

WILL OF BANNER COMPTON, Adair Co., KY, 3 August 1818

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In the name of God, Amen. I, Banner Compton, being sick of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed and meet for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say, first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body, I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the direction of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate whereunto it both pleased God to bless me within this life, after my executors paying all my just debts and funeral expenses, I give and dispose of my estate in manner and form as follows. That is to say —

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Catherine Compton, one hundred and fifty acres of land whereon I now live. Also one third part of my stock and one third part of my household and [unreadable word] furniture together with my new still, her lifetime or enduring her widowhood.

The above named tract of land I give to my son, John Compton, at my wife's death or at the end of her widowhood, together with the still.

I also give my son, William Compton, one hundred acres of land, more or less, beginning at John Hammond's line on the hillside near the branch, running thence up the branch leaving out all the waters up to the fork of Sara Branch, thence a straight line to Foxes and arches Dogwood Corner, thence a straight line to the west corner of Tone's little field, and to ordain adjacents and thence following the various corners of said, draw up to Hampton's Corner three dogwoods.

I also give to my son, Micagah Compton, one hundred and seventy acres of land more or less, including the improvements I bought of Arelier and Fox, and the mill adjoining the dividing line as named above.. As also, one hundred and thirty acres on the waters of the Canney Fork of Wolf Creek, entered and surveyed in my own name joining Arelier's line. Also, my blacksmith's and carpenter's tools.

I also give unto my son, Burrel Compton, one hundred and sixty acres of land, entered in Israel Cross's name and patented in my own name. As also, twenty five acres entered and patented in my own name adjoining the east side of the above named one hundred and sixty acres. As also twenty five acres, more or less, entered in my own name and patented in John France's name joining the aforesaid tract of land on the other side of said tract. As also my little still.

I also give to my daughter, Charlotte Cross, five hundred acres of land on the waters of Goose Creek of Green River, entered and surveyed by James William, including the improvements where she now lives.

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I also give to my daughter, Sally Hampton, five dollars to be paid to her by my executors. I also give to my four daughters, Sukey, Rachel, Polly, and Catherine Compton, all the money that the balance of my personal estate will fetch by virtue of a sale of the personal estate I left to my wife at her death or end of her widowhood, to be sold. As also the notes and bonds when collected, the money arising from the property not willed to be equally divided among the four last named daughters.

And I do further nominate and appoint my worthy and loving brother, as also my loving son-in-law, Nathaniel Wilson and William Cross, my executors of this my last will and testament, as also to have an eye over my son, John Compton, as guardian that he may not mismanage the property bequeathed to him.

Signed, sealed and delivered this third day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen in the presence of us - -

Banner Compton [his mark and seal]

Witnesses: William Mirideth, D. Warren, James Warren, Catherine Compton [her mark and seal]

State of Kentucky

At a county court begun and held for the County of Adair at the courthouse in Columbia on Monday the 7th day of September 1818, this last will and testament of Banner Compton, deceased, was exhibited in court and proven by the oaths of James Warren and David Warren, subscribing witnesses thereunto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Nathaniel Wilson and William Cross, the [unreadable word] therein named the executors thereof was granted, then they having taken the oaths required by law and executed and ack'd bond in the penal sum of \$2000, with Solomon Cross and John Hammonds, their securities conditioned as the law directs.

M. Caldwell, County Clerk