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MATHIAS MASTEN

ESTATE

1856

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

No ~~155~~, 63,

Mathias Master's
Estate.

Letters.

Issued 13 December 1856

David Master Executor

30. 40. 61. 82. 93. 115. 162. 181. 217. 233.
276. ~~307~~

~~10/11~~ 1857

Bond \$320,000



Jo Williams Security

David M.

Know all Men, That we, David Master
Jo Williams

are bound unto the State of Indiana in the penal sum of thirty two
hundred dollars, for the payment of which we jointly and severally
bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators. Sealed and dated the
13 day of December 1856

The Condition of the above Obligation is, That if the above bound
David Master shall faithfully
discharge the duties of his trust as executor of the last will of
Matthias Master deceased, according to law, then the
above obligation is to be void, else to remain in full force.

David Master 
Jo Williams 


SEAL

Approved by me, the 13 day of December 1856

John Irons
C. C. P. Hendricks County.

Matthew Mastin's Estate,

STATE OF INDIANA, Hendricks County, ss.

I, David Masten swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my trust as executor of the last will of Matthew Masten deceased, according to law, so help me God.

David Masten

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13 day of December 1856

John Irons
C. C. C. P. Hendricks C

STATE OF INDIANA, _____ County, ss.

I, _____ swear that I am worth over and above my indebtedness _____ dollars, as I believe, so help me God

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the _____ day of _____ 185 _____

C. C. C. P. _____ COUNTY.

STATE OF INDIANA, _____ County, ss.

I, _____ swear that I am worth over and above my indebtedness _____ dollars, as I believe, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the _____ day of _____ 185 _____

C. C. C. P. _____ COUNTY.

Filed in my Office 13
December 1856
John Irons Clerk

State of Indiana Hendricks County Oct.

I David Master, one of the
Executors named in the last will of Matthias Master
deceased. swear that the personal estate of said decedent
to be administered as now does not exceed, in value the
sum of sixteen hundred dollars and that John Master
the other executor named in said will relinquishes his
right to letters in said estate. and further saith not.

David Master
Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 13. Decr. 1856
John Gross Clerk

Matthias Master's
Estate.

Proof of Relinquishment
to letters

Filed in my Office 13
December 1856
John Irons Clerk

Matthias Maston's
Estate.

Will.

B

Filed in my Office
3 December 1856.

Copying Will 100
Recording 80

Be it remembered that I Mathias
Master ~~of~~ of Hendricks County
and state of Indiana being in health
and of a sound mind and memory Do this
the 16th day of the 11th mo, sixteenth day of
the eleventh month in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty three Do
make and ordain this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and making
void all former wills by me theretofore made
First it is my will that all my just debts
and funeral expenses be paid out of the first
money that comes in to my executors hands
of my estate

Item first I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Sarah all my clothing and house hold and
kitchen furniture for her to dispose of as she
may think best

Item there I give and bequeath ^{to} my son
Marion Master fifty dollars and one share
of my stock in the Terehute and Richmond rail
road

Item the Third I give and bequeath to my daughter
Mary Jinkens her bodily heirs seventy five
dollars

Item ^{4th} I give and bequeath to my son John
Master fifty dollars and one share of my
stock in the T H & R Railroad

Item fifth I give to my ^{Daughter} Sarah Bodenhammel
^{her heirs} seventy five dollars

Item sixth I give and bequeath to my son
Rubens Master fifty dollars and one
share in the T H & R Railroad

Item seventh I give and bequeath to my daughter
Charlotte Johnson ~~her~~ and her bodily heirs
fifty dollars and one share in the T H &
R Railroad

I then with I give and bequeath to my son
David Master one Share in the S W & B Railroad
also my waggon and ^{all} geering and harness
all my horses cattle sheep hogs and all
other property or means not mentioned in this
this will

And farther more it is my will that ~~my~~
~~that~~ my Executors shall sell forty acres of
land it being the North East quarter of South
& up of Section 7 T 14 North of Range 2 West
for as fair price as it will bring And the
amount of the above described land to be
equally divided between all my heirs namely
Narias my son my Daughter Mary Ginkins
heirs and John my son Sarah Boten Hammer
my Daughter Kuben my son Charlotte Janson
my Daughter David my son and I do hereby
constitute and appoint my sons John
Master and David Master my lawfull
Executors to this my last will and testament
in witness whereof I Mathias Master
do thereunto set my hand and seal the
day and my year above written signed
~~and~~ sealed acknowledged and delivered in
the of us whose names are thereunto
annexed

Marus Blair
John Edwards
William Greig

Mathias Master (Seal)

State of Indiana Hendricks County ss.

Be it known that on the third day of December AD 1856, Before me John Irons Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, personally appeared John Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing and who, on being by me duly affirmed upon his affirmations says that he saw Matthias Masten subscribe said instrument and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of executing such will he was considered competent to devise his property and not laboring under coercion or constraint from others and that he subscribed his name thereto as such witness at the request of said Testator, in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses.

John Edwards
Subscribed & Affirmed to before me this 3 December 1856

John Irons Clerk.

State of Indiana Hendricks County ss.

I John Irons Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County hereby Certify that the foregoing last will of Matthias Masten late of said County deceased has been duly admitted to Probate, and that said Will, together with the proofs of John Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, has been duly recorded at page _____ of Will Record No. 2, in my Office

Witness my name and the seal of said Court at Danville this the 3rd Day of December AD 1856,

John Irons Clerk

An inventory of the personal estate of Matthias
 Masten deceased taken by David Masten Executor
 and appraised by John Edwards & Jo Williams

Discription of property

Valuation
 of property

Property taken by the widow

Discription of property	Valuation of property	Property taken by the widow	Value
1 twelve hogs	\$ 27,00	1 two beds heading & headsteds	30,00
2 five head Cattle	43 00	2 2 plane chests	5,00
3 Six Sheep	11 00	3 one Clock	5,00
4 one mare	80 00	4 One Cupboard & ware	15,00
5 One oats Stack	12 00	5 three Tables	4,00
6 One hundred bushels Corn	30,00	6 three spinning wheels	3,00
7 twenty two bu ¹¹ wheat	22 00	7 Eleven Chairs	5,00
8 one note on J. W. Mallock - for amount due 15, 1856 for \$1,10,00 interest 5 89	1,15,89	8 two ovens two skillets two iron pots three kettles two tea kettles	5 80
9 one note on M G Hodley due Aug ³¹ 1856 for one hundred & fifty Dollars Int ¹¹ 3 90	153,90	9 Six milk Crops	20
10 one note on P D Hall for \$22,73 due Aug ¹¹ the 9 1855 Int ¹¹ 1 81	23,54	10 2 water buckets two Wash tubs	1 75
11 one note on Abner Edwards for 100,00 due Oct 29 1855 Int ¹¹ 4 00	107,00	11 all his wearing apparel	25 00
12 Money on hand 5,00,00	5,00,00	12 two sets fire dogs two pair tongs & shovel	2,00
13 one judgment on J. G. Kelley of 100,00 Int ¹¹ 10,00	110,00		
14 one wheat fan	5 00		
15 one Crass cut saw	2,50		
16 farming utensils	10 00		
17 Shop tools	5,00		
18 one lot of hay	17,50		
19 pork	14,50		

19) five shares of stock in the Terre Haute
& Richmond Rail Road Company \$275.00
One note on J. M. Green \$39.00 principal \$39.00
Due twelve months after date with Int. \$4.68
Int. from date dated Jan. 3

1855

Account on C. V. Newman of
\$14.53

\$14.53

An Inventory of the real estate of Matthias Marten deceased taken by said Executor and appraised by said appraisers

No	Description of real Estate	Valuation
	North east quarter (1/4) of South East quarter (1/4) Section (7) Seven Town fourteen, north of Range two west	\$ 800.00

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County }

We John Edwards and Joseph Williams affirm that we will honestly appraise the personal and real estate of Matthias Marten deceased which maybe exhibited to us and ~~so help us God~~ this is our affirmation

John Edwards }
Jo Williams } Appraisers

State of Indiana } subscribed and
Hendricks County } affirmed to before
me this 17th day of January 1857

John Keavin J. S.

Matthias Martens
Estate

Inventary of Real &
Personal Property

By John S. Clark
Filed in open court Feb
17. 1837
John S. Clark

State of Indiana } In the Hendricks Court of Common Pleas
Hendricks County } February Term 1837.

The undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Matthias Masten deceased would represent to the Court of Common Pleas of said County, that the decedent died the owner in fee simple of the following real estate situate in said County and State to wit the North East quarter of the South East quarter of section seven Township fourteen North of Range two West, and that said decedent in his last will and testament made the following provision, to wit;

"And further more it is my will that my executors shall sell forty acres of land, it being the North East quarter of South East quarter of section seven Township fourteen North of Range two West, for as fair a price as it will bring. And the amount of the above described land to be equally divided between all my heirs, namely Darius my son, my daughter Mary Jenkins's heirs, and John my son, Sarah Bodenhamer my daughter, Reuben my son, Charlotte Johnson my daughter, David my son."

And said executor would further represent to said Court that he believes that it would be to the advantage of the above named heirs to sell said lands at private sale & on such credits as the court may think proper. He therefore asks for an Order to sell such real estate. David Masten

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
17th day of February A.D. 1837,
John Cross clerk

In the Honorable Court of Com.
Recd. February Term 1837

No 113

Mathias Masters, Estate
David Master Executor

Petition to sell Real
Estate

Filed in open court
Feb. 19. 1837
John Evans clerk

The undersigned, David Masten executor of the
last will and testament of Matthias Masten
deceased would report to the Court of Common
Pleas of said County - that at the last term of
said Court, was ordered by said Court to sell at
private sale forty acres of land - the North East
quarter of South East quarter of Section seven Township
fourteen north of Range two west, which land was
to be sold by the provisions of the will of said decedent
and by said order said executor was required to report
at the present term thereof, And said executor
says that he has attempted to sell said land
but has not yet been enabled to sell said
land for the sum at which it has been appraised,
and asks that the cause may be continued
to enable him to make said sale as directed,

David Masten

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
19th day of May 1857,

John Dross Clerk

Matthias Master's Estate,

David Master Exr,

Report

Filed in open Court May 19.
1857
John Cross
Clerk.

Received of David Master Executor of
the last will of Matthias Master deceased
the sum of three Dollars & 50 cents
for said Decedent

Lewis Cath

22369

Received of David Master, Executor of the
Estate of Matthias Master two Dollars
and fifty cents for advertising for
said Estate

W. C. Green

By W. H. H. Lewis

Dec. 13, 1856

No 13

Lewis Orth

\$3.83-

L. Orth

No 14

W. C. Green

Printers fee

\$2.50

Printer

No. [redacted]

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Danville, Ind., Feb. 25, 1858.

Received of Matthias Masten

One Dollar and 62 cents, in

full of State, County, School, Township, Specific School, Library, Sinking Fund and Road Tax, for the year 1857, on Poll and Personal property, and on

N E 1/4 S E 1/4 Sec. 7 T. 12 N R 2 W.

D. B. South Treasurer of Hendricks Co.

No. [redacted]

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Danville, Ind., Dec. 2, 1856.

Received of Matthias Masten the sum of

Eight Five dollars, 91 cts in full for

State, County, School, Township, Specific School, Library, Sinking Fund and Road Tax, for the year 1856, on Poll and Personal

Property, and on ~~E 1/2 N 1/4 S 31, S. 15 R 2 W, N E 1/4 S E 1/4~~
57 1/4 R 2 W.

\$857 10.33

N. J. Haelley Treasurer of Hendricks Co.
By Jas. Burdett

No 10

M. J. Hadley

\$1.62

Jan

1862

No 12

Jan

Cats) Crabtown Hondix Co. Ind

Received of David Masten Executor of the
will of ~~David~~ ~~the~~ Matthias ~~A~~ Masten Dec
the sum of twenty Dollars on the 10 of January 1857
for one sett of Gravestones John Downey & Brothers

Received of David Masten
two dollars and fifty cents being
the medical account of Matthias
Masten (deceased) in full
Nov. 12th 1856
A. S. Dair

No 15

Rowley H Bro

\$20

J. Downey

No 11

A. W. Adams

\$2.50

of W. Adams

Received of David Master Executor of the last
will and testament of Mathias Master deceased
one hundred and eighty one dollars and ~~88~~ cents
and one share of rail road stock the same being
in full of my interest and portion of the
estate of said testator both real and personal
bequeathed to me as appears from his last will
and testament given under my hand this
the 23^d day of December 1858

John Master

January 19th 1859

Received of David Master Executor of
last will and testament of Mathias
Master dec. forty eight ~~18~~ Dollars the same
being in full of our ¹⁰⁰ interest and
portion of the estate of said testator both
real and personal bequeathed to us as
appears from his last will and testament
given under our hands

Mathias Master
guardian of ~~the~~ ~~estate~~

Eliza and of Stephen Wedgewood heirs of Mary Jenkins dec
By their attorney in fact John Master

No 2

John Maitland

To

David Maitland

Receipt #231.28

No 9

Eliza # Thos. Hedgcock

To

Dr. Maitland

Receipt for \$48.18.

Mell,

January 19th 1859

Received of David Masten Executor of
the last will and testament of Matthias
Masten deceased fifty ^{dollars} ~~eighty~~ ^{eighty} ~~seventy~~ the
same being in full of ^{my} ~~our~~ interest and
portion of the estate of said testator both
real and personal bequeathed to us as
appears from his last will and testament
given under our hands

Sarah Jenkins
Mary Jenkins

By their attorney in fact John Masten

Received of David Masten Executor of
the last will and testament of Matthias
Masten deceased forty eight dollars
and 10 cents the same being in full
of my interest and portion of the
estate of said testator both real
and personal bequeathed to me as
appears from his last will and testament
given under my hand and seal

this the 23rd dy of December 1858

W^m J Jenkins

Heir of Mary Jenkins decd,
by his attorney in fact John Masten

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Sarah Pentland &
Mary Pentland
of

David Martin

Receipt for \$8.87

S. H. M. J.

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Sarah Pentland &
Mary Pentland
of

David Martin

Receipt for \$8.87

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Received of David Master Executor of
the last will and testament of Mathias
Master dec: one hundred eighty one
dollars & 8 cents and one share of Rail
Road Stock the same being in full of
our intrest and portion of the estate of
said testator both real and personal
bequeathed to us as appears from his last
will and testament given under our
hands this 23 of December 1856

Morgan B. Johnson
Charlotte Johnson

Received of David Master Executor of
the last will and Testament of Mathias
Master Deceased thirty seven Dollars and
fifty cents in part of the legacy in the last
will and testament of said Mathias Master
~~to the Heirs~~ for Sarah and Mary Jenkins heirs
of (Mary Jenkins Deceased) & say received by
me Darius Master
Attorney for said Heirs
this March 14th 1857.

no 3 -
Charlotte Johnson
Margaret Johnson
Et
David Mullen

Receipt for \$23.28

C.D.

no 7
Sarah Jenkins
Mary Jenkins
To
D. Mullen

Receipt for \$37.50

James Mullen

Mathias Mastins Estate

Recd. 28 Jan. 1859 of David Mastin
Twenty one dollars 87 cents in full of the court fees in
said Estate

John Irons clerk

Danville Ind. Jan 28. 1859

Received of David Mastin Executor of the last
will &c of Mathias Mastin Dec \$28. in full
for our fees as atty in the settlement of said
Estate.

Wm Switzer

January 19th 1859

Received of David Mastin Executor of the
last will and testament of Mathias Mastin
dec one hundred and ninety two dollars and seven
seven cents the same being in full of our
interest and portion of the estate of said testator
both real and personal bequeathed to us as
appears from his last ~~will~~ will and testam
ent given under hand

Sarah Badenhamer
Joseph Badenhamer

By these attorneys in fact John Mastin

No 187

John Jones

\$ 21.87

Nov 19

Wm Matthews
Post

3

Sarah Bodenhamer

Joseph Bodenhamer

Le

David Mullis

Receipt for \$192.77

S. B.

Received of David Master Executor of
the last will of Matthias Master deceased
the sum of Eight Dollars & cents, for
Coffin for said decedent,
Dec 13th 1856
for Medical Service
Charles X Green signed
mark

Receipt of David Master Executor of
the last will and testament of Matthias
Master dec^d one hundred eighty one dollars
& 8 cents and one share of Rail Road
Stock the same being in full of my
interest and portion of the estate of said
testator both real and personal bequeathed
to me as appears from his last will and
testament given under my hand
this 24th of December 1856
Rubin D. Master

Charles Green

\$ 8.00

C. Green

No 4

Benben. J. Wallis

So

David Wallis

Receipt for \$231.08

R. S. Wallis

December 23^d 1858

Received of David Masten Executor
of the estate of Matthias Masten deceased
one hundred and fifteen dollars and 77 cents
in full of my interest and portion of
the said testator both real and personal
bequeathed to me as appears from his last
will and testament given under my
hand ~~by~~ Darius Masten
by John Masten his attorney in fact

Received of David Masten Executor of
the last will and testament of Matthias
Masten Deceased in part sixty five Dollars
and fifty cents and one share of Capital stock
in the T. H. R. R. Company the same being
in part of my Legacy in said estate
this March 14th 1857 Darius Masten

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Darius Maddens
&
L.

H. Maddens

Receipt \$231.28

D. Maddens

Received of David Martin one of the Executors
of the last will, of my late husband Matthias
Martin, deceased, the following articles, to wit,
all the clothing, household and kitchen furniture
of the testator of which he died in possession,
consisting of the following items, to wit,

- 1 Two beads beading & beaded
- 2 Two plane Chests
- 3 one Clock
- 4 one Cupboard & Cupboard ware
- 5 three Tables
- 6 three Spinning wheels
- 7 Eleven Chairs
- 8 two ovens two Skillets two iron pots 3 kettles 2 Tea kettles
Six milk Crock
Two water buckets two washing tubs
all his wearing apparel
two set fire dogs two pair tongs & shovels

the same being in full of my interest and portion
of the estate of said testator both real and personal
bequeathed to me as appears from his last will
and testament, the 20th day of December
AD 1856,

Witness my hand
at New York
the 20th day of December
1856

Sarah J. Martin
mark

Widows Receipt

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County }

David Masten
Executor of the last will and testament of
Machias Masten, deceased, would respectfully
report to the Court of Common Pleas of Hendricks
County, that in pursuance of a provision in
the said last will of said decedent, and of
an Order of said Court made at the February
Term thereof, he proceeded on the 14th day of
July AD 1857, to sell at private sale the real
estate of said decedent, to wit: The North East
Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section
Seven, Township Fourteen North, of Range
Two West, to William Crews for the sum
of Eight hundred dollars, that being the
full amount to which said lands were
appraised and the highest and best
bid offered for the same, and took from
the said Crews for the purchase money
thereof his three several promissory
notes, each for two hundred and sixty six
dollars and sixty six cents, one payable
in six months, one in twelve, and the other
in eighteen months thereafter, And said
~~Executor~~ asks the Court to confirm
the sale aforesaid. David Masten

David Masten being sworn in open court
says that the above report by him subscribed
is true.
David Masten

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of
August 1857,
Solus Irons Clerk
Court of Com Pleas. H County.

Mathias Mastens
Estate

David Masten Ex^r

Report of Sale of
Land by Ex^r

Filed in open court
Aug. 11. 1857
John Cross clerk

I, David Masten, Executor of the last will and testament of Matthias Masten, deceased, report to the Court of Common Pleas of Hendricks County, the following final Settlement Account.

I am Chargeable with amount of Sale of Real Estate by order of this Court and directions of the Testators will

	\$ 800.00
Two Shares of Terre Haute & Richmond R Road Stock. at \$50. pr Share	350.00
Dividend Stock on Same	30.00
Dividends on Said R R Stock	17.50
Amount of Money Specified in will to heirs	350.00
Rent of land year 1836	14.00
" " " 1837	12.00
	\$1493.50

Of which amount I am entitled by the provisions of the Testators will to one seventh part arising from said land & its rents \$ 118.00

Also to one 5th part of the above railroad stock—

	63.30
	181.50
which deducted leaves me to acct for	\$ 1312.00

I claim Credits as follows for amounts by me paid out to the legatees of Said Testator in pursuance of the directions of the will.

No 1.	Amount paid to, Darius Masten	\$ 231.28
" 2.	" " " John Masten	231.28
" 3.	" " " Sarah Bodenhamer	192.77

104	Amount paid Reuben S. Masten	\$231.28
" 3	" " Charlotte Johnson	231.28
647	" " Sarah Jenkins & Mary Jenkins heirs children of Mary Jenkins dec'd	96.37
8.	Amount paid William P Jenkins heirs of Mary Jenkins dec'd	48.48
9.	Aiza Hedgecock & Phoebe Hedgecock children & heirs at law of Phoebe Hedgecock a daughter of said Mary Jenkins dec'd	48.18.
104	Taxes on Land for year 1857	1.62
	Whole amount paid out to said Legacies in full of their Legacies	\$1312.25
	which shows an over payment of ten Legacies & twenty five cents.	

And said Executor reports the following amounts by him expended in and about the administration of said estate.

No 11	Amount paid A.W. Adair Physicians bill	\$ 2.50
" 12	" " D.B. South Taxes	3.91
" 13	" " Lewis orth	3.83
" 14	" " Wm C. Green	2.50
" 15	" " Downey Mrs. Granite Stones	20.00
" 16	" " Charles Green	8.00
" 17	" " Hare & Wetherow Atty fees	25.00
	In all the sum of	\$ 67.76
" 18	" " John Irons Currs fees	21.81
	In all the sum of,	\$ 89.57

And said Executor also files herewith the receipt of Sarah Masten widow of

of said testator, for and in full of her interest and
portion of the estate of said testator both real & personal
bequeathed to her by said testator —

All of which contains a full statement of all
the estate of the decedent for which I am chargeable
with the credits to which I am entitled,

And said Executor further reports to said court
that he has fully settled up said estate according
to the provisions of the said will. and now
prays to be discharged,

David Masten Executor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day
of January 1839,

John Cross clerk

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Hendricks Co.,

Mathias Martin's
Estate

Executors Final
Account

Filed in open court
15 Feb. 1839
John Emmett

Crane & Wetherill

MATHIAS MASTEN

ESTATE

1856

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA