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Before me Ordinary Tracy ordinary in and for said County, personally came ~~Robert~~ ⁱⁿ open Court personally came Robert A Smith, and produced before me the last Will and Testament of Susan Sims late of said County deceased; and the witnesses of said Will to wit: John B How, William H Bray, and Washington Br. being duly sworn, depose and say: that they saw Susan Sims the testatrix, sign, seal, declare & publish the instrument now presented, as her last Will and Testament, freely, voluntarily, and of her own accord and without any compulsion or influence whatever: that at the time of the Execution of said Will, said Testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory: that deponents signed said Will as Witnesses in presence of the testatrix, and at her special instance and request and in presence of each other.

Sworn to & subscribed

before me this February 2nd 1852

Washington Br.

J B How

W H Bray.

Tracy. ordinary

Will of Benjamin May

Hickory Grove I November the 9th - 1848. Be it known to all whom it may concern that I Benjamin May of the County of Bibb & State of Georgia Aforsaid Being Now in my 72nd year ~~and~~ knowing as I do that I cannot stay here much longer according to the course of nature and being in my rite mind And Memory and also being in good health (Do think proper at this time to Make this my Last Will & Testament, and knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of Death I have thought proper at this present time to make a disposal of my little worldly affairs according to my own Satisfaction and agreeable to my own wishes, therefore My self and My Wife Anna by our own Industry have Made what little we have through the providence of God and our own Industry therefore I think proper at this time to divide equal with her and in she should be the longest liver all the property to remain together untill her death then for my Executor to sell of the whole ^{the land} taking particular care to erect around the grave yard a stone wall of heavy stones three feet high and an iron railing on the top of said wall three feet high together six feet high All this to be done out of the proceeds of my landed property Now the negroes and stock of all kinds to be sold separate and to choose their own Masters and All the tools found in my possession at my death or ^{brother} ~~mine~~ to belong to brother Amickin and the Money if any to belong to my wife Anna and all

It is also my wish that Little Mary ~~and~~

also request that ¹⁸⁵¹⁻¹⁸⁶³ of what we may have behind the my Executors contract ^{with Georgia pioneers} wall Built around the Grave yard two feet high and then three feet of cast iron Railing on the top with a door to go in & out and to set up Marble slabs at Head ^{foot} of me & my wife's grave with the necessary inscriptions of death & age I also give a certain Neg girl Mandy to Sittty Wynne And her Bodily Heirs & a boy Named Mark about thirty years of age to my brother Kinchin May at my death allow Buffe and Mornen to choose their Masters and to be given grates and allow John in the same manner and Littel Mary some James to be free with his mother My settlement of Land containing seven hundred acres more or less to be sold at my wife's death three hundred acres where I now Live to be sold together and the balance of the fore hundred to be sold of in fifty acres lots and allow sold also after all is sold of the neat proceeds to be Divided Equally Between my Brother and Sister Children Thos Negroes that I wish to go to be free My executors to chuse gardeners and apint for them I allow set My Negro Marcet free at wife's Death Now in order to carry out this My last will and Testament I hereby Constitute and apint Kinchin May and Green W Davis My Laweful Executors assigned sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Benjamin May ^{Seal}
NB thos Negroes to be free } Nedham Mims
is not to removed with the } William Wynne
Estate and Allow my wife } Josephus Gilbert
Anna to make her will in
accordance with mine at my
Death

Georgia Bibb County } Before me Prelimin May ordina
= my for said County personally came in open Court
Kinchin May & Green W Davis the Executors of the last
Will & Testament of Benjamin May deceased late of
said County & produced us the last Will & Testament of
said Deed It two of the witnesses to said Will to wit
Nedham Mims & Josephus Gilbert who being duly sworn
depose & say that they saw Benjamin May the Testator sign
seal declare, & publish the Instrument now presented
as his last Will & Testament freely voluntarily & of
his own accord & without any compulsion or influence
whatsoever; and at the time of the Execution of said
Will said Testator was of sound & disposing mind &
memory and that Deponents signed said Will as
Witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at

each other
Bibb County Will
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Sworn & subscribed before me this 2nd of
February 1852
Josephus Fittest
Ordinary

The last will and testament of Charles
Malone of the County of Washington and State
of Georgia-

I give, devise and bequeath all
my estate, both real and personal, and all
effects of what kind soever, to my son
Charles I Malone and my son in law Peter
Solomon, their heirs and executors, administrators
or assigns, upon trust following, that is to say
that Charles I Malone and Peter Solomon, suc-
cessors or the survivors of them, or the heirs, executors
administrators or assigns of such survivor, do and
shall with all convenient speed after my decease
sell in and collect all debts that may be due
me, and pay my funeral, & testamentary, and pay my
just debts as I may direct after approval by civil or
ecclesiastical court, and do, and shall stand possessed.

First. Of Negro girl slave Jane, and all her future
issue, in trust for my daughter in law Jane Malone
the children of my son Charles I, & Jane Malone, born or
to be born, to the separate use of the said Jane & children
my son Charles I Malone, exclusively of the
said Charles I, & a not to be subject to the debts of
said Charles I, or any future husband of the said Jane
Malone. I will however that the said Charles I, & Jane Malone
the survivors of them, have full power by written will or
indenture to devise, all or any, part of said property, and
lawful limitation, to whom he or she may think proper
I hereby declare that the execution of this power, shall
be all other trusts herein before declared, & created, in
the mentioned property.

Second) That my Trustees do and shall stand possessed
Mamasa a woman, & her children Hardy and all her
issue, in trust for my daughter Mary I Malone
during her life, and to her children born or to be born
not to be subject to the debts her former or any
husband. I will however that my daughter Mary I
have full power by written will or indenture to devise
all or any part of said property, with all lawful
limitations to whom she may think proper that I
have that the execution of this power shall