

CASE NO. 3917

ROSS PROBATE COURT.

NOTE  
FROM  
MMR, 2012:  
Jesse  
Kent  
was deceased  
before  
29 Nov. 1805.  
He was also in a pending lawsuit  
at Augusta Co., Virginia  
lawsuit statement (page 16)  
Thompson vs. Kent (1798)

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KNOW all men by these presents, that we *Nat Miller, John McNeal*  
*Emmor Cox and William Miller*

are held and firmly bound unto the President and associate Judges of the court of Common  
Pleas of Ross county, in the sum of *Twelve Hundred Dollars*

to be paid to the said Judges or their successors, to which payment well and truly to be made,  
we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and several-  
ly, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this *29th* day of

*November* A. D. 1805

THE condition of the above obligation is, that if the said *Nat Miller and John McNeal*

testament of *Jesse Kent* Execut ory of the last will and

deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and  
credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of

the said *Nat Miller and John McNeal*

or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for  
*them* and the same, so made, do exhibit into the said court of Common Pleas,  
at such times as is required by law, and the same goods, chattels and credits, do well and truly  
administer, according to law, and make a just and true account of *them* acings  
and doings therein, when thereunto required by the said Court; and further do well and truly  
pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said will, as far as the said goods,  
chattels and credits, will extend, according to the value thereof, and as the said law shall charge  
then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force.

Signed, sealed and delivered,  
in the presence of

*Nat Miller* (S)

*John McNeal* (S)

*Emmor Cox* (S)

*Wm Miller* (S)

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In the name of God amen I Jesse KENT of the County of Ross and state of Ohio being weak of body and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be almighty God for the same. Do make and publish this my last Will and testament in Manner and form following, that is to say, First I give and bequeath all of my Land estate towit[?] the southwest quarter of section no. 18 in the township no. 11 of Range No. 21, Worthington Survey, to Jesse JOHNSON, son of Oaky & Margaret JOHNSON his heirs or assigns. but in case he the said Jesse JOHNSON should die under the age of twenty one years or without lawful heir it is my will that the said Jesse JOHNSON[']s brother David JOHNSON son of Oaky and Margaret JOHNSON shall succeed him the said Jesse in the possession of the said quarters section of Land. And it is my will that the remaining installment standing against the said quarter section of Land shall be fully discharged and paid off at or before the several periods on which the shall become due to be paid out of my personal estate by the executors hereof. And further it is my will that he the said Jesse JOHNSON shall have two years schooling as soon as it may be convenient all at the expense of my personal estate and under the direction of my executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my sister Phebe BURGET a cow and calf which said cow and calf she the said Phebe BURGET has now in possession. Thirdly it is my will that all the rest residual of and remainder of my estate goods or effects of what kind or nature [??] shall be sold at publick sail and aplyed as above directed after the full discharge of all my just debts and funeral charges. And in case their should be anything left after satisfying the above bequests I do give and bequeath the same to the above named – Jesse JOHNSON or his heirs or successor as above directed. Fourth and lastly it is my will and I do hereby nominate and appoint West MILLER and John McNEAL both of this County to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set of my hand and seal this third day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and five. Signed sealed and acknowledged by the above named Jesse Kent to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the testator. Signed [with mark] Jesse KENT. Witnessed by John GRIFFITH, Emmor COX and West MILLER. (The words (weak) in the 2nd line and (son of Oaky and Margaret Johnson in the sixth line above testament were interlined before it was signed.)

[NOTE: Jesse KENT bought his coffin from Henry NEVILL on Nov. 5, 1805. He was deceased by November 29, 1805 (will submitted in court on that day). Land was on Darby Creek, Ross County. Margaret JOHNSTON and Jesse JOHNSTON are at Jesse's estate sale.]

In the name of God Amen I Jesse Kent of the County of Ross and state  
of Ohio being <sup>weak</sup> of body and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. and being of sound and  
perfect mind and memory Blessed be almighty God for the same. do make and publish this my  
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the direction of my executors.. Secondly I give and bequeath to my Sister Oebe Burget a  
Cow and Calf which said Cow and Calf ~~the~~ the said Oebe Burget has now in possession.  
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Jesse Kent Seal  
mark

John Griffith  
Emma Cox  
Wm. Miller

NB the words (weak) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line and (son of Oaky and Margaret Johnson) in the 6<sup>th</sup> line of the above testament were interlined before it was signed

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The Account of Iwert Miller and John M.  
of Jesse Kent Deceased, of assets so far as has

	Dr	Dols Cts
1 To Amount of Sales - - - -		64 48
2 To 24 Fat Hogs at \$4.50		108
3 To Fifty Five dollars & 74 cents due upon Notes supposed to be in the State of Ohio - - - - -		55 74
4 To due upon notes supposed to be in the State of Virginia - - - -		37 33
5 To Verbal account on Barnes living on Dartsy Creek Pop County		20 00
		808 55

Amount of credits -	898.35
Allowance by Court	70 00 -
Balance after deducting 1.50 per rec - ding this ap	100 20
Deduct for extraordinary expenses -	808 55
	30 00

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shall, Executors of the last will and Testament  
 come to their knowledge or possession.

By Voucher No. 1, paid Christian Botherwin Judge	18	50
By do — 2 paid Collector for Taxes, mon	1	00
By do — 3 x paid Recd for Sec. No. 18.	44	21
By do — 4 x paid Sec. Miller Judgments	21	70
By do — 5 paid Margaret Johnston	103	50 1/2
By do — 6 paid for Taxe Payers	88	88
By do — 7 paid for Off B Cochran	1	00
By do — 8 x paid John Griffith for Making Will	2	00
By do — 9 x Off set to Charge No. 3 in part	50	
By do — 10 x paid George Prueck	22	04
By do — 11 x paid John Carhelz set in	14	03 1/2
By do — 12 x paid Recd for	88	42
By do — 13 x paid James Helled	8	00
By do — 14 x paid Doct. Edmunds Bell	4	00
By do — 15 x Off set to Charge No. 4 disburse	34	33
By do — 16 x Off set to Charge No. 3 in part	5	58
By do — 17 x Paid Mc Dougall clk	10	30
By allowed at a former Settlement 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 1807	115	87 1/2
By do — 18 paid Collector for Taxes mon	1	60
By do — 19 x paid Tom Melker, Judge & services	42	29
By do — 20 x Do Do — Do	5	00
By do — 21 x paid Dan. Vanbickle on Note	18	80
By do — 22 x paid Sam. Peterson for labour	18	00
By do — 23 x paid Richd. Miller & widow	7	00
By do — 24 x paid Henry Rop	2	37 1/2
By do — 25 x paid Daniel Vanbickle	1	50
By do — 26 x paid John Mc Neal	27	84 1/2
By do — 27 — paid Re Douglas	5	00
By do — 28 — W. Coughlin for services	5	00

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December the 19<sup>th</sup> 1805

A Bill of the appraisment of the property of Jesse Kent  
 Deceased By the Appraisors appointed By the Judges of  
 the Court of Ross County State of Ohio Being duly sworn  
 Viz - - - - - J C.

2 Fat hogs at \$1.50 Each	100 0
3 Poles 1 Each	3 0
13 Ditto	6 50
30 Ditto	15 50
5 Hogs	19 0
13 Sows	32 50
1 Horse Coll.	60 0
1 Mare	30 0
1 Waggon	25 0
3 Stacks of hay	16 0
Wheat in the Stack	20 0
Potatoes 25 b <sup>u</sup> Bushels	1 00
1 plough	2 50
Grain on the ground	4 50
2 Geese	1 50
4 Sheers	36 0
5 Ditto	35 0
1 Steer and three heifers	120 0
1 Bell Cow and Calf	12 50
1 Ditto	14 0
1 Ditto and Calf	13 0
1 Grindstone	00 75
Wurfery	3 0
Peach trees	6 0
2 Hilling hoes	01 50
2 Augers and one ax	1 75
Portmantue	4 50
3 Kettles	12 0
6 Sheep	12 0
1 pair Steel yards	1 50
plates knives and forks	3 0
Old Iron	0 50
Chest and Barrel	0 75
two hay forks	1 00



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71 Bushels of Corn at 25 <sup>cts</sup> per Bushel	17	75
one Saddle	1	00
one Churn Bucket and Coffin	2	25
one Iron Wedge	10	50
one half Bushel	00	50
one Sheel	00	75
one Rifle and Moulds	8	00
axe faying pan and Drawing knife	2	00
hens	1	00
two Saws	2	00
Coverlet and Blanket	2	00
one Grouching hoe	1	25
one Jug	10	12 1/2
one hand Saw	10	75
Plough and Double trees	6	00
Log Chain	2	00
one Keel	1	00
Horse gears	6	00
Peach trees	10	50
flax	1	50
twelfth part of a Ket	1	00
two fat hogs	9	00
one Sow	1	50
one Year Colt too years old	40	00
one Churn	80	50
one Spinning Wheel	2	00
two Calves	6	50
Fifty Dollars Seventy four Cents Due upon notes Supposed to be in the State of Ohio	55	74
Thirty Seven Dollars thirty three Cents Due upon Notes Supposed to be in the State of Virginia	37	33
A Verbal account of twenty Dollars Due By Warms Living on Darby Ross County	20	00

James Martin  
Conrad Moots  
Samuel Hill



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the remainder of Shales in pen William Wilker	13.30
Wheat in the Stack	John Bolton 27.27
Wheat in the ground, sold <sup>in an</sup> at 4 Dollars 5 1/2 Cents	34.14
by the acre to	David Evans 28.62
one black Cow & Calf	Jacob Whitsel 17.25
one beld Cow & Calf	Margret Johnston 20.30
one Whitefast Cow	Benjamin Caughnain 16.00
one twoyears Steer	Daniel Swagant 8.30
one Small plough	Jesse Johnston 3.85
one whitefast Steer	Charles Bolton 7.05
one Spotted Heffer	valentine Heffer 4.25
one twoyeast old heffer	Abraham Word 3.25
one tengallon kettle	Rawget Madden 6.65
one Small Bakeoven	James Anderson 2.00
one Large kettle	James C. Chaney 8.00
augurs & Chuzels	William Justice 1.06
one pick ax	Naah Bishop 1.01
one fat hog	George Wilburn 3.00
one Meat tub	William Justice 0.40
one pitchfork	Phillip Mide 30.42
fifty bushels of Corn at 33 Cents per bushel	15.00
one jug knives and forks	Phillip Smith 1.00
one momknife	James Anderson 0.40
one pitchfork	West Miller 0.31
one hoe	James Anderson 0.80
one hoe	John Barr 1.00
one pair Saddle Bags	Chas Bolton 0.56
	William Swank 4.80

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one Barl Chest - - -	Phillip Miele -	4 1 12	Doll Gen
one ink holder - - -	Jesse Johnston -	2 0 2	
one knife & fork - - -	Margaret Johnston -	10 16	
one pair beams - - -	Nest Miller -	1 28	
first lot peach trees - -	John Duesbach -	1 18	
second lot - - -	John Duesbach -	1 16	
seventy Ditto - - -	Joseph Bogart -	4 1 7	
twenty Ditto - - -	John Mineal -	1 20	
fourty Ditto - - -	Conrad Moots -	2 56	
twenty Ditto - - -	Phelding Atchison -	1 5	
the west side <sup>of peach trees</sup> on the river bank W <sup>m</sup> Wilkors -		0 9 4	
the remaind in same place James Rush -		1 24	
flax in a pen - - -	Glacia McCabe -	4 00	
five bushels of potatoes 61 Cents <del>per bushel</del> -		3 5	
per bushel - - -	Phillip Miele -	1 25	
two 1/2 bushels Ditto 50 Cents John Mineal -		1 25	
one Saw - - -	James Rush -	0 12 1/2	
Apple trees in a pen -	Conrad Moots -	8 40	
sixten Ditto - - -	John Mineal -	0 60	
two Set Steers 3 years old -	Joseph Bogart -	24 00	
one Spotted heifer - -	Richard Glaze -	8 75	
three years old Steers - -	Joseph Bogart -	24 50	
two Steers - - -	Joseph Bogart -	20 00	
one Spotted Cow - -	Joseph Bogart -	18 01	
a part in a Sain - - -	Conrad Moots -	1 00	
one Grinston - - -	Jesse Johnston -	0 60	
one Small kettle - -	Richard Glaze -	2 00	
one Dark Steer -	Phelding Atchison -	9 60	

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three Spoon, and tin Cup	Joseph Lane	400.50
one pair of Stillards	Conrad Moots	1.03
Six puter plates	Margaret Johnston	3.00
two Sheep	West Miller	4.00
two Sheep	West Miller	2.50
two Sheep	Joseph Lane	3.00
one Sow	Nicholas Linkswalter	2.30
the fowls	Joseph Morris	1.00
	John Barr C	
Seven Shoats	Jamus Reid	7.00
Seven Shoats	John Cleverin	5.25
one Barrow	Margaret Johnston	4.50
one Ditto	Margaret Johnston	4.50
one Sow Shoat	John Cleverin	0.81
one Sow	John Justice	1.50
one Harness & harness	Jesse Johnston	1.25
one heifer Calf	Samuel Atchison	4.00
one Spring Calf	Benjamin Caughvin	2.62 1/2
twenty one bushels Corn at 25 1/2 Cents		5.43
per bushel	William Walker	
one Wheel	Margaret Johnston	2.00
one Churn	John Cook	00.42
one Mare Colt	Nicholas Linkswalter	43.26
Blankets	Jesse Johnston	4
	Conrad Moots	10.45



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one Iron wedge,	Margaret Johnston	0.38
one Buckle	John M'neal	0.12 1/2
one Do. & half bushel	Margaret Johnston	0.91
one Iron pan	Margaret Johnston	0.51
one axe	Jesse Johnston	2.00
one churn	Margaret Johnston	0.37
one Gun	Benjamin Caughran	8.00
one grubbing hoe	James Ross	2.00
one Drawing knife	Nathan Finnam	0.51
one Saddle	Henry Zerner	3.64
one Jug	John Justice	0.28
one Handsaw	James Ross	2.09
one Sled	Jesse Johnston	1.00
one plough & tacklings	Jesse Johnston	10.00
one Logchain	Robert Vannickle	5.00
one white Sow	Nicholas Linkswiller	3.14
one Waggon	Daniel Vannickle	34.00
one Reel	Joseph Vannickter	0.84
one black Mare and Geers	Jesse Johnston	45.00
one pair of Geers	Richard Glaze	3.50
one Coffee pot	James Ross	0.59
one Calt	William Marquis	38.50
one Small haystack	Jesse Johnston	2.35
one haystack	Margaret Johnston	6.57 1/2
one Large haystack	Valentine Kieffer	9.25
two Chaise hogs in the pen	William Wilker	10.25
two Chaise breeding Sows	William Wilker	6.25
two Saffat hogs	George Melburn	7.20
ten Photos	Nicholas Linkswiller	13.00
four Sows	James Rush	13.05
the balance of Sows in the pen	George Melburn	16.60

Margaret Johnston September the 10<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Jesse Kent Judgment for the Plaintiff  
Doll Cts  
\$ 5 - 48 1/2

At the Copy Saml Edwards

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February the 8<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Received of John McNeal and West Miller  
Executors for the estate of Jesse Kent Deceased  
one Dollar & fifty Cents for Services as  
an Appraiser of property

Samuel Hill

December the 10<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Received of Jesse Kent By the hand of John McNeal  
two Dollars and thirty 3/4 Cents it being Cost of a Suit  
wherein Margaret Johnston was Plaintiff and Kent  
the Defendant

Saml Edwards

April 8 - 1806  
Received of John McNeal one Dollar and 50 Cents  
for proving Jesse Kents will by Em mor  
Box

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Received of

Received of John

December 21<sup>st</sup> 1805 Recd of John M<sup>l</sup> Neal Executor of  
the Estate of Jesse Hunt Deceased Five Dollars for  
services as Clerk at the Transfer of P<sup>r</sup> Estate  
for me - John Barr

February the 7<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Recd of John M<sup>l</sup> Neal and West Miller Executors for the  
Estate of Jesse Hunt Deceased £ 75 for services  
as an Appraiser of property James Martin

November 5<sup>th</sup> 1805  
Jesse Hunt Bought of Mr Henry Nevill By the Hands  
M<sup>l</sup> Wm Wilkin Sundry Goods to the Amount of £ 3..12..00  
Likewise for a Coffin - - - - - 1..16..00  
Rec<sup>d</sup> December 6<sup>th</sup> the Above Amount in full  
Of funeral Charges from John M<sup>l</sup> Neal & West Miller  
I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> By Mr Henry Nevill

December 10 1805 Recd of  
John M<sup>l</sup> Neal 50 Cents in full  
Jesse Hunt's County Tax for the  
present year for me Jas Lane  
Collector p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>l</sup> D

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December 14th 1906  
Received of John H. Hall on account of  
Jesse Kent's estate Two Dollars & thirty  
seven & half cents by me Henry ~~Ray~~ <sup>his son</sup> ~~Ray~~ <sup>month</sup>

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