

James Ervins Will (Transcribed from Will Book A, Jackson County, Ohio)

I James Ervin of the county of Greensbrier and state of Virginia calling to mind the frailty and mortality of man but being of sound mind and a disposing memory, do make my last will and testament in the following manner.

1st. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jenny Brown all the lands that I now live on in said county to her and the heirs of her body forever provided that she, the said Jane Brown and Samuel Brown will pay or cause to be paid unto Samuel Hanson Price, my grandson, two hundred dollars within five years after my death.

2nd I leave and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Ervin for and during her natural lifetime one half of the Plantation I live on and full permission of the part of the house we now live in with an interest in the out house and barn, also my household and kitchen furniture with such a part of the sheep and hogs as will be sufficient for her use and the use of them that of necessity must live with her also all my cattle and a gray mare all the above property to be at her disposal except the sheep and hogs. At her death and out of the above property at his death I allow to be paid to [page torn] Whitman [hard to read] daughter of William Whitman **** dollars [end of hard to read] I also leave to said Sally Whitman one female black child named Letty. I also leave and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Whitman my black woman named Milly at or after my wife's death. I leave and bequeath to my grandson Samuel Hamson Price one black boy named Tom, but my wife to have the use of all the negroes while she lives. I leave a younger black boy named Jerry to be sold at my wife's death and the rest of my personal property that is not bequeathed except my wagon to be sold at my death and after my funeral expenses and just debts are paid the remainder to be equally divided between my daughter Elizabeth Whitman and Sally Whitman also my debts and bonds due I leave to my wife Sally Ervin. I leave my wagon and logchain to my soninlaw Samuel Brown. I also leave my land in the Ohio State in the county of Jackson one hundred and sixty four acres to my son Andrew Ervin who now holds the certificate of said land. I leave William Whitman Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of December 1830.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the above named James Ervin to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto set our hand in the presence of the Bestaior, Thomas Kirkpatrick, William Rodgers.