

*[Will of William Robertson, Nelson County, Kentucky, proved July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1796.]*

In the name of God Amen.

I William Robertson of Nelson County in this State of Kentucky being of sound memory have thought proper to make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following. first I recommend m Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried in Christian like manner and as for my worldly Estates I leave as follows:

Item. I give to my Wife Mary Robertson Five pounds & full liberty to take that part of her Estate in my care with controul consisting of five negroes (viz) Sarah & four of her children a Feather bed & furniture and a Sorrel mare saddle and bridle.

Item. I Devise to my son John Robertson Eight hundred acres of land to include the plantations whereupon he and I now lives also Two negroes (viz) Ben & George together with a waggon and team to him and his heirs forever Likewise sixty pounds to inable him to pay a debt due to William Reid of Scotland from me.

Item. I Devise to my Daughter Elizabeth James Two hundred acres of land whereon she and her husband Joseph James now lives, also three negroes (viz) Sam Leah & George that is now in her possession to her & hers forever.

All the rest and residue of my Estate I leave to be Equally divided between my two children John & Elizabeth.

Lastly my desire is that my son John Robertson & son in law Joseph James act a Executors in this my last will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereinto set my hand & Seal this fourteenth day of March 1796.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged

Wm. Robertson [Seal]

In presence of

Thomas Wilkerson, Jn. Conway

Betsey Conway

At a County Court held for Nelson Court on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1796.

This Last will and Testament of William Robertson deceased was proved by the Oaths of John Conway and Betsey Conway subscribing witnesses thereto, and sworn to by John Robertson and Joseph James the Executors therein named and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Ben Grayson, C.C.

*[This transcription of the original will on file in Nelson County, Will Book A, Page 294, was typed by H. Edgar Hill, 11/30/1996. It was typed as closely to the original as possible, including spelling mistakes.]*