

George Galphin, whose will is on file at Abbeville, S. C.,
(and a copy follows in these pages) was one of the early Indian Traders
of South Carolina & Georgia. He was styled "A Merchant Prince of the
Georgia Forest."

His home was at Silver Bluff, S. C., on the left bank of the
Savannah River about 25 miles below the present Augusta.

Through charge accounts at his Trading Post, the Indians
became indebted to Galphin to the sum of \$45,000. The Treaty of
Augusta in 1773 provided that land should be taken from the Indians,
and the Indian debts paid to the Traders. Before Galphin's claim was
paid, however, the Revolutionary War came and he took the side of the
Colonists. The British promised to pay his claim if he would become a
Tory, but he preferred independence.

George Galphin died in 1782 and his wife died in
1795.

His sons kept pressing the claim, but Galphin had been dead
55 years before it was finally settled. Judging from the bequests in
his will, Galphin must have died rich in both land and worldly goods,
even without his Indian claim.

The old Town near Louisville Georgia was named Galphinton
for George Galphin.

See caveat of John & George Galphin Feb. 23-1784,

Louise F. Hays.

GEORGE GALPHIN'S WILL

Endorsement on cover of the Packet:

"The Last Will and Testament of George Galphin, Gent. Deceased.
Dated 1778. Probated in the Ordinary's Office the 6th. of April A. D. 1782.
Recorded in Book AB, from pages 14 to 26."

Note by E. G. Boyd:

This statement of the date is
an error; the body of the will was drawn in 1776. Book AB is apparently
lost. The following copy was made from the original will at Abbeville,
from the badly torn and broken pages, in March, 1925. Filled with the will
are a voluminous mass of papers, which the transcriber did not have time to
open. The will has also a long codicil, or codicils, revoking certain be-
quests.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

In the name of God, Amen: I, George Galphin, of the Province aforesaid,
Gentleman, do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form follow-
ing:

First: It is my will that all and every the Legatees herein after named
or mentioned who are not already Free shall from this time immediately after
my Death be and remain forever free and discharged from all and all Manner of
Slavery and Bondage, particularly I will that my Mulatto Girl named Barbara
be free and I do hereby give her her freedom. ALSO I give to my Mulatto Girl,
Rachel and Betsey (Daughters of a Mulatto Woman named Sapho) their Freedom:
ALSO, I give to my half-breed Indian Girl, Rose (Daughter of Nitshukey) her
freedom, and also Five Cows and Calves and two Mares and Colts, and my Will
is that they severally shall be forever free and discharged from all bondage
and slavery. ALSO, I give and devise to Thomas Galphin, Son of Rachel
Dupree, all my household Furniture and Plate and Ten Mares and Colts and all
the riding Horses belonging to his and his sister's Cowpen on Ogeechee, with
the half of all the stock of cattle at Ogeechee aforesaid with his and his
sister's Mark and Brand, likewise all Cattle and Horses with his own Mark
and Brand. ALSO, I give and devise to the said Thomas, son of the said
Rachel Dupree (without impeachment or waste) for and during the term of his
natural life the Use, Occupation and Enjoyment of my Grist Mill and Sawmill
Situate, lying and being on the North Side of Town Creek, together with all
the Land on the Same Side of the Said Creek, containing about One thousand
Acres. ALSO, the use of my ... use with Four Hundred Acres of Land belong-
ing to it and all the Improvements thereon Situate in the Province of South
Carolina. ALSO, the use of all the Land from Mr. Shaw's lower line upon the
Savanna River at the Spanish Cutoff down the said River to McGillvery's low-
er Line, containing about One thousand three hundred Acres in the Province
of Georgia. ALSO, one tract of Land on the outside of the Swamp in the said
Province of Georgia which I bought from James McHenry. ALSO, Two thousand
Acres of Land of the Ceded Land in ----- he may chuse that belong-----
may belong to me. ALSO Three hundred and fifty Acres of Land upon Ogeechee
which I bought of Patrick Dennison. ALSO, a Tract of Land in the Beck Swamp
in the said Province of South Carolina, containing four hundred Acres, all
without Impeachment of Waste. ALSO, the use and Labour of the following
slaves (that is to say), Peter sisom and his Wife ninny their Children and
future Issue, Cato his Wife Bess, their Children and future Issue, Sye (a negro
man), Jos and Cornelia, his wife, their Children and future Issue, Kelly,

Tom, his Wife Lucy, their children and future Issue, Michal, his Wife Sarah, their Children and future Issue, Cosse, his Wife Betty, their Children and future Issue, Durham, his Wife Celia, their Children and future Issue, Good-fellow (a negro man), Sarah I had of James DeVeaux, their Children and future Issue, Little Frank (a Mustee Boy), Davey (a Negro Man), Pompey and his wife Sarah and Issue, Rachel (Friday's Wife) her Children and future Issue.

AND upon the death of the said Thomas I give McGill's (or my Will is?)—
— Brick house and all the said Lands and Slaves with their future Issue unto the Child or Children of the said Thomas that shall be then living in such part and Proportions and for such Estate and Estates and at and under such Limitations and Restrictions and Contingencies as he the said Thomas shall by his last Will and Testament in Writing, or by any deed by him to be duly executed in his Lifetime direct, limit or appoint, and for want of such direction, limitation and appointment I give and bequeath the said McGill's (Mills) House, Lands and Slaves and their Issue to and amongst all and every of the children of the said Thomas that shall live to come of Age or have Issue, to be equally divided among them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever as Tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants, and if but one Child of the said Thomas shall live to come of Age or have Issue, then to that Child alone and to his Heirs and assigns forever. ALSO, I give and bequeath to Martha Galphin (Daughter of the said Rachel Dupee) for and during the term of her natural Life, without Impeachment of Waste, the Use of Two Tracts of Land containing five hundred Acres each, situate, lying and being in McRae's (?) above Augusta in the province of Georgia. ALSO the use of two lots of Land in Augusta. ALSO, Fifty acres of Land in Augusta which I bought of John Joachim Zubly, where Gray lives, with all the Improvements thereon. ALSO, one Tract of Land on the Outside of the Swamp I bought of Wade, Joining McHenry's Land in the said Province of Georgia. ALSO, two Thousand Acres of the Ceded Land in any part where she may — that belongs or may belong to me, all without Impeachment of Waste. ALSO, I give and devise unto the said Martha ten Horses and Seven Mares with the half of all the Stock of Cattle at Ogeechee aforesaid with her and her Brother's Mark and Brand, and likewise all Cattle and Horses with her own Mark and Brand. ALSO, the use, Work and Labour of the following Slaves, (that is to say), Dick, his Wife Cleranda, their Children and future Issue; Billy, his Wife Dina, their Children and future Issue; Deborah and her future Issue; Jemima, her Children and future Issue; Gwine Tom, his Wife Juba, their Children and future Issue — Trump, his Wife Tine, their Children and future Issue; French Peter, his Wife Silvia, their Children and future Issue, and little Jacob. And upon the death of the said Martha I give all the said several Tracts and lots of Land last above mentioned unto the Child or Children of the said Martha, together with the last mentioned Slaves and their Issue that shall upon such contingency be living in Such Way and Manner, Parts and Proportions and for such Estate and Estates and at and under such Contingencies, Limitations and Restrictions as the said Martha shall by her last Will and Testament in writing, or other writing by her duly executed direct, limit and appoint; and for want of such Direction and Limitation and Appointment I give and bequeath the said several Tracts and Lots of Land last above mentioned, and the said last named Slaves and their Issue and Increase to and among all and every the Children of the said Martha that shall live to come of Age or have Issue, to be equally divided amongst them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. And if but one Child of the said Martha shall live to come of Age, or have Issue, then to that Child alone and his or her Heirs and

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ALSO, I give to George, the Son of Metawney (an Indian woman) Ten Horses and Seven Mares with the one third of all the Stock of Cattle with his own or his sister, Judith's and brother John's Mark and Brand, wheresoever they may be found, likewise all Cattle and Horses with his own Mark and Brand. ALSO, I give and bequeath unto the said George for and during the term of his natural life without impeachment of Waste the Use of the Old Brick House with one hundred Acres of Land whereon it Stands, also two hundred Acres joining, one hundred acres more joining, all below the said Brick House in the said Province of South Carolina. ALSO, all that Tract of Land containing five Hundred Acres above the Spanish Cutoff on Savannah River in the Province of Georgia. ALSO, I give and bequeath unto the said George and John, his Brother the Sawmill on the South Side of Town Creek, with the Tract of Land whereon it stands, containing about one hundred Acres, together with all the Land I run upon the south side of and adjoining the Said Creek above the said Saw Mill, containing about one thousand Acres, to hold to them Jointly. ALSO, I give to the said George Two thousand acres of the Ceded Land in any part he may chuse, that belongs or may belong to me, to be disposed of as he the said George shall think proper. ALSO I give to the said George the Use, Work and Labour of the following Slaves (that is to say), Cobey, his Wife Sarah, their Children and future Issue; August, a Mulatto Man and his Children, (except Rose, whose freedom I have herein given); Moll, her Children and future Issue; Ringston, his Wife Darkey and their Children and future Issue; Gray's March, his Wife Claranda and any issue she may have by him; Sue, her Children and future Issue; Joe, his Wife Hannah, their Children and future Issue; Long John, his Wife Sarah, their Children and future Issue; Leander, Frank and Harry. AND, upon the Death of the said George I give the said Old Brick House with the said one hundred Acres of Land whereon it stands and the said two hundred Acres joining, one hundred acres more joining, all below the said Brick House, with the said Tract of Five Hundred Acres, likewise his Joint part of the said Saw Mill with the said One hundred Acres of Land, with the Joint part also of the said One Thousand Acres of Land, also the Salves and their Future Issue unto the Child or Children of the said George that shall then be living in such part and proportions, and for such Estate and Estates and at and under such Limitations and Restrictions and Contingencies as he, the said George, shall by his last Will and Testament in Writing, or by any Deed by him to be duly executed in his life time direct, limit or appoint, and for want of such Direction, Limitation or Appointment I give and bequeath the said Brick House and Land, with his Joint Part of the said Saw Mill and Joint Part of the said Lands thereafter mentioned, and the Salves and their Issue to and amongst all and every of the Children of the said George that shall live to come of age or have Issue, to be equally Divided amongst them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint Tenants; and if but one Child of the said George shall live to come of Age or have Issue, then to that Child alone and to his or her Heirs and Assigns forever.

ALSO, I give to John (Son of said Metawney), Ten Horses and Seven Mares, with the one Third of all the Stock of Cattle with his own, his sister, Judith's and Brother George's Mark and Brand, wheresoever they may be found, likewise all Cattle and Horses with his own Mark and Brand. ALSO, I give and bequeath to the said John, for and during the term of his natural life, without Impeachment of Waste the Tract (or Tracts) of Land upon Ogeechee in the Province of Georgia, called the Old Town, which turn out containing about One thousand five Hundred Acres. ALSO; also that Tract of Land below it that was John Saller's. ALSO, that Tract of Land in the Savanna Swamp

*Spelled Mattaeney in Benj. Hawkins Letter, June 20, 1789; spelled Matahna in Memorial of Geo. & John Galphin in this Volume.—L. F. H.

called Dunifin's Place, which I bought of him. ALSO, Two Hundred Acres of Land which I run out joining with the Tract of ----- Land I bought of Joel Walker behind it; Dinifin's place fronting the River ----- ALSO, I give and bequeath unto the said John and the said George, his brother, the Saw Mill on the South Side of Town Creek, with the Tract of Land whereon it stands, containing about one hundred acres, together with all the Land I run upon the South Side of and joining the said Creek above the said Saw Mill, containing about one thousand Acres, to hold them Jointly. ALSO, I give and bequeath to the said John two thousand Acres of the Ceded Land in any part he may chuse that belongs or may belong to me, to be disposed of as he the said John may think proper. ALSO, I give to the said John the use, work and Issue of all the following Slaves (that is to say), Stepney, his Wife Margaret, their Children and future Issue; Dhine, her Children and future Issue; Limerick, King, Nero, negro men, Golo Peter, a Negro Man, Oliver, his Wife Gresha, their Children and future Issue; New Negro Dick, Peter (I bought of Joseph Butler), his wife -----, their Children and future Issue. (except the daughters, Rachel and Betsey, whom I have hereinbefore made free), New Negro Jack, Bully and Chevers, Negro men; Also Delia, a Half Breed Indian Woman, she to serve him for seven years, then to be free, and the said John on the day of her Freedom to give her five Cows and Calves. AND, upon the Death of the said John I give the said Several Tracts of Land, together with his joint part of the said Saw Mill and Tracts of Land, together with the Slaves and their future Issue, unto the Child or Children of the said John that shall be then living, in such parts and proportions and for such Estate and Estates and at and under such Limitations, Restrictions and Contingencies as he the said John shall by his last Will and Testament in Writing, or by any Deed by him to be duly executed in his Life Time direct, limit and appoint. And for want of any such direction, limitation and appointment I give and bequeath the said several Tracts of Land, together with his Joint Part of the said Saw Mill and Tracts hereinbefore mentioned, with the Slaves and their future Issue to and amongst all and every of the children of the said John that shall live to come of Age or have Issue, to be equally divided amongst them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and if but one Child of the said John shall live to come of Age or have Issue, then to that Child and to his or her Heirs and Assigns forever.

ALSO, I give unto Judith (daughter of the said Metawney) for and during her natural life (without impeachment of waste) the Use of the Upper half three Tracts of Land, which said Tracts run from Mr. Newman's Line down to the Point, containing in the whole about thirteen or fourteen hundred Acres, with the Dwelling House and all other Improvements thereon where she now lives, called Silver Bluff in the Province of South Carolina. ALSO, I give unto the said Judith two thousand Acres of Ceded Lands in any part she may Chuse that belongs or may belong to me, to be disposed of as she may think proper. ALSO, I give and devise unto the said Judith Ten Horses and Seven Mares, with the third of all the stock of Cattle, wheresoever they may be found, with her own, her Brother George's and her Brother John's Mark and Brand, likewise all Cattle and Horses with her own Mark and Brand. ALSO, the work and labour of the following Slaves, (that is to say), Warick, his Wife Mancha, their Children and future Issue; Billey, Peter and Cela (Mustees), her Children and future Issue; Sally an Indian wench, her

Children and future Issue; Kelly's Abraham, His Wife Elcey, their Children and future Issue; Joe, his Wife Emma, their Children and future Issue; Gabriel, his Wife Minerva, their Children and future Issue; Jacob, his Wife Chloe, their Children and future Issue; Charlotte, her Children and future Issue. AND, upon the Death of the said Judith I give the use of the said Upper Half of the said three Tracts of Land, with the Dwelling House and Improvements, and Slaves with their Issue, to the Child or Children of the said Judith that shall be then living, in such Parts and Proportions and for such Estates and Estate and under such Contingencies and Limitations and Restrictions as the said Judith shall by her last Will and Testament in Writing, or other Writing by her duly executed direct, limit and appoint; and for want of such direction, limitation and appointment I give and bequeath the said Upper Half of the said Three Tracts of Land with the Dwelling House and Improvements and the said Slaves mentioned with their future Issue, to and among the all and every of the Children of the said Judith that shall live to come of Age or have Issue, Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants; and if but one Child of the said Judith shall live to come of Age or have Issue, then to that Child alone and to his or her Heirs and Assigns forever.

ALSO, I give unto Barbara (the daughter of Rose, deceased, aforesaid) — Same form of bequest — All of Three Tracts from Mr. Newman's line down to the Point, containing in the whole about thirteen hundred acres, called River Bluff in the Province of South Carolina. ALSO, I give unto the said Barbara Two Thousand Acres of the Ceded Land in any part she may chuse — also ten horses and seven mares — Likewise all Cattle with her own Mark and Brand. ALSO the Use and Labour of the following Slaves, (that is to say): Little March, Katte (that was his Wife), their Children and future Increase; Ponpon Jemmy, Wife and Increase; Ned and his Sister, Dido (son and daughter to Dido, deceased), her Children and future Increase; Bidge, Sib his Wife, young Sib, her child and future Increase; Mina and Ellsey, their Child and future Increase; Catch (a boy), Santee Jemmy, Tom of Shad of Mr. McGillwerry, his Wife Hannah, their Children and future Increase; Indian Peter, his Wife Capuchey, their Child and future Increase, and Georgia Dublin. — (Reversion to Children of said Barbara, as with other legatees).

ALSO, I give unto the said Thomas a negro man named Abraham, which I had of Mr. Barnard, also Indian Prince — under the same restrictions with the rest of the Slaves hereinbefore named. ALSO, I give unto the said Thomas all my Great Guns, both my Silver mounted Gun and Pistols, and the rest of my Guns I give to the said George and John equally between them.

ALSO, it is my will that in Case any of the Six Devisees and Legatees hereinbefore mentioned, namely: George, Thomas, John Judith, Martha, Barbara, shall happen to die without leaving Issue, or their Issue die, that then and whenever a contingency of that kind happens to any of the said Devisees or any of their Issue, that the Estate, Slaves and Issue of Slaves hereby intended for such Devisees or Devisee and Issue shall be shared equally by my Executors, or by the survivors of them, among the survivors of the said Six Devisees and Legatees, and the Lands to be shared between the said George, Thomas and John; and the Slaves and their Issue to be shared equally between the said six Devisees and Legatees and their Heirs.

LIKEWISE, it is my will that the said six Devisees and Legatees shall during their respective minorities be respectively maintained, clothed, schooled and educated out of the profits of the Estates hereby intended for them respectively, and upon any of their deaths leaving Issue living, such

Issue shall during their respective Minorities be maintained, clothed, schooled and Educated out of the Issues and profits to arise out of the Estate and Labour and Service of the Slaves hereby intended for such Issue.

ALSO, I give the six Devisees and Legatees all my Sheep to be equally divided between them. And after my Debts and the other Legacies to the other persons hereinafter mentioned shall be paid and delivered, I give and devise all the residue and remainder of my Lands and personal estate of what Nature and kind soever, and wheresoever, to and between the said Thomas and Martha and their Children, Share and Share alike. AND in case the said six Devisees and Legatees should all die intestate and without Issue, I leave all the estate hereby given them among my sisters and their Heirs, Share and Share alike.

ALSO, I give to David Holms five Hundred pounds sterling, also two Tracts of Land on the long Reaches where Galphin lived, and one Tract on the Long Reaches on the Georgia side I bought from Benjamin Stedham and two thousand Acres of the Ceded Lands, to him and his Heirs, in lieu of any part of my estate he may claim to. I leave to Judith Galphin, my sister One hundred and fifty pounds sterling, in lieu of any part of my estate she may lay claim to. I leave Catherine Galphin, living in Ireland, one hundred and fifty pounds sterling, in lieu of any part of my estate she may lay claim to. I leave to my sister, Margaret Holms, Fifty pounds sterling, to each of her Children now in Ireland fifty pounds Sterling, and to her son, Robert, now living here, fifty pounds sterling and One Thousand Acres of the Ceded Lands, in Lieu of any part of my Estate they or any of them may lay claim to. I leave to Mrs. Taylor Fifty pounds sterling, also five hundred Acres of the Ceded Lands to each of her Children, also five Cows and Calves to each of them, in Lieu of any part of my Estate she or they may lay claim to. I leave my sister Crosby fifty pounds Sterling, a pacing horse, and a new Sidesaddle, in lieu of any part of my estate she may lay claim to, and to each of her children fifty pounds sterling and Five hundred Acres of the Ceded Lands, with a Horse and Mare to each of them, in lieu of any part of my estate they may lay claim to. I leave to my Cousin, George Rankin, in Ireland Seventy pounds Sterling, to him and his children in lieu—&c. I leave to George Nowlan Fifty pounds Sterling and a horse, in lieu—&c. I leave to my Aunt Lennard's Daughter in Ireland, to her and her Children fifty pounds Sterling, in lieu—&c. I leave to my Cousin, John Trotter, fifty pounds sterling, to him and his children, in lieu—&c. I leave to Rachel's daughter, Sapho hereinbefore mentioned Two Negro Men and Two Negro women to be bought out of the first ship that comes in with Negroes, Ten Cows and Calves, Three Mares and Colts, One Horse and Twenty pounds Sterling, also that Tract of Land where John Raton lived, called Claud's Place, between Macbeen and Briar Creek, to her and her Children; but if she die without children, then to her sister, Betsey (daughter of said Sapho). I leave to the said Betsey one new Negro Man and Woman to be bought for her, Ten Cows and Calves, two Mares and Colts, one Horse, and that Tract of Land between the Cowpen and Macbean, to her and her children. But if she die without Children, then to her Sister Rachel, but if both die without Children, then the whole to fall to the said Thomas (son of the said Rachel Dupee) and his children to be Maintained and Schooled on the plantation until they are Married or of Age, and then to receive what is left them. I leave to Betsey Callwell (daughter of Mary Callwell) one new negro wench, Ten Cows and Calves, Two mares and colts, one Riding Horse and Saddle, and that Tract of Land at the Three Runs at the old Stomp above Time Branch and Fifty pounds Carolina Currency to be paid out in clothing for her the whole to be put in her own possession after my Death, to her

and her Children. I leave to all the poor widows and fatherless Children within Thirty Miles of here where I live in the Province of South Carolina and Georgia Fifty Pounds Sterling. I leave Fifty pounds Sterling to be shared among the poor of Armagh, Ireland. I leave to Timothy Barnard two hundred pounds sterling. I leave to all the orphan children I brought up Ten pounds sterling each, and Billey Brown to bound out to a trade. I leave John McQueen and Alexander, his brother, each a good riding Horse and each of them and their wives a ring. I leave to Mr. Netherclift and his Wife each a ring. I leave to all my Executors each a Suit of Mourning and a Ring each. I leave to Mr. and Mrs. Wyllly each a Ring. I leave to their daughter, Sukey Wyllly, fifty pounds sterling and a Suit of Mourning. I leave to each of my Sisters, their Husbands and Children a Ring. I leave to Mrs. Campbell a Ring. I leave to Mr. Campbell a Ring. I leave to Mrs. Frasier a Ring, and Ten pounds sterling. I give to Mr. Newman a Ring and Twenty pounds Sterling. I give to the widow Atkins twenty pounds sterling. I give to her sons, William and Alexander, each a good riding horse and to her daughter, I give a good pacing horse of the value of ten or twelve pounds sterling. I give to Mr. and Mrs. Grierson each a Ring. I give to Parson Seymour and his Wife each a Ring. I give to George Parsons a likely Negro Boy to be bought him out of the first ship that comes in and one of my best riding horses. I leave to Quintin Pooler five hundred acres of the Ceded Lands, and to all the rest of my Cousin Poolers (men and women) each a Ring, in lieu of any part of my estate that they may lay claim to.

I leave to the said Rachel Dupee the use of one negro man called Foot, one negro wench called Charlott and her children enduring her natural life and then to her son, Thomas, and that her son, Thomas and her daughter, Martha are to pay her twenty pounds sterling yearly as long as she is virtuous and lives singly, and then to leave her ten cows and Calves and Martha's negro boy, called Jacob as they think proper, and they may let her live upon any of their land. I leave her also a pacing horse and side saddle, also one Bed, one pair of sheets, three Blankets, two counterpins, one set of China Cups and Saucers, Teapot and Tea Kettle, the Rest of the Cups, Saucers, Kettles and so forth, together with the plate that is in the House and all my other China dishes, plates and so forth, I leave to the said Thomas and Martha.

ALSO, I leave to each of the said Legatees a Bed and furniture. I leave to my Sister Young in Ireland Fifty pounds sterling, to each of her children fifty pounds sterling, with five hundred Acres of the Ceded Lands in lieu—&c. I give to Clotworthy Robson five hundred Acres of the Ceded lands, to him and to his Heirs. I give to each of the six Legatees just mentioned a stallion to run with their mares (three of the likeliest to the Boys, and three Jack Asses)——Possession to the Heirs when they shall arrive at the age of twenty one——. I give to all my Hunters and House Wenches a Suit of Mourning and a new Shirt and Shift. — A suit of Mourning to all the Cowpen Wenches, and a new Shirt and Shift to all the rest of the Men and Women slaves.

I will that the said Melaney do live at her said children's Cowpen and be maintained and clothed by them, and I give to her and the said Rachel Dupee each a suit of Mourning. And that the said Thomas, Martha and John be sent to Charleston or Savannah to school. And in case there is not sufficient to pay the said Legacies I will that all the remainder of my said Horses and Mares not herein willed be sold and the profits of the Saw Mills and the work of my Slaves be applied for that Purpose.——.

And lastly: I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint James Parsons, John Graham, Lauchlin McGillverry, Esqrs., John Parkinson, Mercht., the said George, Thomas and John Galphin and the survivors and survivor of all of them Executors and Executor of this my last Will and Testament and guardians of the Real and Personal Estates hereby given to the six Legatees; And in case the said George, Thomas and John or any of them shall be under age or incapable of acting at the time of my Death, that then they shall (with the Consent of the other Executors) nominate and appoint another Person to act in their stead until such time as they come of Age, or are capable of acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have to this my Last Will and Testament contained in nine sides of paper, Set my Hand and Seal the Sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy six.

Signed, sealed published and declared
by the Testator, George Galphin and for his last
Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in
his presence and at his request have Subscribed
our Names as Witnesses hereto.

David Noble, J. P.

Michael Meyer

John Sturzenegger

(Signed) George Galphin

(Long codicil, revoking certain bequests)

GEORGE GALPHIN

One of the first Indian traders was George Galphin, an Irishman. He raised a large family; and of the five varieties of the human family; he raised children from three, and no doubt would have gone the whole hog, but the Malay and Mongol were out of his reach. His white children were of the highest and most polished order - Mrs. Governor Milledge was one of them. He had two negroes, Mina, a woman, and Ketch, a man; they were brother and sister. He raised one daughter from Mina, and called her Barbary. She married an Irishman by the name of Holmes, and raised Dr. Thomas G. Holmes, whom Col. Pickett often alludes to in his History of Alabama, as having had conversation with him. At Galphin's death Mina was set free, and died at old Timothy Barnard's on Flint river, Ga., many years back. Ketch was an interpreter among the Indians for Galphin - was his stock minder - kept stock at Galphin's cowpens, where Louisville in Jefferson county Ga., now stands, and which was once the seat of government of that State. Ketch helped to put up the first cabin at old Galphinton, on the Ogeechee, for an Indian trading house. At Galphin's death Ketch was sold, and was purchased by Gen. Twiggs of the revolution. He was the body servant of Gen. Twiggs during the war. At the close of the war, Ketch left his master and went into the Creek Nation.

(Copied from: "Woodward's Reminiscences," P. 105-106.)