

**Will of Peter Woods
Contributed by Barbara Doty**

Will Book A

State of Missouri

County of Cooper} I certify that I recorded the foregoing Will or Instrument of writing in Book A

John Dade, Judge [signed]

In the name of God Amen I, Peter WOODS of the County of Cooper and State of Missouri not enjoying at this time good health but in sound mind for which I feel thankful to god for his helping - - I do now proceed to make this my last will and testament in the manner and form as follows to wit, First I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to the grave to be interred at the discretion of my wife Jael WOODS in a Christian manner, who I do ordain and appoint my sole executrix as for my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to help me I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Jael WOODS all my real and personal estate of money left by me or property in the house or houses or out of doors belonging to me at my decease nothing excepted from her and for her use during her natural life, I also leave it discretionary with her to give unto my sone William K. WOODS and my daughter Saryann WOODS what she may think proper when married also I want it to be further understood that at her death if the tract of land we now live on should be or any part of it paid out of the office of the United States for which a part is now due, to be given to my son William K. WOODS to abe his right and title forever. Now I want it further understood that my will is that at the death of my wife Jael WOODS it shall be in her power and her right to dispose of all and every part of the estate as she may think proper so as to divide it amoungst her children or any part of them she may think proper with the exception of the before recited tract of land given under my hand and seal in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five June 30.

Peter Woods [signed]

Test:

Charles Woods

John Hix

State of Missouri

County of Cooper} Be it remembered that on this 17th day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty five personally appeared before my the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Cooper, Charles WOODS and John HIX an-- being be me duly sworn as the law directs deposed and said that they heard the said abovementioned Peter WOODS publish and declare that the above and foregoing Instrument to be his last will and Testament and fur--- and memory and well knew what he was about. ----- this was about the last of June last past and that they were called on and did become witnesses to the same at the special instance and request of the said Peter WOODS deceased. The said proof being deemed sufficient by me the same is admitted to record.

In testimony whereof I the Judge aforesaid have hereto set my hand and seal of office at Boonville this day and year first in the certificate above written.

John Dade [signed]

State of Missouri

County of Cooper] I certify that I recorded the foregoing will or instrument of writing in Book A, page 28 on the

17th November 1825

John Dade [signed]