

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ROSS

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Will

Cape Girardeau Circuit Court

August term 1820

Estate ) Executrix Jane Ross

of ) Executor John Ross, Enoch Ross

William Ross, deceased

Proved, filed, and record 26 May 1820 Joseph McFerron, Clerk

In the name of God, Amen.

The Last Will and Testament of one **William Ross**, being old and knowing that all men are born to die and that I cannot live long by the course of nature and yet being of a strong mind and in my proper senses have made this as my Last Will and Testament as the final settlement of my worldly concerns. Therefore, first of all I do most sincerely commend my spirit to God who gave it and my body to be decently interred in my burying ground, there to remain till it be raised by the power of God at the last day, and for the disposal of my property I do command that out of the proceeds of my estate shall be paid all lawful debts, doctor bills and funeral expenses. Then I do will and bequeath all the rest of my personal estate to my dear and beloved **wife Jane** for her support during her natural life or widowhood and at her death what remains of the personal property shall be equally divided between my affectionate **son** and **daughter John** and **Martha** and to my two **sons Enoch** and **John**.

(Note: His Will was signed on May 24, 1820, and was proved & filed on May 26, 1820. It would seem he signed his Will on his death bed, so likely died on the 25th between the two dates.)

(Note: William Ross's wife is Elizabeth Jane Ross. Their children were Enoch Ross, John Rufus Ross, Sr., Mary Ross, Bethany Ross, and Martha Patsy Ross Kirkpatrick. Since the name John is listed twice on this page, it is possible that they had two sons by the name of John.)

I do bequeath my real estate consisting of plantation where on I now live containing four hundred and twenty arpens to be divided as follows: beginning at a hickory tree there marked with a blaze on each side standing in the line between my land and the land of John Baldwin in and near the middle of a wet piece of ground lying between the river and the hills and to run from thence due North to a creek, thence up the creek to the first fork of the same, thence up the main north fork until it crosses the upper line, each more or less to be a separate tract of land, and the tract lying on the river, I do give and bequeath to my beloved **son John** to be at his disposal at the death or marriage of my **wife Jane**, and the other tract I do give and bequeath to **son Enoch**, to have and to hold the same from the date of this my Last Will and Testament and to my beloved **daughter Bethany**, I do will and bequeath the sum of Ten Dollars, and to my beloved **daughter Mary**, I do will and bequeath the sum of ten dollars, to be paid out of my Estate at the death or marriage of my **wife Jane**. This being my Last Will and for the better execution of this my Last Will, I do nominate my beloved **wife Jane Ross** and my **sons John Ross** and **Enoch Ross** as executrix and executors, to manage my business after my death, to be done according to the true intent of this my Will and Testament. In testimony whereof, I have there unto set my hand this the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Signed in the presence of us

John Baldwin

**William Ross** (seal)

John G. Smyth

James P. Edwards

County of Cape Girardeau SS

John Baldwin and John G. Smyth being duly sworn say that **William Ross** was deceased, did on the day **within written** sign and publish the foregoing writing as his Last Will and Testament that he was then of sound and disposing mind that they subscribed their names thereto in the presence of said testator and at his request and with presence of James P. Edwards, the other subscribing witness.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the

**twenty fourth of May A. D. 1820**

John Baldwin

Joseph McFerron, Clerk of Circuit Court

John G. Smith

County of Cape Girardeau SS

Recorded : 26 May 1820 in Register A, page 115 and 116

Joseph McFerron, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Know all men by these presents that John Ross, Enoch Ross, Thomas Bull, and John Baldwin, all of the County of Cape Girardeau, are held and firmly bound to **William Clark**, forever of the Territory of Missouri, as his successors in office, in the sum of five thousand dollars of lawful money for payment whereof well and truly to be made now find ourselves an heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals the twenty fourth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

The conditions of this obligation is such that if the within bounden John Ross and Enoch Ross, Executors of the last will and testament of William Ross - deceased, do make a cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights, and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands and possession or knowledge of them the said John Ross and Enoch Ross, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for them and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited in to the office of the Circuit Court for the County of Cape Girardeau, at and before the third Monday of August next ensuing. And the same goods, chattels, rights and credits, and all other the goods, chattels, rights, and credits of the said deceased, at the time of the death of the said deceased, which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said John Ross and Enoch Ross or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for them, do well and truly administer according to law; and do well and truly performs the said last will and testament of the said deceased by paying first his debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as his goods, chattels, rights, and credits will extend and the law charge them and further o make or cause to be made a true and just account of their said Executorship at or before the twenty fourth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one-and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels, rights, and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Executors account, the same being first examined and allowed by the said Circuit Court, shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respectively, as the said Court, by their decree and sentences pursuant to the true intent and meaning of this court, and of the said will of said Testator, shall appoint and direct. Then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed, sealed, and acknowledge )

In the presence of Joseph McFerron )

B. Cousin (?)

John X (his mark) Ross (Seal)

Enoch X (his mark) Ross (Seal)

Thomas Bull (Seal)

John Baldwin (Seal)

(Note: William Clark was the final Governor of the Missouri Territory (1813–1820) appointed in 1813 by President Madison and reappointed in 1816 and 1820. In 1820, he ran for Governor of the new state of Missouri but lost to Alexander McNair. After his loss, he continued his public service as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in St. Louis starting in 1822. This is the same man as Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804–1806.)

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Executors' bond 5,000 dollars  
Cape Girardeau Circuit Court  
August term 1820

The Estate ) Executors  
of ) John Ross  
 ) Enoch Ross

William Ross deceased  
Taken and filed at 20 May 1820  
Joseph McFerron, Clerk

Thomas Bull )  
John Baldwin ) Securities

County of Cape Girardeau SS.

I do solemnly swear that we will well and truly perform the last will and testament of William Ross deceased, by paying first his debts, and then his legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods, chattels, rights, and credits will extend, and the law charge us – and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of the said goods, chattels, rights, and credits, as also a just account when thereto required.

Sworn to and subscribed before the )  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, the twenty fourth )  
Day of May – AD 1820  
Joseph McFerron, Clerk

Enoch X (his mark) Ross  
John X (his mark) Ross

A list of the property of William Ross Deceased  
 Sold on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1820 by John Ross and Enoch Ross Executors of said Estate  
 to wit

John G Smyth Jr to a large bell	\$1.00
do (ditto) to four siccles	1.50
Johnson Strong to a cutting knife	.75
John Hall to sythe and hangings	1.00
John Baldwin to skillet	.37 1/2
Enoch Ross to a large pot	2.00
Stephen McKinzie to an axe	1.00
John F. Smyth to an iron wedge	1.00
Samuel Huntsaker to a table	2.62 1/2
John Ross to a barrel	.12 1/2
Asa Chapman to a hand saw and auger	2.00
Isaac Stout to an iron shovel	.75
Enoch Larabee to a quart decanter	1.75
John Ross to a glass pitcher	.25
Samual Hountsaker one lock chain	1.50
Thomas Be. Peyton to two sheep	5.12 1/2
Medad Randol one white cow and calf	21.37 1/2
do one speckled cow and calf	18.75
do one black cow and calf	18.25
do one yoke of oxen	90.25
Andrew M. Ramsey a lot of hogs	48.00
Robert Profit one reed	.87 1/2
do one do	.50
do one do	.25
Jane Ross to one feather bed	19.00
David Johnson to a spinning wheel	6.50
John F. Smyth one steer	<u>13.50</u>
	269.00
	1.97
Levy Graham one cow	10.00
<b>Joseph Kirkpatrick</b> one steer	<u>12.50</u>
	\$291.50

(Note: **Joseph Marion Kirkpatrick** (1800-1874) is the husband of William Ross's daughter, **Martha Patsy Ross Kirkpatrick** born 1804. These are my 4th Great-Grandparents. **William Ross** and **Elizabeth Jane Allen Ross** are my 5th Great-Grandparents.)

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Estate  
Of  
Ross

Filed October 24, 1821

On side: 1749.00

Missouri Territory Cape Girardeau County Township  
of Tywapity, June the 3 1820  
Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of Wm Ross, Dec'd  
as appraised by Johnson Strong, Jasias Lambert, and Warren  
Davis the day and date above

Column 1

One yoke of oxen -----	60.00
One red steer -----	10.00
1 Small Hiefer -----	5.00
1 Large Hiefer -----	9.00
1 Black Steer -----	4.00
1 Small Hiefer -----	4.50
1 Do Steer -----	4.50
1 Speckled Cow and 2 Calf -----	14.50
1 young speckled cow & calf -----	20.00
1 Black Cow and Calf-----	15.00
1 white cow and calf -----	16.00
1 red white faced cow and calf -----	14.00
1 Brindle cow and calf -----	12.00
1 Black Hiefer -----	8.00

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1 Sorrel Mar and Colt -----	25.00
1 Gray mare old -----	25.00
1 Small Sorrel Colt -----	18.00
1 Roan Cold 2 years old -----	30.00
25 Small pigs-----	10.00
22 Stock hogs -----	44.00
1 Barshier plow and stock -----	4.50
1 Lock Chain-----	2.00
1 Cow Bell -----	1.25
1 hores Bell and Cler Bucket-----	1.75
1 Barshier plow-----	5.00
2 pair hames and chains and single trees ---	3.00

Column 2

2 horse callers -----	37 ½
1 Marrs saddle klaw bit and bridle -----	8.00
1 plow Caulter-----	1.00
1 Chafing asce -----	1.00

3 breeding hocs -----	1.50
1 meat axe -----	.50
1 Cross cut saw -----	8.00
2 hand saws & Iron Square -----	3.00
1 ring and stefler -----	.75
1 rifle gun and accoutrements -----	15.00
1 Meal Bag -----	1.00
1 Stew Kettle -----	2.00
1 glider -----	1.00
1 fier shovel -----	.50
1 bake oven & lid -----	3.00
1 flax sickle -----	1.50
4 bake skillits lid -----	1.50
1 two inch augur -----	1.50
Flesh fork and funnel -----	.50
4 old sickles -----	1.00
1 drawing knife -----	.15
1 large pot -----	1.50
1 washing tubb -----	1.00
1 cotton wheel -----	1.50
1 grubing hoe -----	1.00
4 waggon boxes -----	1.00
1 tea pots lantern -----	0.25
1 cotton wheel grinder -----	0.25
1 Marrs saddle -----	9.00

Column 1

1 Tomahawk and augur-----	.50
1 Cutting knife -----	1.00
1 Siff Brap wire -----	2.00
1 set of shoals & bridle & bits -----	.25
1 shaving box razer and gloss -----	.75
1 hoop box -----	.75
1 Wheat riddle -----	.50
1 Claw hammer -----	.50
1 Chopping axe -----	2.00
1 flax wheel-----	4.00
1 hair cotton card -----	.75
1 Inch screw augur-----	.50
1 pair stillards -----	3.00
(Note: "stillard" refers to a steelyard, which is a type of weighing scale)	
1 small stew kettle lid and hooks-----	1.00
2 rugs -----	1.37 ½
2 plated candlesticks -----	2.50
1 pewter dishes and plates -----	1.75
1 dining table -----	2.00
1 bureau and bookcase -----	20.00
1 chest-----	1.00
1 glass decanter-----	1.00
3 black glass bottles -----	.75
5 large milk bales-----	2.00
8 saucers and 5 teacups-----	1.00
8 chaney plates-----	1.50
1 glass cream mug-----	.50
7 teaspoons and mug-----	.50
1 Chippand sugar dish-----	.25
1 Chippand candle stick-----	.37 ½
1 Smithing gram and stand -----	1.00
Some old broken dishes -----	.50

Column 2

1 Set tea pots and sugar dish cream cup ----	3.00
1 tea canister -----	.37 ½
3 glass tumblers and decanter-----	.50
1 stone for razor -----	.50
Case and spectacles-----	1.25

1 tin bucket, 6 tin cups, 1 tin tumbler, 1 quart.	75
1 tin strainer candle moles and fisher -----	1.50
2 tin pans & one cup pot-----	1.50
1 pair sheep sheer -----	.75
1 coffee mill-----	1.25
1 dressing glass -----	1.75
1 steel coffee mill-----	.50
1 pair hand irons-----	3.00
1 large kettle-----	4.00
1 dinner mat-----	2.50
1 churn -----	.50
1 pickling pot and crocks-----	2.00
1 candle sniff -----	.25
1 walnut table-----	4.50
1 pincushion table -----	.50
2 pails of pigigans -----	1.50
(Note: likely an old spelling of 'piggin', a small wooden pail or vessel)	
1 bedstand and cord -----	1.00
7 Chairs (Chears)-----	4.00
1 flower stand-----	1.00
1 old barrel-----	1.00
1 bed stand, cord, and curtains-----	4.00
Furniture-----	20.00
1 trundle bedstand -----	1.50

Column 3

2 naked beds-----	30.00
9 blankets-----	15.00
1 naked bed-----	6.00
1 Lincey blanket-----	2.00
1 coverlid Buffellow robe	
(Note: buffalo, historically as a coverlid, no price listed)	
3 sheets and pillows -----	10.00
2 iron wedges -----	1.25
1 small grindstone -----	0.25
1 old chair frame -----	0.25
1 ferry boat-----	12.00
10 geese-----	5.00
1 wheat stand -----	0.25
1 wood slide-----	0.25

1 family Bible-----	4.00
2 spelling books, 1 small Bible, and some other old books-----	7.00
1 log chain -----	1.50
2 baskets -----	0.50
1 chair -----	0.50
1 Curry Comb -----	0.50
3 reeds, 1 pair of homyfres (hornesses) -----	0.50
[Note: I think it is musical instruments, 3 reeds and 2 English horns)	
1 pair saddlebags -----	1.50
5 head of sheep -----	11.00
1 hat Gramel -----	1.50
2 books-----	1.00
1 music book-----	1.00
1 sithe and hangings-----	1.00
(scythe was used to mow or cut)	
14 hogs-----	42.00
1 loan-----	<u>5.00</u>
	<u>77 1/2</u>

Column 4  
Notes due the estate  
One note on  
Charel Camel and  
Andrew M. Ramsey -----40.00  
Book accounts  
In amount -----89 17 1/2

Certified by us  
This 15 Aug 1820  
Johnson Strong  
Warran Davis

John Ross

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Cape Girardeau Circuit Court  
Inventory and  
Bill of Appraisal  
content of the Estate  
of Wm Ross, dec'd

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Renunciation Executrix  
Cape Girardeau Circuit Court  
August term 1820

Jane Ross Executrix  
Estate of )

William Ross deceased.

Taken and filed 20<sup>th</sup> May 1820

J. McFerran, Clerk

County of Cape Girardeau, SS.

Being nominated Executrix in the Last will and testament of William Ross deceased, I do hereby renounce and refuse the executorship aforesaid will.

Jane X(her mark) Ross

Acknowledge before me at office )

The 20<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1820. )

Joseph McFerran, Clerk )

Of the Circuit Court

August 12 1822 Received of Enoch and John Ross, Administrators of William Ross decs'd  
two Dollars for appraising said Ross Estate, Received by me, Warren Davis.

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Estate  
of  
W Ross  
Filed & allowed  
November 25, 1822

State of Missouri to John Ross and Enoch Ross, Executors of William Ross dec'd

Greeting:

You are hereby required to appear before our justices at our County Court, to be holden at Jackson, within and for the county of Cape Girardeau, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Decem. Next and exhibit your accounts for settlement, and show cause why an attachment should not be issued against you for having failed to exhibit them at last August Term of said court, and have then there this writ.

WITNESS, Peter R. Garrett, Clerk of our said court at office the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Octo A.D. one thousand eight hundred twenty Seven.

CS Thomas, Dep Clerk

For P. R. Garrett Clk

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Citation against  
John Ross and Enoch  
Ross, Executors

CG County Court  
Dec 9, 1807

Estate of  
William Ross dec'd  
October 9, 1807

C.S. Thomas  
D. Clk

John Ross & Enoch  
Ross not found  
in my Bailiwick

J. Hendricks, Sheriff

Missouri Territory        )  
Cape Girardeau County )

I George Henderson, a Justice of the Peace within and for the Township of Cape Girardeau in the County aforesaid do hereby certify that on this day the 31st of May A.D. 1820, I administered on oath according to law to Johnson Strong, Warren Davis, and Josiah Lambert to appraise the Estate of William Ross deceased and witness my hand.

George Henderson, Justice of the Peace

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Certificate oath appraising  
Cape Girardeau Circuit Court  
Estate of Ross deceased  
Filed 21 August 1820  
J. McFerran, Clerk

TERRITORY OF MISSOURI, SOUTH CIRCUIT, ss

The UNITED STATE OF AMERICA, To Johnson Strong, Warren Davis, and Josiah Lambert -  
-- GREETING:

WHEREAS you have been appointed appraisers of the estate of William Ross, deceased; These are, therefore to cite and direct you, that you truly and justly, to the best of your skill and abilities, view and appraise all of the slaves and all the personal estate of said deceased, to you produced by John Ross and Enoch Ross, Executors of the deceased, at such times and places as they shall appoint (you being first sworn or affirmed, before some justice of the peace, for that purpose,) and such appraisement under your hands return to and lodge with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county of Cape Girardeau, on or before the third Monday of August next, and this writ.

Witness, Joseph McFerron, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the twenty fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and of our Independence XLIV.

Joseph McFerron, Clerk

(Transcription note: XLIV is 44 years after 1976 Declaration of Independence.)

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Citation to Appraisers

Cape Girardeau Circuit Court

August term 1820

Estate of )

William Ross deceased )

Executors – John Ross, Enoch Ross

February 1, 1820

Johnson Strong )

Warren Davis ) appraisers.

Josiah Lambert )

Rec'd of the Executors of Wm. Ross  
Eighty seven 1/2 cents for making  
Settlement and filing papers  
Nov 25, 1822  
John Juden, Jr., Clerk

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Estate of  
Wm Ross  
Filed and allowed  
November 25, 1822

August 12th 1822 Received of Enoch and John Ross, Adm of Will Ross, dec'd, Three Dollars for bring sale of said Estate. Received by me James P. Edwards

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Estate of  
W Ross  
Filed & allowed  
November 25, 1822

Rec'd of John Ross one of the Executors of William Ross deceased, three hundred and eight Dollars & ninety two cents, two hundred and forty eight dollars & 32 cents was the amount of a Judgment, Principal, Interest & cash of sixty dollars & sixty cents in the amt of a note, the whole being the amt of a debt that I held against the State of William Ross dec'd as assignee of Stephen Stilby. Witness my hand this 14 November 1823.  
George Henderson

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Filed and allowed  
November 28, 1823

For Value taken, I promise to pay Stephen Stilby or his order Eighty Dollars on or before the first Day of August 1820. Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1819.

William Ross

Test. James E. Edward, Edward L. Lewis

(Written on vertical edge)

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Filed Nov 25, 1822

Henderson

vs

Ross

For value received, I assign the written note of George Henderson. I acknow. September  
23, 1822

Stephen Stilby

Witness Theodore Jones

Rc'd Nov 28, 1823, of Wm Ross Executors

Wm Ross dec'd One dollar & fifty cents in full for settlement & filing papers this day.

John Juden, Jr., Clerk

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Filed & allowed

November 18, 1823

This Court refusing to sign the  
said Bill of Exceptions thoroughly by slander  
T. Byrne

Calculations of some kind equaling 9.96 scratched out.

Notary	Free
53.50	14.49
80	6.20
<u>80</u>	<u>1.60</u>
213.50	22.29
<u>22.29</u>	
235.79	

Ross

State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau ) ss

This day personally appeared before me William Kelso a Justice of the Peace of the County aforesaid, Enoch Larrabee, an Administrator of the Estate of Robert Wier, Deceased of the County aforesaid – and deposeth and saith that he Larrabee received of John Ross the full amount of a note of fifty four dollars dated 2nd of February 1820, which said note rec'd due from Willam Ross, father of said John Ross to the Estate of the aforesaid wits – and that he the said Larrabee delivered the aforesaid note to the aforesaid John Ross.

Enoch Larrabee

Sworn to and subscribed the 27th day of November A.D. 1823.

Wm Kelso

Justice of the Peace

State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau ) ss

This day personally appeared before me William Kelso a Justice of the Peace of the County aforesaid, John Ross, one of the Administrator of the Estate of the within named William Ross Deceased, and on oath saith that he had the within mentioned note in possession and that the said note is lost or mislaid so that the said Ross cannot find it -----

John Ross

Sworn to and Subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1823.

Wm Kelso

Justice of the Peace

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Filed & allowed

Nov 28, 1823

For Value Receiv'd I promise to pay Stephen Stilby or his order Seventy Dollars on or before the first day of August 1823 as witness my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> Novem one Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen.

Test

James P. Edwards, Edward L. Lewis, William Ross (Seal)

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For value received I assign the written note to George Henderson, Jackson, Sept 23 1822

Stephen Stillby

Witness Theodore Jones

William Ross

Note due the

1st August 1823

For \$60.00

filed & allowed

Nov 28, 1823

[Note: in this Will Stephen's surname often appears to be Stillby, but in the Deed records, it appears to be Stilley.]

For Value Received I promise to pay Stephen Stillby or his order Eighty Dollars on or before the first Day of August 1821 as witness my hand and seal this 20th Day of November 1819.

Test James P. Edwards, Edward L. Lewis, William Ross (Seal)

For value received I assign the within note to George Henderson, Jackson September 23  
1822.

Stephen Stillby

Witness Theodore Jones

(On vertical edge)

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Henderson

vs

Ross

Filed Nov 25, 1822

For Value Receiv'd I promise to pay Stephen Stillby Eighty Dollars or his order on or before the first Day of August 1822 as witness my hand this 20th Day November one Thousand Eight hundred and Nineteen

Test James P. Edwards, Edward Lewis    William Ross (seal)

(Note: This note is almost identical to the image two pages ago, except this one is torn and has a hole in the upper right corner.)

For value received I assign the within note to George Henderson, Jackson September 23  
1822.

Stephen Stillby

Witness Theodore Jones

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Henderson

vs

Ross

Filed Nov 25, 1822

States ) Ross

To

Stillby

(Note: This note is almost identical to the image a two pages ago, except this one as the vertical edge text on the left instead of the right, as well as the additional last text. The paper edges are also torn differently.)



(on vertical)  
filed & allowed  
Nov 28, 1823

Wm Ross

in a/c with

Steinbeck of Jackson

16.43

54

308.92

1.50

380.85

State of Missouri  
County of Cape Girardeau  
To John Ross and Enoch Ross  
Executors of William Ross dec'd

Gentlemen,

You will please to take notice that I hold as assignee of Stephen Stillby three notes that are now due against the Estate of William Ross deceased, and that in pursuance to the thirtieth section of an act concerning Executors and Administrators. Passed at the last session of the General Assemble of the State of Missouri I shall apply to the next county court to be held for the County of Cape Girardeau on the fourth Monday of November next to have the said notes allowed accordance to Law. The notes are as follows, towit: the notes were all three given by William Ross to Stephen Stillby and dated on the twentieth day of November in the year 1819. And each notes was for the sum of Eighty Dollars. The first note was due & payable on the first day of August in the year 1820. On which said note there is a credit entered on the 12th day of March 1822 for the sum of Twenty six Dollars & fifty cents. The second note became due on the first day of August in the year 1821. And the third note became due on the first day of August in the year 1822.-----

As which time & place you may attend if you please.

I am Respectfully,  
George Henderson

Cape Girardeau )  
the 25 day of )  
October & 1822 )

(on folded outside)  
John ross  
Enoch ross  
Executors of  
William Ross, Dec'd

(on vertical edge)  
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Cape Girardeau county court  
November Term 1822

George Henderson )  
verses )  
John Ross and Enoch Ross  
Executors of William Ross  
Deceased.  
Filed Nov 25 1822

(on another fold)  
20 November 1822  
Delivered to John Ross  
A copy of the within notes  
Thos. Byrne

Cape Girardeau County, To Atty

This day formerly appeared Thomas Byrne, before me Johnson Strong, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath according to law that he delivered to John Ross a copy of the within notice on the second day of November 1822. Subscribe and sworn to this 18th November 1822.

Thomas Byrne  
Johnson Strong, a Justice of the Peace



I do bequeath all my Real Estate Consisting of a  
Plantation where on I now Live Containing four  
hundred and Twenty Acres to be Divided as  
follows Beginning at a Hickory three Marked with  
a blaze on each side standing in the Line between  
my Land and the Land of John Baldwin in an  
Acre the Middle of a wet piece of ground  
Lying between the River and the hills and  
to Run from thence Due North to a Creek  
thence up the Creek to the first fork of  
the same thence up the Main North fork  
till it crosses the upper Line Each more  
or less to be a separate Tract of Land and  
the Tract Lying on the River, I do Give and

bequeath to my Beloved son John to be at  
his Disposal at the Death or Marriage of  
my wife Jane and the other Tract I do  
Give and bequeath to my Beloved son Enoch  
to have and to hold the same from the  
Date of this my Last will and Testament  
and to my Beloved Daughter Betheny I do  
will and Bequeath the sum of Ten Dollars  
and to my Beloved Daughter Mary I do  
will and Bequeath the sum of Ten Dollars  
to be paid out of my Estate at the Death  
or Marriage of my wife Jane This being my  
Last will and for

The Better Execution of this my Last will I  
do Nominate my Beloved Wife Jane Ross  
and Sons John Ross and Enoch Ross as  
Executors and Executors to Manage my Business  
after my Death to be Done according to the  
True Intent of this my will and Testament  
in Testimony whereof I have here unto  
set my hand this the fifth Day of  
May in the year of our Lord one thousand  
Eight hundred and Twenty  
Signed in the presence  
of us —  
John Baldwin  
John G. Smith

James P. Edwards

County of Cape Girardeau, ss.  
John Baldwin and John G. Smith being duly sworn say that William Ross  
now deceased, did on the day within written sign and publish the foregoing writing as  
his last will and testament, that he is a native of France and of legal mind, that they  
subscribed their names thereto in the presence of said Testator and at his request, and  
in presence of James P. Edwards the other subscribing witness.  
I, James P. Edwards, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing writing is  
a true and correct copy of the original thereof.  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 5th day of May A.D. 1820.  
James P. Edwards, Clerk of  
the Circuit Court.

County of Cape Girardeau, ss.  
Recorded & returned in Register A, page 117  
and 118.  
Joseph M. Jefferson, Clerk of the  
Circuit Court.

That all Mrs. Elizabeth present, that John Ross, Esq. Clerk,  
Thomas Bull, and John Baldwin, all of the County of Caye, Tennessee, are  
held and firmly bound to William Clark, Governor of the Territory of  
Missouri, as his Successor in office, in the sum of Five thousand  
dollars, of lawful money, for payment whereof well and truly to be made  
by, firmly by the presents, Sealed with our seals the twenty fourth  
day of May in the year, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

The Condition of this obligation is such, that if the within bound-  
ed John Ross and Esq. Executor of the last will and testament of  
William Ross - deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and  
perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and  
credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to his hands  
or possession or knowledge of them the said John Ross and Esq. Ross,  
or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for  
them and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited in  
the office of the Circuit Court for the County of Caye, Tennessee, at a before  
the third Monday of August next ensuing - And the same goods, chat-  
tels, rights and credits, and all other the goods, chattels, rights, and  
credits of the said deceased, at the time of the death of the said deceased,  
which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of  
the said John Ross and Esq. Ross or into the hands or possession of any  
other person or persons for them do well and truly administer ac-  
cording to law: and do well and truly perform the said last will  
and testament of said deceased by paying first his debts, and  
then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as his goods,  
chattels, rights and credits will extend, and the law charge them  
and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account  
of his said Executorship, at or before the twenty fourth day of May -  
in the year, one thousand eight hundred and twenty one - and all the  
rest and residue of the said goods, chattels, rights and credits,  
which shall be found remaining upon the said Executor's ac-  
count, the same being first examined and allowed by the said  
Circuit Court, shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respec-  
tively, as the said Court, by his decree and sentence pursuant to the  
true intent and meaning of this act, and of the said will of said  
deceased, shall appoint and direct. - Then this obligation to be void  
and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged  
in presence of  
J. C. Brown

John Ross  
Thomas Bull  
John Baldwin

County of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Now do solemnly swear that we will well and truly perform the last will and testament of William Ross deceased, by paying first his debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will as for as his goods, chattels, rights, and credits will extend, and the law charge us - and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of the said goods, chattels, rights and credits, as also a just account when there is required.

Sworn to, and subscribed before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the twenty fifth day of May - a. d. 1820.

Joseph M. Ferguson Clerk.

John Ross  
John Ross  
John Ross

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Circuit Court of Cape Girardeau  
August Term 1820  
The Estate of  
William Ross deceased.  
Deceased filed to 25 May 1820.  
Joseph M. Ferguson, Clerk.  
William Ross, Executor.  
John Ross, Administrator.

A list of the property of William Ross deceased  
 sold on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1840 by John Ross and  
 Enoch Ross Executors of said Estate  
 to wit

John F. Smyth to a large bell	\$ 1.00
do to four sieves	1.50
Johnson Stone to a cutting knife	.75
John Hall to Sythe and hangings	1.00
John Baldwin to Skellet	37 1/2
Enoch Ross to a large pot	2.00
Stephen M <sup>r</sup> Hingee to an axe	1.00
John F. Smyth to an Iron wedge	1.00
Samuel Huntzaker to a table	2.62 1/2
David McHingie to a mans saddle	9.00
John Ross to a barrel	12 1/2
Abra Chapman to a hand saw and auger	2.00
Isaac Stout to an Iron brood	75
Enoch Luribee to a quart decenter	1.75
John Ross to a glass pitcher	25
Samuel Huntzaker one lock chain	1.50
Thomas B Peyton to two sheep	5.12 1/2
Medad Randol one white cow and calf	21.37 1/2
do one speckled cow and calf	17.75
do one black cow and calf	18.25
do one yoke of oxen	90.25
Andrewell Ramsey a lot of hogs	48.00
Robert Profit one Reed	87 1/2
do one do	50
do one do	25
Jane Ross to one feather bed	19.00
David Johnson to a spinning wheel	6.50
John F. Smyth one steer	15.50
	<u>269.97</u>

Levy Graham one Cow \$ 10.00  
 Joseph Kirkpatrick one Steer 12.50  
\$ 22.50

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Estate

of  
Ross

filed Oct 24 1821

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Missouri Territory Cape Girardeau County Township  
 of Wyopits June the 30<sup>th</sup> 1820  
 Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of William Rags Dec'd  
 as appraised by Johnson Strong Jarvis Lambert and Warren  
 Davis the Day and Date above

	2.	cts		2d	cents
one yoke of oxen	60	00	2 horse Callers	0	37 1/2
one Red steer	10	00	1 Mans saddle Blank hit and borders	8	00
2 small steers	16	00	1 plow Caultee	1	00
1 small Heifer	5	00	1 Chaping axe	1	00
1 Large Heifer	9	00	3 weeding hoes	1	50
1 Black steer	4	00	1 Meat axe	0	50
1 small Heifer	4	00	1 Crop cut saw	8	00
1 Do - steer	4	50	2 hand saws Iron square	3	00
1 speckled Cow and calf	14	50	1 Ring and staple	0	75
1 young speckled Cow and calf	20	00	1 Rifle gun and accutrs -iments	15	00
1 Black Cow and calf	15	00	1 Meal Bag	1	00
1 white Cow and calf	16	00	1 steer killer	3	00
1 Red white faced Cow and calf	14	00	1 tea Kettle	2	00
1 Brindle Cow and calf	12	00	1 spider	1	00
1 Black Heifer	8	00	1 fier shovel	0	00
1 Sorrel Mare and calf	55	00	1 Bake awn & lid	3	00
1 Gray mare old	25	00	1 flax Hackle	1	50
1 small Sorrel calf	18	00	1 Bake skullits lid	1	50
1 Baan calf 2 year old	35	00	1 Two Inch auger	1	50
25 small pigs	10	00	1 flesh fork and funnel	0	50
22 Stack Hogs for 4	44	00	4 old sickles	1	00
1 Bershier plow and stack	4	50	1 Drawing knife	0	75
1 Lock Chain	2	00	1 Large pot	1	50
1 Cow Bell	1	25	1 washing Tub	1	00
1 horse Bell and Oxer Buckel	1	75	1 Cotten wheel	1	50
1 Bershier plow	5	00	1 Grouping hoe	1	00
2 pair hains and chains and singletrees	3		4 Waggon Boxes	1	00
			1 Tea pots Lanteron	0	25
			1 Cotten wheel & spindle	0	25
			1 Mans saddle	9	00

Signed and sworn to  
 before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820  
 at Cape Girardeau Missouri  
 J. S. Strong  
 Notary Public



Demurrers & Objections  
Cape Breton Circuit Court  
August term 1820

Estate of J. Ross deceased  
William Ross deceased.

Deceased & filed 20 May 1820.  
H. J. Ross, Clerk.

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County of Cape Breton, N.S.

Being nominated Executor in the Last Will and Testament of  
William Ross deceased, I do hereby renounce and refuse the exec-  
utorship of said will.

Lane ~~X~~ Ross  
made.

advised before me at office,  
the 22<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1820.  
Joseph M. Ferris, Clerk  
of the Circuit Court.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1822 Received of Enoch and John Rags

Administrators of William Rags dec'd two Dollars

~~for~~ for raising said Rags Estate Received by

me Warren Davis

Estate 136

of  
W. Ross

filed & allowed

Nov. 25 / 822

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO

John Rofs and Enoch Rofs

Executors of William Rofs decd

GREETING:

You are hereby required to appear before our justices at our County Court, to be holden at Jackson, within and for the county of Cape Girardeau, on the 3rd monday of Decem. next

and exhibit your accounts for settlement, and shew cause why an attachment should not be issued against you for having failed to exhibit them at last August Term of said court, and have then there this writ.

Peter K. Garrett

WITNESS ~~CHARLES S. THOMAS, deputy~~ clerk of our said

court at office the 9th day of Octo

A. D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven

C. S. Thomas, Dep. Clerk.

For P. K. Garrett Clerk

*[Faint handwritten notes and bleed-through from the reverse side of the document, including names like 'Garrett' and 'Thomas']*

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Citation against  
John Ross and Enoch  
Ross Executors

W. G. County Court  
Decr 8. 1827

Estate of  
William Ross decd

Octo. 9. 1827

C. S. Thomas  
D. Clerk

John Ross & Enoch  
Ross not found  
in my Parish  
Hendrick 11/4

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO

QUESTIONS

Nebraska Territory

Cape Girardeau County

I George Henderson a Justice of the  
Peace within and for the Township of  
Cape Girardeau in the County aforesaid  
do hereby certify that on this day the  
31<sup>st</sup> of May A.D. 1820 I administered an oath  
according to Law to Johnson Strong  
Warren Davis and Josiah Lambert to app-  
raise the Estate of William Ross deceased  
as witness my hand

George Henderson Justice  
of the Peace

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Certificate of appraisement  
Cayes Liandeau Circuit Court  
Estate of Ross deceased.

Filed August 21 1820

J. M. Ferran, Clerk



TERRITORY OF MISSOURI, SOUTHERN CIRCUIT, ss.

The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, To *Johnston Strong,*

*Warren Davis, and Charles Lambert* — — — GREETING:

WHEREAS you have been appointed appraisers of the estate of *William Ross*  
deceased; These are, therefore, to cite and direct you, that you truly and  
justly, to the best of your skill and abilities, view and appraise all the slaves and all the personal  
estate of the said deceased, to you produced by *John Ross and Charles Ross*  
*Executors* of the said deceased, at such times and places as  
*they* shall appoint (you being first sworn or affirmed, before some justice of the peace, for that  
purpose,) and such appraisement under your hands return to and lodge with the *Clerk of the*  
Circuit Court for the county of Cape Girardeau, on or before the *third* Monday of  
*August* next, and this writ.

Witness, JOSEPH M'FERRON, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the *twenty fifth*  
day of *May*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight  
hundred and *twenty* — and of our Independence XLIII.

*Joseph M'Ferron, Clerk.*

Mr. Hiram Gibbs Esq. Mr. Cowan  
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some common banks of  
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Citation to appraisers  
Cape Girardeau Circuit Court

August Term 1820

Estate of } Executors  
of } John Ross,  
} Erach Ross.  
William Ross deceased.

September 1820

John and Frank }  
James Davis, } appraisers  
Charles Lambert. }

No of the Execution of W. Ross  
Eighty seven 1/2 cents for making  
Settlement and filing papers.

Nov. 25 1822 John J. dra. by Clerk

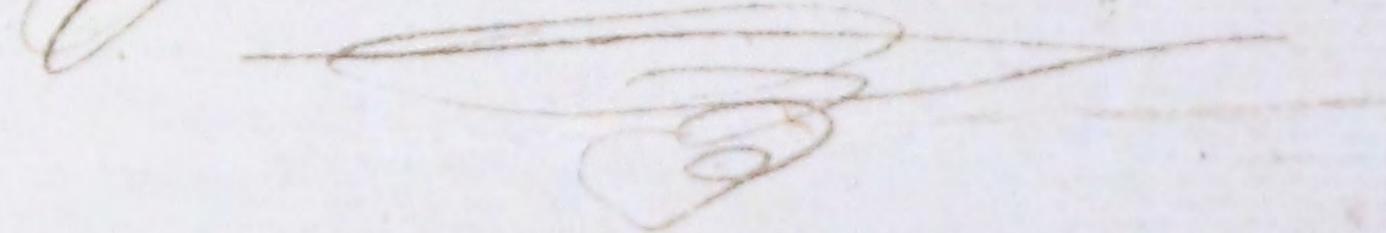
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Estak of  
W Ross

filed and allowed

Nov 25 1822.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1822 Received of Enoch and John Rafe Adms  
of William Rafe, decess'd ~~three~~ Dollars for ~~inter~~ing sale of  
said Estate Received by one James P. Edwards



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Estate of  
W. Ross

filed & returned

Nov 25 1822

Recd of John Ross one of the  
Executors of William Ross deceased  
Three hundred and Eight Dollars  
& ninety two cents, Two hundred  
and forty Eight Dollars & 32 cents was  
the amt of a Judgment Principal Interest  
& cost, & sixty Dollars & sixty cents  
is the amt of a note, the whole  
being the amt of a debt that  
I held against the Estate of William  
Ross decd as assignee of Stephen  
Atteley writes my hand this

14 November 1823

George Thundersen



For Value received I promise to pay Stephen Stille  
or his order Eighty Dollars and or before the  
first Day of August 1820 Given under my hand  
this 20th Day of November 1819

Test James B. Edwards  
Edward Hew

William Ross  
beaz

the men

March the 12 1822

Received Twenty five dollars and fifty cents

of the same

Witnes  
Thaslow Jones

For value received of a pigon the  
witten note to George Henderson  
at New York September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1822.  
Stephen Hilkey

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Feb 25 1822  
Hudson  
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Recd Nov 28 1823 of Mr Wm Ross Executor of  
Wm Ross dec<sup>d</sup>. One dollar & fifty cents in full for  
my fee making settlement & filing papers this day.

John Fuller Esq Clerk of Ct.

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John Bellamy  
Nov 28 1823

Count refusing to sign the  
Bill of Exchange  
Standard  
Olayne

80  
~~2133.50~~ 9.96

Not by Man

53.50 - 14.45

80 - - 6.30

80 - - 1.60

213.50 22-29

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235.79

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State of Mississipi County of Capelgirardeau } ss  
This day personally appeared before me William Kelso a  
Justice of the peace in the county aforesaid Enoch Larabee an  
Administrator of the estate of Robert Wier Deceased of the  
County aforesaid — and deposed and said that he Larabee  
Received of John Ross the full amount of a note of  
fifty four dollars dated 2<sup>d</sup> of February 1820 which said note was due  
from William Ross father of said John Ross to the Estate of  
the aforesaid Wier and that he the said Larabee delivered  
the aforesaid note to the aforesaid John Ross )  
Sworn to and Subscribed the 27<sup>th</sup> day of } Enoch Larabee  
November A.D. 1823

Wm Kelso  
Justice of the peace

State of Missouri County of Cape Girardeau

This day personally appeared before me William Kelso a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid the within named John Ross one of the administrators of the Estate of the within named William Ross Deceased and on oath saith that he has the within mentioned note in possession and that the said note is lost or mislaid so that he the said Ross cannot find it

Sworn to and Subscribed before me } John Ross  
a Justice of the peace the 27th day  
of November A.D. 1823

Wm Kelso  
Justice of the peace

John Ross  
Nov 28 1823

For Value Received I promise to pay Steph  
Stibley or his order Sixty Dollars on or  
before the first Day of August 1823 as  
witness my hand and seal this 20th day  
of August 1823  
and Eight hundred and Sixty  
two

James Edwards Edward Lewis William Robt C. Seal



60  
360  
60

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For value received of a piece  
the within note to George Hen-  
derson & Co. on 23<sup>rd</sup> 1822

Witness

Theodore Jones

Charles

Stalley

William B. B. B.

note due the

1<sup>st</sup> August 1823

for \$60-00

paid full

Nov 28 1823

For Value Received I promise to pay Stephen  
Stilly or his order Eighty Dollars on or before  
the first Day of August 1891 as witness my  
hand and seal this 20th Day of November 1879  
test James P. Edwards Edward Hew  
William P. Beag

For value received I assign the within note to George Anderson  
Jackson September 20<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Witness  
Theodore Jones

Theodore J. Tilley

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Hudson  
Nov 25 1892

For value received I promise to pay Stephen  
Stilley Eighty Dollars or his order on or  
before the first day of August 1822 as  
witness my hand this 2<sup>th</sup> day of November  
one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
two James Edwards Edward Row William [unclear] [unclear]

For value received I assign the within note to George Henderson  
Jackson September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1822

Stephens Stille

Witness  
Theodore Jones

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Henderson  
in  
Paso  
filed  
Nov 25 1822

Bates & Co  
to  
Stille

Wm Rop To Steinhilck & Jansen Dr  
 To Balance <sup>135</sup> as per acct. \$14.94  
 To Interest for 1 yr & 8 months ~~18.49~~  
\$16.43

Cape Girardeau May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1823

Personally appeared before me  
 George Henderson a justice of the peace  
 in and for the County of Cape Girardeau  
 Levi L. Lightner and after being duly  
 sworn doth say that the above acct.  
 is just and true. ~~Sworn to and~~

sworn to and subscribed L. L. Lightner  
 before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of May 1823

George Henderson  
 Justice of the Peace

Recd. Cape Girardeau Nov. 04<sup>th</sup> 1823 from  
 John Rop ~~executor~~ of the estate of Wm Rop  
 the above acct. inf. etc

\$16.43  
100

for S. J. Steinhilck  
 L. L. Lightner

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John Ballou  
Nov 28 1823

Mr Ross

Dear Sir  
I have the pleasure  
to inform you that  
the sum of \$100.00  
has been received  
from the  
estate of  
the late  
John Ballou  
and is hereby  
paid to you  
in full of  
the account  
of \$100.00  
which was  
due to you  
on the 1st  
of Novr  
1823

100.00  
6.00  
94.00

\$10.00

Yours truly  
John Ballou

State of Missouri

County of Cape Girardeau

To John Ross and Enoch Ross  
Executors of Williams Ross deceased

Gentlemen

You will please to take notice  
that I hold as assignee of Stephen Stillee three  
notes that are now due against the Estate of  
Williams Ross deceased, and that in pursuance  
to the Thirtieth section of an act concerning  
Executors and administrators Passed at the last  
Session of the General Assembly of the State of  
Missouri I shall apply to the next county Court  
to be held for the County of Cape Girardeau  
on the fourth Monday of November next  
to have the said notes allowed according to  
Law, the notes are as follows (to wit) the  
notes were all three given by Williams Ross  
to Stephen Stillee and dated on the Twentieth  
day of November in the year 1819. and  
each note was for the sum of Eighty Dollars  
the first note was due & payable on the  
first day of August in the year 1820. on  
which said note there is a credit entered  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822 for the sum of  
Twenty six Dollars & fifty cents the second  
note became due on the first day of August  
in the year 1821. and the third note  
became due on the first day of August  
in the year 1822. —

at which time & Place you  
may attend if you please

I am Respectfully

Cape Girardeau

the 25 day of  
October 1822

George Henderson

John & Robt  
Fresh & Robt  
Executors of  
William Byrnes

~~18th~~ 18th November 1822

delivered to John Prop  
a copy of the within notice

Thos Byrnes

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Cape Girardeau County Court  
November Term 1822  
George Shepley  
James  
John Wood and Fresh Robt  
Executors of William Byrnes  
Deceased.  
Filed Nov 25 1822

Cape Girardeau County, Mo. Ct,

This day personally appeared  
Thomas Byrnes, before me Johnson Strong a justice  
of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and  
made oath according to law that he delivered  
to John Prop a copy of the within notice on the  
second day of November 1822. Subscribed and sworn  
to this 18th November 1822

Johnson Strong

Johnson Strong a justice of the peace