

Will of George Potter
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Last Will of George Potter / (This is a letter of testimony)

His wife gives testimony that sometime in the autumn of 1825, George Potter of the town of Boonville made and executed his last will and testament in writing which he sealed and signed his name in the presence of Justinian Williams, Joseph Armrod, and Richard Shackelford.

He requested all just debts and funeral expenses be paid. After payment of these he devised that a division take place with the residue between his children John, Elizabeth, Samuel, William and Hannah, each one dollar...to his daughter Mary Adison ?? a certain bay mare which he had left in her care in the state of Kentucky. And to Ruth Boyd, Harrison Boyd, Emily Boyd, and Serinda Boyd, the children of his daughter Frances Boyd, dec'd, they are to have one dollar divided among them at age 21 years.

He then devised all the real estate and personal property unto the petitioner (this would be his wife, Hannah) to have and hold the same during her life should she remain single and not remarry. After her death all willed to wife to go to his son, Joseph Potter and heirs.

He appointed your petitioner (wife) as executor of this will on 17 January 1826..since his death the will has become lost or destroyed.

Signed Hannah Potter 24 July 1826

Witnesses: Joseph Armrod, Peyton R. Hayden, and Justinian Williams and William Potter

Source: Cooper County Missouri Probate Records 1818 - 1847 (by Carolyn M. Bartels)

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