

*[Will of John Robertson, Nelson County, proved November 15th, 1813.]*

In the name of God Amen. I, John Robertson of Nelson County State of Kentucky being of sound memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following (Viz) my Eldest daughter by a former wife named sally having married Martin H. Wickliff and received soon afterwards a compensation in full for a child's part and she since departed this life, her representative is to receive no more from my estate. I leave my estate in hands of my present wife Polly in Trust during her life and after her death to be equally divided among her nine children (viz) Betsey, William, Gilly, Richard, Nancy, Matilda, John, Handley & Cyrus and what my said wife may choose to let any of them have by way of advancement must be considered as in trust and apart of my estate my Daughter Gilly Excepted who received a negro woman and child and her husband Cornelius Bodine advanced two hundred Dollars for the use of my daughter Betsey's husband Sam Handley which must be considered as so much advanced to said Sam Handley. my desire is that my son William act as Executor to this my last will and testament with full power and authority to sell or dispose any part of my estate (with the appropriation of his mother) for the payment of debts as he shall Judge expedient any law to the contrary notwithstanding. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Twenty fourth day of March 1812.

John Robertson (Seal)

Signed & acknowledged

In presence of us

William Watson

Samuel Watson

John Goodlett

At a County Court held for Nelson County on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1813.

This last will and testament of John Robertson deceased was proved by the oaths of William Watson Samuel Watson & John Goodlett Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and the mother of William N. Robertson the Executor therein named having taken the oath prescribed by Law and Executed bond with John Bodine Cornelius Bodine & William Watson his Securities in the penalty of \$4000 conditioned according law. It is ordered that certificate of Probate of said will be granted the said Executor.

Teste Ben Grayson, C.C.

*[This transcription of the original will on file in Nelson County, Will Book C, Page 162, was typed by H. Edgar Hill, 11/30/1996. It was typed as closely to the original as possible, including spelling mistakes.]*