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 Dunbar County I know all men before whom these presents may
 come that of William Nelson of said State and
 county being of sound disposing mind and memory, though yet
 feeble in body and knowing that in all an appointment to me
 do much distress and remain in the hands of these Negroes,
 this to be my last Will and Testament in the words following, I give

1st I give to my Wife Mary Nelson so long as she may live
 the following, the whole tract of land where I now reside ad
 joining Mr. McWade on the South Adams Meers with a
 1st Well and Wellers side on the N. E. and S. also the follow-
 ing slaves, Ben and Anne my, Tom, Little Henry, Big Henry
 and George boys - Hannah and Liza women and their children
 also my son Neph Mary Nelson to select herself a though
 a fund as much of the household & kitchen furniture
 & valuable tools carriages of every description, stock of every
 kind provisions of every description and money to pay the
 just debts & expenses out of what I may have at the time
 of my death.

2nd It is my will and desire that my son James
 Nelson shall superintend his Mother's affairs so long as
 they both may live he being allowed a fair & equitable
 compensation for his services out of the crops that may
 be made on the place.

3rd It is my Will that the balance of my
 slaves & children in number and all the balance of my
 perishable property if any and wool of cotton if unable to
 sold on a credit of twelve months and after paying all my
 just debts and the item in the first clause of this my Will
 the residue to be divided in the following manner to wit
 to be equally divided in to four shares 1st to my eldest
 son James Nelson one share to my third son Stephen Nelson
 one share to my son James Nelson in trust for my eldest
 Daughter Mary Meador and to her heirs and to the four

me to have the use of the same so long as she may live
and also to my son James so long as he lives and to
my youngest daughter Sarah & Chamber and to
my wife and to the issue she to have the use of the
same and as she may have one share for each several
share and of the four copies for which she shall
be indebted for the benefit that she to receive or cause
to be made a gift and her return at valuation all the
share she receive from me either as a gift or loan, or
the same return, and all share in the hands of my wife
or the same return, and all share after my death, and the same
share within twelve months after my death, and the same
share a part of one share, and in case either shall
refuse or refuse to make her return they shall have
no share in the part granted to be given.

And it is my Will that my two daughters
Mary White and Sarah Chamber shall enjoy the right
of dower and purchasing negroes at the sale and purchase
and other should purchase more than will make an equal
share my son James to whom it is given in trust may
have the same to be sold so as to make an equal
division

And I have given nothing in this my Will to my second
son John - having given him all I own and sold for him
before he died, and to the State of Alabama

And it is my Will that all the property of every kind
I own that I have left for the use of my Wife Mary White
that may remain at her death together with the increase
be sold, and the proceeds be equally divided in to
four equal shares as follows one share to James White my
first son & his heirs one share to my third son James White
and his heirs one share to James White in trust for my
dearest daughter Mary White and her heirs and one share
one share to James White in trust for my youngest
daughter Sarah Chamber and to her heirs and
to be done and one share to Edward White fourth
son & his heirs and one share

Edward White & his heirs to divide equally and declare James
White my eldest and eldest son my third son to be my heir
and his heirs and to say in & effect this my last Will
and Testament hereby making all other in confirmation of the
same & I have caused my name to be written and have made my
mark in presence of these witnesses

Witness this 15th day of December 1851

William H. White
Mark

John White

William White

William White

John White

Georgia Superior Court January term 1852 for Chancery
County Georgia

Personally appeared in this Court John White
John White & William White the witnesses to the within Will
who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw
William White sign and publish and declare the afore-
said instrument to be and contain his last Will and Tes-
tament and that he was of sound disposing mind and
memory at the time of executing the same that he executed the
same freely & without compulsion so far as we know or
have heard that the same is contained in the three foregoing
pages and that we regard the same as authentic in the
presence of the testator & in the presence of each other

Given to & Subscribed in our Court this January 15th
1852

Attest

Wm. D. White C. C.

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