

On the name of God Amen - I Jesse Cates of the County
of Mchillemberg & Commonwealth of Kentucky believing it my duty
while in my proper mind to dispose of my dear lady goods wherewith
it has pleased God to bless me with, not knowing how soon I may
be called from this world, My wish is to make an equitable division
of my property among my children & my beloved wife - I therefore
Oats proceed to give & dispose of the same in the following manner (to wit)
mill First I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Gilpha the following
Slaves to wit Olive, Prep, John, Hardy, & two old Slaves Samer &
Pucky during her natural life, My will is that my beloved wife
have the ~~use~~ use of my farm whereon I live together with all
the household & kitchen furniture farming utensils together with
my Oxen & Cart Waggon & gear & a sufficient number of horses to
cultivate the farm, and also so much stock of every description
as my Executors may think necessary for the comfort & maintenance
of my family until my son Charles Cates arrives to the
age of twenty one - I give & bequeath to my son

Matthew Cates Two hundred & Seventy five acres of land including
 Flails Cabbin & the Lick lying in two surveys Twenty five acres of
 which was patented to W. G. Whillingham & the ballance in my
 own name, and whereas I have purchased ninety acres of land
 from William Proark & have executed my note for the payment
 my will & desire is that said Proark make the conveyance to
 my said son Matthew. I also give & bequeath to my said son
 Matthew two slaves to wit Peter & Mahalia, to him & his heirs for
 ever. It is also my will that my Executors furnish my said
 son with a good horse creature out of my stock with a decent
 Bridle & saddle & one feather bed & furniture to him & his heirs
 forever — I give & bequeath to my son Oliver W. Cates a

tract of land containing six hundred acres lying on Thompsons
 creek being the tract conveyed to me by David Campbell
 to him & his heirs forever, and some doubts being apprehend
 ed as to the title of said land, and should it be taken from
 him by prior claim, my will is that my Executors pay him
 four hundred dollars out of my estate, I also give him the
 following slaves to wit Jacob, Hanney, & William to him & his
 heirs forever, and that my Executors furnish him with a good
 horse team, a decent saddle & bridle, & a feather bed and
 furniture out of my estate — I give & bequeath to my son

Myatt Cates the following lands to wit four hundred acres
 needed to me by Cravens called & known by the Cravens place
 together with a part of the surveys & line on beginning at
 Cravens N.E. corner running Northwardly & the crop to the
 fence by the arch to the main road thence west with the
 road landing on my son Richards line including all my
 land on the South of the main road & to the beginning,
 I also give him the following slaves to wit Manil, Everett &
 Sarah, to him & his heirs forever, and I desire my Executors
 to furnish him with a good horse team a decent saddle
 & bridle & a feather bed & furniture out of my estate —

I give & bequeath to my son Richard M. Cates a tract of land
 containing two hundred acres on which he now lives called & known
 by the name of the John Simpson place, an twenty acres out of
 Lucy Parkers survey adjoining together with a part of the surveys
 on which I live beginning at a large white oak stump in the
 road thence running N 88 W to the back line of the Harris survey
 thence with said line west to the corner, thence South with a
 line thereof to the corner, thence to the N.E. corner of the Lucy
 Parker survey, thence down the branch with a line of the
 same to a small branch a short distance above the ford leading
 from said Richards to Hearings place, thence up said branch
 to ~~the~~ ^{Cravens} line and with said line North to the corner, thence
 N 88 E to a small branch, thence down the branch with
 the same thereof to a line of marked trees to the
 beginning containing by estimation one hundred acres.
 I also give him a negro woman slave by the name of
 Charlotte & her two children & one feather bed & furniture

to him & his heirs forever — I give & bequeath to my son Charles Cates the ballance or Remainder of all the Surveys on which I live including the house & for the use of my beloved wife & family untill my said son arrives to the age of Twenty one years together with one hundred acres that has been surveyed in my name but not yet patented adjoining the Cravers Survey on Thompsons Creek, and my will is that my beloved wife enjoy the same benefit of the farm after my said son arrives to the age of Twenty one during her life time or widowhood that she may do, and I furthermore give to my son Charles the following Slaves to wit Bayles, Piley, & Alley, to him & his heirs forever, and I desire my executors to furnish him with a good horse creature a decent saddle, Bridle & feather bed & furniture out of my estate

I give & bequeath to my son John M. Cates the tract of land on which he now lives as conveyed to him by father Cates, also the tract of land I purchased of five acre adjoining, a negro boy called Martman, in addition to what property I have heretofore given him, to him & his heirs forever — Whereas I have heretofore given to my daughter Rachel Bogges Sundry species of property but not enough to make her part equal to the rest of my children and being desirous to do so I have thought it advisable to give her my slave Briato provided he is humanely treated & therefore it is my will that my executors (who are to judge of his treatment) shall sell him at private sale for the best price they can get & pay the proceeds thereof to my said daughter or her heirs — And having heretofore given to my daughter Betty Willingham now in her possession, I now give & bequeath to her in addition thereto my negro woman Polly to her & her heirs forever

I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza Cates three Slaves to wit Nihor, Isaac, & Bobb, one Chest of drawers One feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever, and I desire my executors to furnish her with a horse saddle & Bridle when convenient out of my estate —

I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Cough three Slaves to wit Peggy, Esther, & Jackson one bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever, and I request my executors when convenient to furnish her with a horse saddle & Bridle out of my estate —

Whereas I have heretofore given to my daughter Nancy Campbell a proportion of property nearly equal to the rest of my children, but from her destitute situation I feel it my duty to make some provision for her orphan sons, & therefore request my executors when they can find it convenient between my death & their arriving to the age of Twenty one years to pay to my Grand sons John Campbell & William Campbell one hundred & fifty dollars each out of my estate — It is my will & desire that all my hands be kept on the farm for this season untill my crop be secured for the benefit of my wife & family

And it is also my desire that all the property remaining
 on the farm that will not be necessary the size of the family
 be sold on a credit by my executors & pay my just debts, and
 the ballance placed at interest for the education of my youngest
 children - And it is my will that when my son Charles
 comes of age that all the remainder of my estate not herein
 bequeathed, saving what may be necessary for the benefit of
 my ~~family~~ wife all seeing her a decent & gentle support to
 sold & equally divided among all my children except
 my sons (Ethel, William & Maria) believing that I have
 given them sufficiently heretofore - And it is my will
 and desire that my beloved wife dispose of the property
 hereby bequeathed to her in such manner as she may think
 proper at her death - I now nominate & appoint
 my beloved wife Sophia Puchard M Cates & Rachel I
 Hellingham executors of this my last will & Testament
 hereby requesting them to consult with my friends
 Mr W & Charles Herring in all important cases arising in
 this will as I wish their concurrence in all the acts
 said executors - I hereby revoke all former wills
 one made and declare this to be my last will &
 Testament - Witness my hand & seal this 15th day of
 April 1831

Esq, Esias M Earle
 Robert Williams
 W H Hing

Sophia Cates

Publinsberg County Ct
 September County Court 1831

The foregoing last will & Testament of Sophia Cates
 deceased was exhibited in to Court & proven to be
 the act & deed of the said wife by the Oaths of
 Esias M Earle, Robert Williams & Charles Herring sub-
 scribing certificates thereto & ordered to be recorded

at W H Hing