

Abstracts of Early Wills and Executors' Records¹

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Sanburn, Richard Searles. Will dated September 26, 1828; probated February 23, 1829. Heirs: wife, Eunice Sanburn; sons, Mathew Pearce and Mathew Isaac (?). Executor: Abednego Richardson. Witnesses: Henry Collins, Henry J. Tobias. Codicil dated November 7, 1828 mentions sons John Safford Knappe and Mathew Pearce Sanburn. Owned land in New Hampshire (Clark County Will Record B, 1817-33, 374-76).

Montgomery, William. Will dated March 3, 1828; probated April 9, 1829. Heirs: wife (name not given); sons, John (eldest), William, James, Robert, Thomas, Johnson, David, Samuel, Matthew, Alexander; daughters, Mary McMillen, Jane Arbuckle, Nancy Gillespie (wife of Robert Gillespie). Executors: son William and John Rankens (or Rankin). Witnesses: Jacob Rhoads, John Robison (*ibid.*, 377-80).

Needham, Joseph. Administrator, William Bland, appointed May 25, 1829. Bond, \$500. Securities not given (*ibid.*, 380).

Eller, Peter. Will dated March 1, 1828; probated June 3, 1829. Heirs: wife, Samen (?) Eller; children, Polly, Henry, David. Executor: Jacob Pearsall. Witnesses: John Miller, Henry B. Wair. Pearsall refused to serve as executor and John Prather was appointed administrator, August 6 (*ibid.*, 381-82).

Seveney, James. Administrator, Mordecai Seveney, appointed August 6, 1829. Bond, \$600. Security: Samuel McCampbell (*ibid.*, 383).

Heaton, Washington. Administrator, Butler Dunbar, appointed August 10, 1829. Bond, \$100. Security: William Spencer (*ibid.*, 383).

Morrison, John. Administrator, widow Elizabeth E. Morrison, appointed August 17, 1829. Bond, \$700. Security: Isaac Shelby, Samuel Prather (*ibid.*, 384).

Baker, Barzillai. Will dated April 22, 1828; probated September 7, 1829. Heirs: wife, Nancy Baker; children, names not given except of son, William. Executors: John Rodgers, Samuel Patterson. Witnesses: Samuel Patterson, David Miller (*ibid.*, 384-86).

Searles, Ansel. Administrator, Isaac Searles, appointed September 7, 1829 (*ibid.*, 387).

Hilton, Truman. Will dated August 7, 1827; probated November 3, 1829. Heirs: daughters, Velinda, Paesley, Sinthy. Executors: James and Emsley Hilton. Witnesses: Charles Beggs, Henry Summers, William Patrick (*ibid.*, 387-88).

Bond (?), *Jacob.* Administrators, David and Jacob Bond, appointed January 5, 1830 (*ibid.*, 388).

Tobias, Henry J. Administrator, Maria Tobias, appointed November 3 (?), 1829 (*ibid.*, 389).

Raymond, Orlando. Administrator, William H. Hurst, appointed November 3, 1829 (*ibid.*, 389).

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Henly, Jesse. Administrators, widow Polly and son Stephen Henly, appointed January 4, 1830 (*ibid.*, 389).

Beggs, John. Administrator, Thomas Clegg, appointed May 4, 1830 (*ibid.*, 390).

Carter, Edward. Administrator, Sarah Carter, appointed May 3, 1830 (*ibid.*, 390).

Garriott, Elijah. Administrator, Ambrose Garriott, appointed May 3, 1830 (*ibid.*, 390).

Henthorn, Abraham. Will dated March 31, 1830; probated May 3, 1830. Heirs: wife, Anna (?) Henthorn; children, Alfred, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sally, Mary, Enos. Executor: Anna Henthorn. Witnesses: Elisha Long, Daniel Alsott (*ibid.*, 391-92).

Nichols, Thomas, and Spellman, Anna. Will dated September 27, 1828; probated May 3, 1830. Heir: one who survives the other; Witnesses: John E. Roe, Hezekiah Smith. A codicil representing the will of Anna Spellman was made March 2, 1830, giving Thomas Nichols as her heir. Witnesses: John Reagan, John Loudon (*ibid.*, 392-93).

Daily, Philip. Will dated February 20, 1830; probated May 3, 1830. Heirs: wife, Mary Daily; daughters, Mary Huckleberry, Charlotte T. Boyers, Elizabeth Field, Elenor Applegate; sons, David, Philip, Eli, Jacob; children of daughters, Catherine Carr (deceased) and Elenor Applegate. Executors: sons, David, Philip, Eli. Witnesses: Benjamin Ferguson, Electious (?) Athon (*ibid.*, 393-95).

Nichols, Thomas. Will dated April 23, 1830; probated July 8, 1830. Heir: W. G. Armstrong. Executors: John Cummings, John Fisklar. Witnesses: Elijah Cummings, Thomas Lomas (Lomax ?) (*ibid.*, 395).

Stockwell (or Stackwell ?), Samuel. Administrator, Mary Stockwell, appointed July 9, 1830 (*ibid.*, 395).

Jenkins, Charriety. Will dated July 11, 1830; probated August 26, 1830. Heirs: sons, John, Jason (?), Bartholomew; daughters, Elizabeth Riggle, Margaret Willy (or Wilby ?), ——— McGill. Executor: son, John F. Jenkins. Witnesses: Richard Slider (?), Bennet Nugent (*ibid.*, 396-97).

Cleghorn, John. Will dated July 10, 1828; probated August 31, 1830. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth Cleghorn; daughter, Martha Prather, and her two sons, Peter and John Smith. Executor: grandson, John Smith. Witnesses: John Douthitt, James Scott (*ibid.*, 397-98).

Johnson, Baker. Administrators, John N. Lewis and Martha Johnson, appointed August 31, 1830. Bond, \$1200. Securities: John Johnson, Samuel Prather (*ibid.*, 398).

McDonald, Daniel. Will dated April 17, 1830; probated September —, 1830. Heirs: wife and children, names not given except of son, Daniel; brother and sister, John and Molly; mother. Executors: Henry Huckleberry, Benjamin Ferguson. Witnesses: Benjamin Ferguson, Philip Daily (*ibid.*, 399-400).

Stewart, David. Administrators, widow Minty (?) and son James W. Stewart, appointed September 22, 1830. Bond, \$800. Security, William Adams (*ibid.*, 401).

McCormick, James. Administrator, widow Susannah McCormick, ap-

pointed September 24, 1830. Bond, \$600. Security: Asa Glover, Joseph Bartholomew (*ibid.*, 401).

Biggs, William. Administrator, widow Elizabeth Biggs and Henry E. Sutton, appointed October 13, 1830 (*ibid.*, 402).

Dickeson, Moses D. Administrator, William Lewis (?), appointed November 6, 1830 (*ibid.*, 402).

Houghland, Spencer. Administrator, John McCoy, appointed November 6, 1830 (*ibid.*, 403).

McCalley, Hugh. Administrators, Eli McCalley and George Carr, appointed November 22, 1830. Bond, \$4000. Securities: Samuel Stackwether, James Sharpe (*ibid.*, 403).

Overman, Joseph. Will dated Aug. 28, —; probated November 27, 1830. Heirs: wife, Jane Overman, and children (names not given). Executor: Peter Arnet (?). Witnesses: Elias Long, Daniel Covert, Burgon (?) Covert. Arnet refused to serve as executor and Thomas Overman was appointed administrator. Securities: John Conner (?), William Allstott, William Covert (*ibid.*, 404-5).

Owen, Timothy. Administrator, widow Lucy Owen, appointed February 24, 1831. Bond, \$300. Security, James Wair (*ibid.*, 406).

Sylvester, Perdue. Administrators, widow Rachel and William Sylvester, appointed February 25, 1831. Bond, \$1000. Securities: George and Aaron Scott (*ibid.*, 406).

Reynon, Patrick. Administrators, widow Priscilla and William Reynon, appointed March 26, 1831. Bond, \$600. Security, John Denolly (?) (*ibid.*, 408).

Williams, Samuel. Administrator, widow Rhoda Williams, appointed April 25, 1831. Bond, \$600. Security, Peter McCaskey (*ibid.*, 408).

Swartz, John. Administrator, widow Martha Swartz, appointed June 8, 1831. Bond, \$500. Securities: George Grismore and John Hobson (?) (*ibid.*, 409).

Cline, Daniel, of New Washington. Will dated July 27, 1830; probated [left blank]. Heirs: wife, Nancy Cline; sons, John, William; daughter, Elizabeth Russel. Executor: Nancy Cline. Witnesses: Joseph Bower, J. T. Roe, Louisa Russel (*ibid.*, 409-10).

Seaver, John. Will dated June 13, 1831; probated July 8, 1831. Heirs: wife, Eve Seaver; Nancy Athen (or Athens); James Smith; John, William, and Henry Patterson, infant children of Robert Patterson; William Boyer; Margaret, Thomas, and Amanda Athen; James L. Patterson, son of Francis Patterson; Executors: Francis Patterson, Esrom Hutchings. Witnesses: Randolph Pangburn, Joseph Hutchings, Corneals (?) Watson (*ibid.*, 411-12).

Hopkins, Robert. Administrator, Ezra Kemp, appointed September 19, 1831. Bond, \$2000. Security, John Austin (*ibid.*, 412).

Abbott, George. Administrator, John Henderson, appointed October 30 (?) 1831. Bond, \$200. Security, ——— Rodgers (*ibid.*, 412).

Bower, Adam, of Washington Township. Will dated April 23, 1826; probated September 10, 1831. Heirs: children, Polly or Mary (Mrs. Jesse Henly), Solomon, Joseph, Elizabeth (Mrs. Eli Wright), Daniel, Barbara (Mrs. Shem Hostetler), Absalom. Solomon married to Jemina Parr, Joseph to Rachel Carroll, Daniel to Elizabeth Hostetler. Exec-

utors: Jesse Henly and son, Daniel. Witnesses: Nancy Henly and Nancy Bower. Owned land in Illinois Grant and in Monroe County (*ibid.*, 413-14)..

Travis, Robert. Administrator, David Denny Mudd, appointed January 7, 1832 (*ibid.*, 415).

Coombs, Sarah. Will dated May 26, 1831; probated January 18, 1832. Heirs: Hiram Coombs; sons, John, Jesse, David. Other son, Joel, and heirs of deceased sons, William and Joseph, already provided for. Executor: Absalom Carr. Witnesses: Jonathan Jennings, James Beggs, Benjamin Mather (*ibid.*, 415-16).

Wilson, Thomas D. Administrators, Catherine E. and Edward B. Wilson, appointed January 7, 1832 (*ibid.*, 416-17).

Hutsell, Stephen. Administrator, widow Mary Hutsell, appointed February 29, 1832. Bond, \$800. Securities: Adam Troutman, Andrew Guiltner (*ibid.*, 417).

Work, John. Will dated December 19, 1831; probated March Term, 1832. Heirs: wife, Sarah, and son, John R.; daughters, Anna Reid (widow of William Reid), Rebecca and husband, John Faris; sons-in-law, Stephen Hutchings, John Shannon; John and James Drummond [possibly grandsons]. Executor: wife and son. Witnesses: John S. Simonson, Joseph Work, Joseph L. Bowman. Owned mills and land in Illinois Grant (*ibid.*, 417-22).

Staley (or Staley), John. Will dated August 3, 1831; probated March 30, 1832. Heirs: son, Eli (given lands in Ohio); Cornelius Burkshire; daughter-in-law, Polly Staley, wife of Jacob Staley, deceased, for her children. Witnesses: Thomas Wilson, John Weathers, Isaac Cox. James Ridge appointed administrator (*ibid.*, 422-23).

Roe, William. Administrator, Lewis Fouts, appointed April 25, 1832. Bond, \$6000. Securities: Thomas Dougan, Christopher Cole (*ibid.*, 423-24).

Allen, Eleazer. Will dated March 6, 1832; probated June 9, 1832. Heirs: wife, Elizabeth; sons, Samuel, Archibald, George, Stephen; daughters, — Huff, Lucinda Smith, Anna Musick (?), Celesta Allen. Executor: Bennet Nugent. Witnesses: Bennet Nugent, Isaac Slider (*ibid.*, 424-25).

Daily, Jacob. Will dated June 10, 1829; probated July 20, 1832. Heirs: wife, Isabella; four eldest children, Jacob, Mahala, Philip, Mary Ann; three youngest, Elizabeth, David, John. Executor: brother, David W. Daily. Witnesses: Christian Crum, John Nussem (*ibid.*, 425-27).

Wildman, Aaron. Administrator, Zenas K. Fulton, appointed August 1, 1832. Bond, \$400. Securities: John S. Simonson, James C. Caldwell (*ibid.*, 427).

Hall, Peter. Administrator, Asa Glover, appointed September 28, 1832. Bond, \$400. Securities: Martin Huckleberry, William Reynon (*ibid.*, 428).

Lutz, David. Will dated August 18, 1832; probated October 9, 1832. Heirs: wife, Catherine; sons, George, Henry, John, David; daughters, Catherine, Elizabeth. Executors: sons, Henry and John. Witnesses: Daniel McGrady, William [illeg.] (*ibid.*, 428-30).

Espy, Hugh. Administrators, Sarah and John Espy, appointed November 12, 1832 (*ibid.*, 431).

Gibson, Burrel. Administrator, Keziah Gibson, appointed November 29, 1832. Bond, \$600. Securities: John Williams, John Jackson (*ibid.*, 431).

Watson, Francis. Administrators, Cornelius and Alexander Watson, appointed December 18, 1832. Bond, \$400. Securities: Thomas Hutchison, Richard Hawkins (*ibid.*, 431-32).

Bottorff, George. Administrator, Henry Bottorff, appointed January 21, 1833. Bond, \$600. Security, William Bottorff (*ibid.*, 432).

Lane, William. Administrator, Mary E. Lane, appointed January 2, 1833. Bond, \$400. Security, Stephen Henley (*ibid.*, 432).

Rodgers, James. Administrator, Moses Rodgers, appointed February 20, 1833. Bond, \$400. Security, Thomas Rodgers (*ibid.*, 433).

Hiltibiddle, Peter. Administrator, Rosanna Hiltibiddle, appointed March 26, 1833. Bond, \$600. Securities: Jacob and John Hiltibiddle (*ibid.*, 433).

Cravens, Samuel. Will dated March 7, 1833; probated [not given]. Heirs: wife, Mary; sons, James M. (youngest), John C., Samuel M., William C.; daughters, Jane Fislser, Mary A. Mathews (?) Elizabeth and Martha Ann Cravens. Executor: wife. Witnesses: Thomas Stevens, Anthony Kelley (*ibid.*, 433-35).

Howk, Isaac. Administrator, Elvira Howk, widow, appointed June 12, 1833. Bond, \$4000. Securities: Charles Dewey, John Austin, John Shelby (*ibid.*, 435).

Loughery, Newton. Will dated April 14, 1831; probated July 9, 1833. Heirs: wife, Margaret, and any children that may be born. Executor: wife. Witnesses: John Douthitt, J. C. Caldwell. Codicil dated February 4, 1832, says he now has son, five months old. Wife to be sole guardian of son (*ibid.*, 435-36).

McCalley, John. Administrator, Eli McCalley, appointed July 16, 1833. Bond, \$1000. Security, George Carr (*ibid.*, 437).

Slider, Richard. Administrators, Margaret, John, and James Slider, appointed August 5, 1833. Bond, \$1000. Securities: James Sharp, Joshua Thompson (*ibid.*, 437).

Kisler, Solomon. Administrator, Andrew Giltner, appointed August 8, 1833. Bond, \$600. Securities: Dennis Cain, C. Cole (*ibid.*, 438).

Langford, Benjamin. Administrator, Harris Smith, appointed August 13, 1833. Bond, \$1000. Securities: Samuel Reynolds, James A. Randall (*ibid.*, 438).

Robinett, Enoch. Administrator, Enos Copple, appointed August 16, 1833. Bond, \$1000. Securities: James Robertson, Andrew Eruman (?) (*ibid.*, 439).

Giles, Henry. Administrator, Joseph Robinson appointed August 28, 1833. Bond, \$1200. Security, Jacob Fisher (*ibid.*, 439).

Rodgers, Andrew. Administrator, Patrick Welch, appointed August 24, 1833. Bond, \$800. Security, John Denny (*ibid.*, 440).

Peyton, Micajah. Administrators, Christian and Lorenzo Peyton, appointed September 24, 1833. Bond, \$300 (?). Security, Daniel Peyton (*ibid.*, 440).

Arbuckle, James H. Administrator, Sina Arbuckle, appointed September 2, 1833. Bond, \$600. Securities: Robert Tilson, William Montgomery (*ibid.*, 441).

Brinton, Stuart. Administrator, Hannah Brinton, appointed September 4, 1833. Bond, \$300. Securities: William Stalworth, John Copple (*ibid.*, 441).

Overman, Jacob. Administrator, Samuel Ramsey, appointed September 7, 1833. Bond, \$400. Securities: John C. Huckleberry, C. Cole (*ibid.*, 442).

Miller, John, of Utica. Will dated June 17, 1829; probated September 10, 1833. Heirs: son, Abraham. Witnesses: John Clark, John Blackburn (*ibid.*, 442-43).

Bird, Jeremiah. Administrators, Mary Bird and George Swartz, appointed September —, 1833. Bond, \$3000. Securities: Christian Swartz, Adam Coons (*ibid.*, 443).

Pettit, John. Will dated March 6, 1833; probated September 23, 1833. Heirs: wife, Catherine; daughters, Lydia Stover (or Stoner), May Croe (?), Catherine Reed. Executors: Daniel Pettit, William Kirkpatrick. Witnesses: Thomas Rodgers, Samuel Plasket. Pettit died September 6, 1833 (*ibid.*, 443-45).

Taylor, Levi. Administrator, Moses Rodgers, appointed September 25, 1833. Bond, \$200. Securities: Solomon David, John Kelly (*ibid.*, 445-46).

OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS

Through the courtesy of Anna Allen Wright, of Ithaca, New York, and Reginald Ray Stuart, of San Leandro, California, the Indiana Historical Society has received a chart, "Index of Descendants of Hugh McMillen and Lydia Southwick." This includes all data available as of May 15, 1940. It is reproduced by offset process, carries reduced photographs of nearly all persons in the direct line of descent, and is conveniently folded. It is a model which all genealogists will find both interesting and suggestive.—*Christopher B. Coleman.*