

expected, that my nephew *John Wesley Ogden* of *Benjamin*, and my niece *Nancy Ogden* of *Stephen*, will be married to each other some time early this ensuing winter; therefore I give unto them the said *John Wesley Ogden* and *Nancy Ogden*, as joint tenants and to the survivor in fee simple, seven hundred acres of land in the State of Kentucky, it being a part of a tract of land, that I purchased from a certain *Philip Phillips*, out of his twenty-two thousand one hundred and seventy, on the north side of Green River, and to begin at the upper corner of said survey," &c. "I also give to them the said *John Wesley Ogden* and *Nancy Ogden*, as joint tenants and to the survivor in fee simple for ever, part of a tract of land lying and being in Baltimore county, and known by Taylor's Purchase, it being part of that part of Taylor's Purchase that I bought of the real estate of *William Lux*, and was deeded to me by *Samuel Moale*, Esqr. as trustee by order of the Honourable Chancellor, and to be strictly included within the following metes and bounds, courses and distances," &c. "But it is to be understood, and so my will is, that the said *John Wesley Ogden* and *Nancy Ogden*, shall not be entitled to the said part of Taylor's Purchase, except they shall pay, or cause to be paid, such debts or balances of such debts, and to such persons as I shall charge against her the said *Nancy Ogden*, and only charged and credited on the pages of this my will, and that in my own handwriting," &c. "And whereas I have had many services from *Amos Ogden* and *Nancy Ogden* and *Sarah Burket*, and to secure them in part for such services, I have given to them my bond for the conveyance of all my personal property as hereto annexed, and dated 1817," &c.

The marriage of *John W. Ogden* and *Nancy Ogden* was solemnized on the 25th of December, 1817, and they lived with their uncle until his death, which happened on the 10th of February following, without his having altered or revoked the will he had so made and published. The original letter of the 22d of May was received by *Benjamin Ogden*, to whom it was directed; and was sent by him to *John W. Ogden*, but miscarried, and has been lost. The copy now produced was seen in the hands of *John W. Ogden* as early as the month of August previous to his marriage; but how he obtained possession of it does not appear; it has been however proved to be an exact copy, and altogether in the handwriting of the late *Amos Ogden*.

The witnesses speak of the verbal declarations of the late *Amos Ogden* of his affection for his niece *Nancy*; of his intention to give