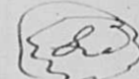


Attest  
Will  
In the name of God Amen I William  
Rice being a citizen of Eschlenburg county & State  
of Kentucky being in good health of sound mind  
& memory, but far advanced in life & knowing  
that this appointed unto all men once to die  
do hereby make ordain & appoint this my  
last Will & Testament in manner & form  
following that is to say I have this my  
Will & desire that my true & loving wife

Frances have my land & the plantation which on  
 I now live with all the appurtenances of the same there  
 unto belonging during her natural life, but  
 immediately after her death the land & plantation as  
 above described shall be possessed & enjoyed by my son  
 Matthew Rice & his heirs forever together with one cow &  
 calf two ewe lambs ten geese and fowls & two hoes with one  
 bed & furniture which he now has in possession thereof the 2<sup>d</sup>  
 And where as I have <sup>heretofore</sup> given to my three sons Learkin  
 Ezekiel & William each one tract of land lying in  
 the county of Washington Ky It is my will & desire that  
 should there ever be any money collected from the estate  
 of James Vaughn Deed late of Virginia against whose  
 estate I have just claims that the same be equally divided  
 between my four sons & two daughters viz: Gladburn  
 Rice Jesse Rice James Rice Benjamin Rice Polly  
 Rice & Ann Rice Item 3<sup>d</sup> As I have empowered  
 my son James Rice to go to Virginia to settle & transact  
 my necessary business there It is my will & desire that he  
 do that after receiving a reasonable compensation for  
 his services & necessary expenses out of the proceeds of  
 what he shall get from Virginia that my son Benjamin  
 have one hundred dollars out of what I may get from  
 the estate of my father & brother John Rice for his  
 trouble & expenses for putting that business in such train  
 as it now stands in after which the residue or balance  
 of what I may get from Virginia shall be equally divided  
 among all my children that shall then be living  
 Item 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will & desire that all the negroes  
 that I now possess or may hereafter possess together  
 with all my personal estate except what I have given  
 to my son Matthew be possessed by my son ~~Matthew~~  
 wife Frances for her used comfort & for used during  
 her natural life Item 5<sup>th</sup> As the negroes that may  
 be living after the death of my wife cannot be equally  
 divided without selling them, it is my will and  
 desire that they be sold to the highest bidder, only

only amongst the children & not out of the family  
and the money thence arriving to be equally divided  
among all my children that may then be living.  
Item 4<sup>th</sup>, Provided there should be nothing gotten from  
Virginia or not enough to make one hundred & twenty  
dollars to each of my under named children. That is to  
say, Labourn Rice Jesse Rice James Rice Benjamin  
Rice Polly Rice & Edmy Rice in that case the money  
arriving from the sale of the negroes shall be applied  
to make up that sum to each of my children named  
in the said Item, the balance then remaining  
if any shall be equally divided among all my children  
that shall be then living, Lastly I do hereby constitute  
& appoint my Ws sons Labourn Rice & James Rice  
the only & sole Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament utterly revoking annulling & making void  
all other Wills legacies & bequests by me before now  
named or mentioned Ratifying & confirming this  
and no other to be my last Will & Testament In  
Witness Whereof I have here unto set my hand  
& seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November one thousand eight  
hundred & seventeen

William Rice 

Signed sealed & pronounced

in presence of

Jeremiah Sangley  
Elijah Sangley  
James S Wilcox  
marks

of Pulasky County

April County Court 1824

The last Will & Testament of William Rice decd  
Was Exhibited in to court & proved by the oaths  
of Jeremiah Sangley & James Wilcox two of the  
subscribing witnesses thereto which is then upon  
admitted to a true & correct

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