

Letters of Administration on the estate of Valentine Kern dec'd
 At a Special Court of Common Pleas held at W. Clairsville
 in and for the County of Belmont on the 8th day of February in the
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three
 before Edward Bryson Joseph Anderson and John Wiley Esquires
 Associate Judges of said Court

Upon application the Court do appoint Daniel Berry admin-
 istrator over all and singular the goods and chattels rights and
 credits monies and effects of Valentine Kern late of Belmont County
 deceased upon his entering into bond with security in the sum
 of Three hundred and fifty dollars conditioned for the faithful
 performance of his trust, and William Frost and Daniel Fran-
 inger being offered as securities are accepted by the Court -
 Whereupon the Court do order that Letters of Administration do
 issue to the said Daniel Berry the administrator aforesaid
 and the Court do appoint Henry Close, James Woods & Thomas
 Smith appraisers to appraise the personal property of the said dec'd

Administrator sworn in open Court
 The State of Ohio Belmont County ss
 I, Ezra Ellis clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said
 County do Daniel Berry greeting

Letters of Administration

Whereas Valentine Horn late of said County deceased died intestate and whilst he lived and at the time of his death did possess certain goods and chattels rights and credits monies and effects, & trusting in your care and fidelity I Ezer Ellis clerk as aforesaid, do by these presents unto by order of said Court commit unto you full power and authority over all and singular the goods and chattels rights & credits monies and effects of the said deceased well and truly to dispose of the same according to Law as also to ask gather receive and receive all and every debt and credit whatsoever of the said deceased which to him whilst he lived and at the time of his death did appertain. You are also to pay and discharge all and singular the debts due and demands which the said deceased at the time of his death (including his funeral expences) stood bound to pay according to the Laws of this State so far as the goods and chattels rights and credits monies and effects come to your hands as will enter and for that purpose you are to call on each creditor of the deceased by public advertisement to exhibit to you their several lawful claims within one year from this date. You are also to make out a true and correct Inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels of the said deceased and have the same appraised by Henry Chase James Meigs and Thomas Smith appraisers appointed by the Court and exhibit the same together with a correct list of the rights and credits monies and effects of the said deceased to the said Court at the next term. You are also to make out a true and accurate account of your administration upon oath or affirmation and return the same to the said Court within one year from this date unless further time is granted by the Court for that purpose. And also by order of said Court ordain constitute and appoint you the said Daniel Perry administrator over all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits monies and effects of the said Valentine Horn deceased.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at St. Clairville the 21st day of February any 1832
Ezer Ellis Clk