2, 1829. Bond, \$600. Securities: Elias Johnson, Elisha Long (*ibid.*, 370).

McDonald, Daniel. Will dated December 15, 1828; probated January 21, 1829. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth McDonald; daughter, Rhode; sons, James, Thomas, John; nephews, Madisson (?) McDonald (son of brother, John McDonald), Isaac McDonald (son of brother, James McDonald). Executors: Samuel Work, Isaac Worrall, James Brenton. Witnesses: John McDonald, Robert Brinton, William Brinton (*ibid.*, 370-72).

Robnett, Andrew. Died January 1829. Administrator, George Allhands, appointed February 6, 1829. Bond, \$1800. Securities: George Bottorff, William L. Pittman (*ibid.*, 373).

Montgomery, Stephen. Administrator, Alexander Mars, appointed February 9, 1829. Bond, \$900. Security, John Douthitt (*ibid.*, 373).

Hartly, Absalom. Administrator, William Hartly and William Heath, appointed February 21, 1829. Bond, \$250. Security, Colbert R. Johnson (*ibid.*, 374).