

John Stroud
Dec^d
Will.
In the name of God Amen.
I John Stroud of Muhlenberg County, being in feeble health, but
of a disposing mind and memory do hereby make this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me,
Item 1: I desire that all of my just debts shall be paid by my
Executors, including such debts that may be contracted for any burial
Expenses or Tomb Stones. by my Executors.

Item 2: I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Elizabeth Stroud all
of my Estate, whether it be real or personal property, chose in
action, or money, to hold for her own proper use, during her life or
widowhood, and at her death or marriage, it is my will and desire
that all of my property of every kind, and character should be equally
divided among my children, subject to the exceptions herein after named.

Item 3: I give to my Executor and Executrix, herein after named
or their Successors in Office, the power and authority to sell any real
and personal property that I may die seized of with power to convey
to the purchaser, or with power to lay off in lots and vest the title
in trustees, trusting and believing that my Executors will execute the
trust that I have reposed in them, for the best interest of my wife
and children, and that any real Estate, should be sold by them for
the payment of my debts, then that such lots, as they may deem
most advantageous shall be sold of the land that I own at "Strouds
Cely" on the Elizabeth town and Paducah Railroad and on the
Owensboro and Russellville Railroad,

Item 4: I desire that at the death or marriage of my wife, that
all of my children shall share equally in my Estate, except that
my Son J Russell Stroud, shall be charged with the sum of Three
Hundred Dollars and my Son John Stroud with the sum of
Two Hundred and Ninety dollars, I give to all of my other children
a horse as they as they respectfully arrive at twenty one years of
age, except the two first named, and my Son Martin who is
to receive no horse, I hereby appoint my wife Mary Elizabeth
Stroud and Thomas Baxter my Executor and Executrix of this my
last will and testament, and in the event of the marriage or death
of my wife, then her powers as Executrix shall cease, and the
County Court of this County, shall have power and is directed to
appoint an associate Executor, to act with said Baxter in the
management of my Estate.

Witnesses
Jonathan Kittingers
M R Heay.

John Stroud
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State of Kentucky
Muhlenberg County Court 3rd Sep

August Term 1872

The foregoing last will and testament of John Stroud dec^d
was produced to court and proved to be the act and deed

of the said John Stroud Acc^d by the oaths of Jonathan Stittinger
and M^r H. Hay. the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same is
ordered to be recorded.

att Tho^s Bruce clk