

Am. Continued

John Shaw to action there ready in fact

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This is Am. of fact and also the Administrator having been
in this billThe Am. Settlements are to be a true bill
by me. John Shaw Am. B.

Shelby County Sec.

The Am. Charles Clarke personally appeared
before me the undersigned and made oath that the account is
a true statement of the state of the Estate of John Shaw dec'd
under my hand the 15th day of March 1817

John Clarke

Shelby County Sec.

March County Court 1817

The within Inventory and account of sales
made this day produced in Court and examined and
approved and ordered to be recorded

At James Craig Sec.

John Allen of Shelby County do make this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all others by me heretofore made I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Jane
Allen my brother William, Thomas D. Howard, William Logan and my brother Joseph
Allen Executors of this my last will and testament I appoint them my
sole Guardians of my Children without the necessity of giving security
I demand how ever that she should manage her power during a married state
shall cease both as an Executor Guardian or as she has an undoubted confidence
in her and I am unwilling to revoke the like confidence in a husband
who should have a right to control her in case of the death or
intermarriage of my wife the Guardianship of my Children shall
devolve on my father or each of them that qualify in and this will
the Executor of my Children shall much as he or she shall desire
attend to my home plantation farming of lands stock of household
with such of the Slaves as she shall choose to retain I set apart
for the home use of my wife during life and of my Children during
her trial to be out of them with the like in view of the
the House which I have commenced such further according
to Contract than made and as directed

Of my Executors the executors shall have power to sell convey
lands to settle debts by compromise or otherwise but shall account
both as to real and personal Estate in Case sales should be found beyond
the home place South till the last I would like the most valuable and
convenient of my lands to be retained longest for the use of my children
and as I am not aware of being much in debt or in debt
granted out of my building and I am in them to be sacrificed and
be stock enough to out a like the home place not to be
but to be in entire until the possession of one of my children
must likely to retain it taking care that such child should
be under equitable cultivation as to value taking into view
also the hope for the period at the death of my wife when such
possession may pass to such child It is my wish that my child
has an equal a distribution and a division of my Estate as they
be found convenient having power in my will to divide lands
by each day different time as they shall find most convenient
not as proper time in the belief that my children will have
use for their separate property and in the division my Executors
may equalize any difference in value of real Estate by giving
personal Estate to a proper rent and that giving apart to
one child shall not necessarily require a division of the whole
should the wife be with child such child shall be considered within
the provision of this will and a child to be alone and likely to retain
the home place should like him to have a preference in getting it but the title
at the discretion of my Executors the child who shall eventually have
the home place shall not be considered as excluded from other
property during the life of my wife which might prove very inconvenient
nor but my wife and my Executors shall have a discretion as to
to make a disposition of the child to have a share of the plantation
should the wife commit child and also other property
apart of my estate during time or for proper time or time or shall be found
more convenient to pay any over proportion which may be
occasioned by having the home place after the death of
my wife and it is understood that any distinction or gift
to have to any of my Children of the property shall be a gift
shall not be taken by marriage but shall come in a married

