

Daniel Boyd (1765 – 1797) married to Ruth Cotton

Text of Daniel Boyd's Will which was probated 1797, the year he died.

In the name of God Amen, I, Daniel Boyd of Logan County and State of Kentucky, being very sick and weak of body; but of perfect mind and memory thanks be ever unto God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I leave (word illegible) and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First, I give and bequeath to Ruth Boyd, my dearly beloved wife, two cows, one bed, two pots and the table furniture also her maintenance of the Plantation during her widowhood. Also I give to my two youngest sons, John and Matthew Boyd, all that tract of land I now live on except twenty-five acres sold to Edward Richey to run agreeable to the lines already marked which twenty-five acres I allow my executors to make a deed to said Richey. I also give my son John a three year old brown horse and to my son Matthew Boyd, a year old past filly and all the farming utensils to be equally divided between my said sons and Matthew and my sorrell mare is to continue on the place to be for the use of supporting and keeping up the place until my two young sons come of age and then said mare and her increase to be equally divided between my said sons and my youngest daughter, Elizabeth Boyd. Also, I give to my eldest daughter, Janey Boyd, said mares, spring colt, one bed and loom and one brown heifer rising two years old, her weaving for my wife, two sons, and youngest daughter as long as she lives with them. I also give to my daughter, Francis Boyd, a live year old Bay horse colt, a spotted three year old cow and calf and one bed. I also allow all my stock of Hogs, a three year old heifer and a two year old white steer to continue on the place for the support of the family. I also give to my youngest daughter, Elizabeth Boyd, my brown mare and all remainder of my cattle and they to be supported of the farm until next fall and then the mare cattle and their increase to be sold at twelve months credit and the money arising therefrom to be let out at interest until my said daughter Elizabeth arrives to full age or until she marries. My said daughter Elizabeth is to have a common support of the Plantation her giving every reasonable assistance by industry she is also to have twelve months schooling which schooling is to be paid equally by the legalized debts due said estate (if as much) is to pay all my lawfull debts and the balance if any is to be disposed at the discretion of the executors for supporting said family. I likewise constitute make and ordain my trusty friends Edmond Richey and Ralph Fleming my sole executors of this my last will and testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. Signed sealed and published by said Daniel Boyd in presents of us: Robt. Ewing Chatham Ewing.

Codisel - As it appears doubtful a rite may not be obtained for the above mentioned tract of land it is my intention and I wish it to be so understood that my wife Ruthy is to have as reasonable allowance and that as the discretion of my executors out of the money arising or received for said land. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety seven. Signed and sealed by said Daniel Boyd in the presence of us: Robert Ewing, Caleb Brite (his mark "X")

At a court held for Logan County at the Courthouse in Russellville on the day of the Last will and testament of Daniel Boyd deceased was produced in Court by Edward Richey and Ralph Fleming the executors therein mentioned with the codicil thereto amended and proved by the oath of Robert Ewing, Chatham Ewing and Caleb Brite three subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Seal.
Samuel Caldwell