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Pleas held before the honorable John Thompson Esquire
President Judge & Philip Gatch Alexander Blair &
Joseph Campbell Esquires associate Judges of the
Court of Common Pleas for the County of Vermont at the To-
wn of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & fourteen of this State the twelfth

This day came William Elston Executor of the Will
& Testament of Eli Elston late of this County deceased
produced said Will at the same Time came James An-
drews & Thomas Jones subscribing Witnesses thereto
& being duly sworn according to Law deposed & say that
they were present when the Testator signed & acknowledged
the same as his last Will & Testament & that
they in his presence at his request & in the presence of
his request & in the presence of each other signed
their names as Witnesses thereto & that they believed
the Testator to be of sound Mind Memory & Judgment
when he signed & acknowledged the same

Whereupon ordered said Will be recorded

This day came William Elston one of the Executors
of the Will & Testament of Eli Elston which said
Will was proven & ordered to be recorded & it being proven
to the satisfaction of the Court that Joseph Bowman
the other Executor had refused to act as Executor of
said Will And the said William prayed Settle
Testamentary on said Will Whereupon the Court
ordered said William to enter into bond with
Bethuel Booth & Andrew Shedd his securities
in three hundred Dollars thereupon the said

276 William with his said security entered into & acknowledged Bonds in open Court in three hundred Dollars conditioned as the Law directs - The said William Cloton took the required by Law And the Court orders the personal property of said Deceased to be Appraised by Silas Hutchinson John Gest & Bethuel Covatt under oath or affirmation & that Letters Testamentary issue to said William Cloton

With vs

In the name of God amaine I Eli Cloton of the County of Clermont & State of Ohio being weak in body but of perfect mind & Memory thankes it to god calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make & ordain this my Last will & testament That is to say principally & first of all I give & Recommend My soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it & my body I Recommend to the earth to be buried in Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the Mighty power of God & as touching the same again such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give Devise & dispose of the same in the following Manner & form - And first I will that all My honest Debtes be paid By Making sale of My Lands on the Waters of the Muskingum River My funeral Charges to be paid out of my personal property I will & bequeath unto Mary My wife my present Dwelling house & clear land together with all My Chattels

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property While She Remains My Widow for the purpose
of Raising the family & one bed & bedding one horse & side
saddle & to Isaac Elston my son I bequeath twenty five
cents I will & bequeath unto Fanny My Daughter, & wife
of Ebenezer Osburn seven Dollars & John Elston My 2^d son
I bequeath fifty acres of Land on the waters of Stonelick
Creek, Also to William Elston my 3^d son I will &
bequeath fifty acres of Land on the waters of Stonelick
Creek also that he have it fifty more of the same
tract at at fers cost also one hors cuatt, I also will &
bequeath unto Hulala Elston Eli Elston Moses Elston
Ralph Elston Freeman Elston Mary Elston & Han-
nah Coal Elston the males to have two shares & the
females one a fair Division to be made in the form
above both of my personal & Real Estate each to
Receive their dower as they come of age as far as what
is not Bequeathed unto my wife & that at the time it
May be Reverted back which will at her death
or second Marriage

I also Make Constatute & ordain My son William
Elston & Joseph Bowman to be sole Executors of
my Estate or of this my last Will & Testament & I
Do hereby wholly & solve & disallow Revoke & dis-
-null all & every other testament. Will Legacies
& Executors by me in any ways before Named Will
ed & Bequeathed Ratifying & Confirming this &
No other to be my last Will & testament. In
Testimony Whereof I have set my hand & seal
15. aprile in the year four Lord one thousa-
nd eight hundred & fourteen

Pl^{his} Elston
mark



Signed & sealed Publi-
shed & Delivered
by the hand of Eli
Elston as his last

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Will & Testament &
 We^{as he} in his presentes & in
 the Presentes of each other
 have hereunto set & subscribed
 our names — — — — —
 Charles Megrue
 James Andrews
 Thomas Jones

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1. White Cow	9	00
1. Red Cow	8	50
1. Brown Cow	10	50
1. Red calf	1	75
1. Red heifer	4	50
1. Brown heifer	3	00
6. Lambs at \$1.25	7	50
5. Sheep at \$1.75	8	75
1. Horse	60	00
1. Filly	18	00
2. Sows & piggs	5	00
2. Geese	0	50
1. Man's Saddle	1	00
1. Set of horse Geers	0	75
1. Pair of Traces	0	50
1. Trace Chain	0	50
old Vessels	1	25
1. Earthen poott	0	12 1/2
1. Sifter & Tray	0	50
Troughs & Gurn	0	12 1/2
2. Slevices & Sinks	2	00
2. Sleds	1	00
1. Grind Stone	1	50