

## **Will of Joseph Crenshaw**

This document is a digitized image of the will of Joseph Crenshaw, which at the time of its discovery provides evidence of James Crenshaw's (~1746-~1813) father. Previously, James' father was designated Charles Edwin Crenshaw and his mother, Sarah Bacon. However, the genealogical community at the current time has viewed this designation with considerable skepticism. However, this fact is widely found in documents that are currently available. This will, if it can be substantiated, appears to name Joseph Crenshaw as James' father. A xerographic copy of the document was provided by Brenda Shaw (P.O. Box 1013, Ft. Washington, KY 40047). Brenda received the document from a Bullit Co., KY area historian, Tom Pack, among papers associated with Bullit Co., KY (in a box or file) while undertaking research in Frankfort, KY. The exact location is still unclear at the time that this image was digitized.

A transcription of this will can be found at the following source: Message by Brenda Woods, "Re: Crenshaw," kybrenda@aol.com (PO Box 1013, Mt. Washington, KY ), listserv message to KyCrenshaw list <KyCRENSHAW@onelist.com>, 10 Aug 2001.

E. Bryan Crenshaw III  
22 Mar 2002

Virginia Hanover County to wit I William Pollard Clerk of the Court of  
 the said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript  
 from the Records of the said County Court of Hanover

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand &  
 affixed the seal of the said County the twenty fourth day of  
 June One thousand eight hundred & fourteen

William Pollard

do hereby certify that the above attestation is in due form  
 my hand the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1844

Wm O Winston

For Crenshaw's bill

A Copy

1906  
 317 - 6625  
 39 - 80  
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 Pay \$2.56 Cents p. by  
 May Street for Chs  
 Crenshaw - fee for copy  
 52 Cents

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In the name of God Amen.

Joseph Crenshaw of the County of Hanover and parish of St. Paul, being of sound mind memory and health, which I thank God for, do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say, I recommend & give my soul to the almighty God that first gave it to me and my body to the Earth after my Death to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner by my Executors hereafter mentioned, not doubting but at the general resurrection to receive the same again by the same divine power that gave it to me. And touching my worldly goods which it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in manner & form following after all my just debts are paid. Imprimis. I lend unto my son James for & during his natural life one negroe man named Besar, one negroe woman named Phebe and her future increase & also one negroe child named Sucky. Her increase at his death to be equally divided between the six children my son James has now living, names as follows, Joel Crenshaw, Overton Crenshaw, Cosby Crenshaw, Nelson Crenshaw, Blueford Crenshaw, & Patsy Crenshaw to them and their heirs forever. Item I give to the Children of my son William Crenshaw (vizt) Meridith Crenshaw, Patsy Crenshaw, & Nancy Crenshaw one hundred pounds Current money to be laid out in land or negroes or any other thing at the discretion of my Executors and to be paid to them when either come to the age of twenty one years or marrys which hundred pounds to be equally divided among the three children. Item I give to my son Charles Crenshaw four hundred and fifty acres of Land by the lines as they now stand to him and his heirs lawfull heirs male & female forever provided he should have such heirs, if not his widow if such left shall have the privilege of the land during her being his widow. The three hundred acres of Land the lower part joining David Crenshaw laid off by Joseph Goodman. I desire that my son Charles may have the privilege of having for three hundred pounds if he should not chuse to take it at that it is my desire the said land should be set up to the highest Bidder among my four children

James, Charles, Francis & Sarah. It is also my desire that the house  
plantation that I now live in should be included in the above number  
four hundred & fifty acres. I also I lend to my said son Charles  
negroes (vnt) Isaac, Nan, & Hannah, with all their increase. At  
death the negroes and their increase as I solent my son James  
to be equally divided amongst his children in case he should have  
any lawfully begotten of his body: if otherwise It is my desire that  
widow should possess them quietly so long as she remains living.


At her death or widowhood that estate & increase to be equally  
divided among my son James Crushaw, Francis Collier & Sarah  
Priddy's children. It is also my desire that my s<sup>r</sup> son Charles should  
have my Smith's Tools him & his heirs forever. Item I lend unto  
daughter Frances Collier sixty five pounds which I paid for a  
man named Gilbert and one negro woman named Milley and all  
increase in lieu of Land. I likewise lend unto my said son

Francis Collier the full consideration money for which he bought  
Thomas Collier by my approbation & consent he sold a negro man  
named Cate which s<sup>r</sup> negro I lent & delivered into the possession  
of my said daughter Frances Collier. I also one negro (Bob) I  
likewise lend my said daughter forty pounds or a negro  
of the age of about ten years for & during the life of my said daughter  
and at her death the same to be divided between all  
the children of my said daughter.

Item I lend unto my daughter Sarah Priddy  
two negroes (vnt) Hagar and David and all their  
increase in lieu of Land and also I lend unto my said daughter  
Sarah Priddy two negroes (Flora & Milley) and their  
increase and likewise I lend my said daughter forty pounds  
or a negro of the age of about ten years for and during the  
life of my said daughter and her husband John Priddy.

death I leave that estate to be equally divided between all the children of my said Daughter Priddy and her present Husband to them and their heirs forever. All the remains of my estate, let it consist in whatsoever it may I lend to be equally divided between my four Children James Crenshaw, Charles Crenshaw, Frances Collier, and Sarah Priddy for and during their natural lives and at their deaths and the death of John Priddy all the said estate so lent I desire it should be equally divided between all the children of the said James, Charles, Francis Collier, & Sarah Priddy and their heirs forever. Lastly I do appoint my son Charles Crenshaw and my son in law John Priddy Executors of this my last will and Testament and do hereby revoke all and every other will or wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have here fixed my hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1789

Sealed & Signed

Jo<sup>s</sup> Crenshaw 

in presence of  
Fortunatus Sydnor  
John Crenshaw  
Jeremiah Gilmer

At a Court held for Hanover County on Thursday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May 1792. This last will & Testament of Joseph Crenshaw deceased was offered to proof by Charles Crenshaw an Executor therein named and was proved by the oath of John Crenshaw a witness thereto. And at a Court continued ~~held for the said County on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the~~ same month and year the said will was further proved by the oath of Jeremiah Gilmer another witness thereto and also by the oath of the said Executor & ordered to be recorded.

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William Pollard Clerk