

Robert
Wickliffe
Will
In the name of God I Robert Wickliffe of Madison
County, Kentucky, being of sound mind and ~~disposing~~
reasonable health, but calling to mind the uncertainty of
human life and wishing to arrange my earthly affairs &
dispose of the property with which God has blessed me do
make and ordain this as my last will and testament hereby
revoking and disannulling all and every other will or wills
heretofore made by me and declaring this writing to be my
last will & testament

Item 1st I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Agnes
Wickliffe during the term of her natural life all my prop-
erty of every kind & ~~description~~ character real, personal and
mixed to have and to use the same during her life

Item 2^d I will and direct that after the death of my wife
that all my property (Negroes excepted) be sold including my
land the proceeds to be applied as hereinafter directed -

Item 3, I wish to provide for the comfort and happiness
of my Slaves and wish the money arising from the sale
of my other property as mentioned in Item 2^d applied for
their benefit, I wish to Colonize them should the truly estab-
lished republic of Liberia continue to flourish, I desire that
they may be removed to that Country & the money raised
from sale of property as before directed, applied to their
outfit & settlement in that Country, I hereby will & direct
that at the death of myself & wife all the Slaves now
owned by me and their increase shall be free and enjoy
all the rights and privileges of free persons, ~~not~~ believing that
they can do this but imperfectly in Kentucky, wish them re-
moved to some Country where they will be more advantag-
eously situated & for the purpose of providing for this, and for
their comfortable establishment, do will and bequeath to them
the proceeds of all my other property remaining after the death
of myself & wife for the purposes aforesaid

Item 4

As it likely that some important changes will
be made in the organic law of our State by which

Negroes cannot be emancipated and remain in the State
 I hereby vest my executors with full & complete power to make
 such arrangements in regard to the future location of my
 slaves as may to them seem best all circumstances considered
 vesting them with power to send them to Liberia or Colony
 there in some other State as may be deemed most for their
 interest retaining such Control over said slaves as may
 be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section
 Item 5

I hereby make and appoint my friends Geo W Reno
 and Edward R Merr my Executors to carry out the provisions
 of this Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and seal this the 20th day of March 1855.
 Signed in presence of
 Geo W Reno
 Edward R Merr
 W J Hay
 W L Green

Signed in
 presence of
 Edw R Elliott
 J M Baker
 W J Hay
 W L Green

State of Kentucky

Mitchellburg County Set May County Court 1855
 The foregoing last Will and Testament of Robert Wlick
 lippie deceased was produced into Court and by the
 oath of Wiley S Hay & W L Green, was proved to be the
 Will of said deceased and ordered to be recorded by
 the Court. Wherefore the same hath been truly recorded
 att Geo W Reno Clerk