Georgia City of Savannah 5th February 1819.

Page 1st. In the name of God I John Pray of the County of Bryan but at present in the City of Savannah being in sound mind and perfect memory do this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen 1819, make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. Item 1st. It is my will and I direct that all my estate both real and personal shall be kept and Continued together untill all my just debts and legacies are paid, debts if any first, and as soon after as posible to be disposed as herein after directed. In the room of dower I give unto my beloved wife Ann Pray the full use and posession with all advantage and benefit therefrom of both my plantations in Bryan County which I now consider as my residence called Harewood and white Oak both Containing about Seventeen hundred acres more or less for and during the term of her natural life but no longer after her death it is my will and I direct that my executors both of the aforesaid plantations Harewood and White Oak on a Credit of five years say by five annual installments each to draw interest from the day of sale taking a mortgage & if necessary personal Security, the amount Sales of the aforesaid plantations as annualey collected principal and interest I give the same share and share alike unto the children of my uncle Benjamin Turpin by his present wife formerly Miss Wheaton to them their heirs and assigns for ever. Item 2d. I give unto Mary Sleigh Sister to my wife to her her heirs and assigns forever three hundred dollars and fourteen shares of my Stock in the State Bank of the State of Georgia. Item 3d. I give unto the widow of my deceased friend Stephen D Maxwell and to her Children share and share alike the following negroes and their future increase viz. Polly her Children Sam Leah & Sheba the latters Child Leah, new negro Monday now in Wilkes, fellow Manby and ten shares of my Stock in the Bank of the United States. Item 4th I give unto the Children of Luke Mann by his present wife and to my executors in trust for his wife an equal share with her children share and share alike the following negroes and future increase new negro Sampson, Chance Ben these three in Wilkes Lydias two Children George and Phillis the mother and rest the family I have sold to John I Maxwell and

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73 twelve shares of my Stock in the Bank of the United States to them their hiers and assigns for ever, and all claim which I now have or may hereafter have on mortgage judgments or otherwise against Luke Mann the husband & Father to the above I do relinquish the same for the joint benefit of his wife and her Children say in trust to my executors for his wife. Item 5th I give unto my executors in trust for the use of Frances Charlton wife of Arthur H Charlton and to her Children including any she may hereafter have share and share alike all my plantation in Wilkes County purchased from William Murray, on which the said Arthur H Charltons family now resides Containing Six hundred forty five acres more or less and the following negroes and future increase new negroes April Frank Jack & Phillis, Edy & Belmont George also four shares of my Stock in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia say State Bank instead Planters Stock which is my intention to give to them their hiers and assigns forever. Item 6th I give unto my executors in trust for the benefit and use of Rebecca Knox and to her Children including any child she may hereafter have share and share alike to their use forever the following negroes and future increase Wally his wife Nancy, Yellow Elsy her children Canada and William these in Wilkes, New negro August Daniel his wife Lucy, old Nancy her Children Yorick and Hester, Harriot her child Martha Jno: Pray. page 2d. the five latter negroes now in posession of Rebecca Knox, and also I give unto my executors in trust as aforesaid for the said rebecca Knox and her children as aforesaid Twenty two shares of my Stock in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia, and one hundred and twenty Shares of my Stock in the Bank of the United States to them forever. Item 7th I give unto Catherine Ray Elbert Burke & Elizabeth Elbert Burke neices to Sarah Elbert share alike to them their hiers and assigns for ever Twelve hundred dollars Item 8th I give unto Ann & Jane Mann Children of Thomas Mann by his first wife who are now in New Providence with Doctor Symes to them their hiers and assigns for ever share alike the following negroes and future increase Dick Hannah Lucy Peggy her Children Sulpher & Susan Daphny her Children Charlot Betsy & Jacob these negroes formerly Thomas Manns fellow Davy the latter formerly Estate Richard Mc Maxwell, I also give them five hundred dollars in case of the death of either Ann or Jane without leaving a Child the negroes and increase and cash to go to the survivor for ever. It is my request that my Executors do hold the posession of the negroes and work them for their benefit and if the proceeds should be more than equal to the support of Ann & Jane to lay out any Surplus in the purchase of any

property for benefit of Ann and Sam or put the same at interest. my Executors to deliver over the negroes at any time they may Suppose it to Ann & Sams interest so to do my executors will Supply the negroes with one full years provisions and such plantation tools as they may require when they draw them from my estate to go to Labour for Ann & Sam. My Executors will not allow their father on any Conditions to have any thing to do with any thing left by me to any of his Children. Item 9th I give unto my executors in trust for my God daughter Mary Jane Pray Hines wife Lewis Hines. and to the lawful and to the lawful heirs of her body and not subject to her husbands debts or Controul without consent my executors the following negroes and future increase Lovon his wife Cloe her Children Peter Charles Flanders Carinda Adam Ballett his Children Dulcie Maria Flora Lizett her child Battett, Midda Ben Sim & Peter the three latter Midda's Children I also give to Mary their heirs as aforesaid for ever all my part or proportion of the Belmont plantation & Vamasa in Bryan County formerly the estate of Luke Mann in Case of the death of Mary Jane Pray Hines without leaving any Child or Children then in Such case it is my will at her death that all the aforesaid negroes and increase shall go share and share alike unto her husband Lewis Hines unto the Children of Thomas Mann and the Children of Luke Mann by their present wife and the aforesaid Plantations Belmont & Vamasa to go the same as the negroes in Case of no child or Children of the said Mary Jane Pray Hines: to them their heirs and Assigns for ever. Item 10th I give unto Isabella Knox daughter of Rebecca to her her heirs and assigns for ever Murrays daughter Perscilla and her Child Murrays. Item 11th I give unto Miss Sarah Rice Sister to Rebecca Knox to her her heirs and assigns forever Five hundred Dollars I also give to the said Sarah for and during her natural life Ten Shares of my Stock in the State Bank of the State of Georgia say the dividends to go to her, at her death I give the aforesaid ten shares of Stock in trust for the use of Rebecca Knox & her Children for ever say in trust to my Executors for them including any child the said Rebecca may have after ever have, the said Rebeccas part at her death to go to her Children for ever. Item 12th I give unto Miss Sarah Elbert daughter of General Edmund Elbert deceased to her her heirs and assigns forever Eight hundred dollars. Item 13th I give unto Miss Mary Hazard to her her heirs and assigns forever the said Mary now resides in Luke Manns family Negro fellow Tom Jim

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75 chased from James B Maxwell (In Gray) Page 3d.) James B Maxwell Tom is one Roses Children now in Wilkes County I also give to her the said Mary Hazard to her her heirs and assigns forever five hundred dollars and eight Shares of my Stock in the State Bank of the State of Georgia. Item 14th I give unto my favorite and worthy little friend Elizabeth Bond daughter of Mrs Ann Bond to her her heirs and assigns for ever the following negroes & future increase or issue woman Maria her Children George & Ely. fellow Sam the latter purchased from estate Morris Miller. I also relinquish to her all my claim in July husband to Maria unto Elizabeth and I do also give to her fifteen Shares of my Stock in the planters Bank of the State of Georgia and also two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid her within Sixty days after my death. Item 15th I give unto Mary Maxwell widow of Doctor Maxwell formerly of Bryan County and to such of her Children as may be younger at the time of my death share and share alike new negro fellow Charles & June the latter purchased from Estate Wm Butler also twelve Shares of my Stock in the planters Bank of the State of Georgia and two hundred dollars to be paid them within Sixty days after my death to them their heirs and assigns forever. It is my will that in Case of the death of my little friend Elizabeth Bond without her making a will or dying intestate that in such case it is my will that the negroes and increase left her as also the Bank Stock shall go unto her Sisters share and share alike for ever. Item 16th I give to my Executors in trust for the use of Elizabeth Mell niece to my wife and to the lawful heirs of her body share & share alike to them their heirs and assigns for ever the following negroes, new negroes Toby John & Prince and also nine shares of my Stock in the planters Bank of the State of Georgia but in Case of the death of Elizabeth without issue in that Case I give the one half of the above negroes and Stock to her husband and the other half to the Children of Luke Mann by his present wife to them their heirs and assigns for ever. Item 17th As a memory of my respect it is my request that my Executors do present to my worthy friend the Reverend William McWhir five hundred dollars with a Copy of this item of my will now I have a Given did I not know he does not require it. Item 18th I give unto my Cousin Eliza Gray to her her heirs and assigns forever five thousand dollars, I also give to her her heirs and assigns for ever fifteen shares of my Stock in the Bank of the united States Item 19th I give unto my Cousin Lydia Aplin to her her heirs and assigns for ever Five thousand dollars I also give to her her heirs and assigns for ever fifteen Shares of my Stock in the Bank of the United States It is my request that my executors do immediately after my death transfer the above bank stock to each of my Cousins and forward the Scrip after transfered to them it being my will and desire that they shall draw the dividends on

the same from the time of my death and also to receive any part of dividends which may be due on the Stock so left them at the death of my death. Item. 20th I give unto my Aunt Cook of Providence to her her hiers and assigns forever Two thousand Dollars. Item 21st I give unto the Children of my uncle Benjamin Turpin by his present wife who was former by Miss Wheaton Share and share alike to them their hiers and assigns forever Three thousand Dollars. Item 22d I give unto the Children of my Cousin Lydia Aspin to them their heirs and assigns forever Share and share alike Two thousand dollars. and whereas I hold a mortgage of Benjamin Aspin on their house and Lot situate in Providence as will appear by the original now in my possession and recorded in Providence I do relinquish all Claim of the same unto my Cousin Eliza Gray to her her hiers and assigns for ever and request my executors to assign it to her when requested (Jno Pray. Page 4th) Item 23d I give unto Joseph Pray Law son of my friend Colonel Laws to him his hiers and assigns for ever new Negro fellow June who is on my Wilkes plantation. Item 24th I give unto my Aunt Turpin formerly Miss Wheaton wife to my Uncle to her her hiers and assigns for ever Six hundred Dollars. Item 25th I give unto the Female Asylum of the City of Savannah twenty Shares of my Stock in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia for the use of said institution for ever. The above Six hundred Dollars left to my aunt Turpin my Executors are authorised to Controul the same so that it shall not be subject to her husbands debts as fully as to do as I could myself if Living. Item 26th I give unto my Wife Ann Pray with every advantage and benefit therefrom for and during her natural life but no longer all that my house and Lot in Broughton Street in the City of Savannah which I now occupy formerly property E Wambersie known by number four (4) at the death I give the aforesaid Lot and all improvements thereon Share and Share alike unto the Children of Rebecca Knox wife of Andrew Knox to them their hiers and assigns forever but should my Executors at any time before her youngest child may arrive to age of twenty-one years or marriage of all of them judge it to be for their interest they are authorised to change this property by a sale and vesting the proceeds in other property for their joint benefit for ever. any child the said Rebecca may ever have to come in equal with those she now has. Item 27th I give unto John Pray Maxwell Son of my friend John

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77 I Maxwell to him his hiers and assigns for ever Also Sylvia negro to Joe the property of the said John I Maxwell Satiras two Children August & Kelly and their future increase. Item 28th In consequence of Joe one of Satiras Children having Peggy for a wife I give Joe to Jane & Ann Mann to them their hiers and assigns for ever on the same terms &c as the other negroes left to them in the eight item of this Will. Item 29th I give unto Cornelia & Claudy Bond to them their hiers and assigns forever share alike children of Ann Bond in Case death of either before marriage to go to the Survivor forever negroes Patty & Bep two of Satiras Children also Andrew Patty child & their future increase. But in Consequence of my friend John I Maxwell owning their father & my having left part of this family to his son John Pray Maxwell on the conditions the said John I Maxwell will agree that the above named negroes and their future increase Patty Bep and Andrew shall be valued by any three persons agreed on by him & my Executors, or by my Executors themselves, on his paying within ten per Cent of such valuation unto my Executors then and in that Case the aforesaid negroes shall go unto his Children to them their hiers and assigns forever as also their increase, and in the event of the same being paid for by him the amount of said valuation after ten per Cent deduction to be paid over to the said Cornelia & Claudy Bond to them or to the survivor for ever be it understood that this transaction is to be carried into effect after my debts and legacies are first paid. Item 30th Whereas in my youthful days I was attached to Jane Laffitte widow who is mother in Law to John B Storrs, which attachment I have ever held in mind or recollection, It is therefore my will and request that my Executors do Call on her immediately after my death and present to her fifteen Shares of my Stock in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia which I hope she will accept. my Executors will make the transfer of the said (Jno Pray Page 5) fifteen Shares to her and present the Scrip with a Copy of this Item and in the event of the twenty dollars per Share now due on the aforesaid Stock not being paid at my death. It is my will and request that my Executors do pay the same up if called for during the time my Estate may be kept together as before directed and in case the payment is not called for before my estate is given up as directed then and at the times of giving up the same after debts and legacies are paid It is my will that they then pay to the said Jane Laffitte three hundred dollars for the purpose of her paying the aforesaid twenty dollars on the aforesaid fifteen Shares when called for by the Bank. Item 31st I give unto Ann Bond to her her hiers and assigns for ever six Shares of my Stock in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia. I also give to Claudy and

trust is sufficient or I should go further. Item 62nd. It is my will that my executors do pay one half of the Cash part of the legacies left by me to the following legatees within Sixty days after my death if they have funds if not as soon after as possible viz. Sarah Rice, Mary Hazard to Chas & Jane Mann & Mary Sleight sister to my wife to pay all to them Cash legacy immediately and to Sarah Elbert two hundred and fifty dollars in part. Apprehend these may be needy my object is to relieve them as no doubt my estate receives will always be equal to any requests my Aunt Turpin may also be placed on the same footing Cash legacy left her being small. Item 63d. It is my will that my executors do pay to Elizabeth Mell niece to my wife Two hundred and fifty dollars within Sixty days after my death, but no interest to be allowed on any the legacies I have left if they cannot be paid conveniently as the period I have mentioned but to be paid as soon as possible all of them Item 64th. In case any of my Bank Stock should remain unpaid for at my death my executors are requested to pay up any balance which may be called for in case of any call during the time the whole my estate may be kept and continued together which payment shall be for the benefit of all those to whom I have left my Stocks to, but in case of a call for payment after my debts and legacies are paid my estate must not pay it, as on a Settlement my Executors will transfer the Stock to those to whom I have given it, if all is not paid up before a seperation of my estate. It is my request that my Executors will at any time after a Call for it aid my wife [Jno Pray Page 16th] in making arrangements out of her own funds for any such payment I make this request as I leave to her one hundred shares Planters Bank Stock on which twenty dollars per share is at this time due and in all probability She will come in for more of said Stock which I may hereafter purchase under the residue Clause of this will, and funds are often badly calculated to arrange for payment of much amount. Whereas I have by error left new negro Billy to my Wife whom I had left to Milcarge Ogden It is my will that my wife shall continue to hold Bill forever provided it is her wish to keep him that She do give the said Milcarge Ogden or her lawful heirs another negro of about the same value, or the value of him in Cash at a moderate value to be fixed on by my executors & the same to be paid when Convenient for my wife so to do without interest. Item 65th Whereas my Will is lengthy and it is possible I may have committed some error or errors I do therefore authorise and empower, as fully so as I could do myself if living a majority of my acting executors, my wife to have a voice as executrix to decide in all Cases, in Case of any dispute

or contention what they may determine and decide is my intention in every clause and item of this my will, and in Case of any dispute or contention whatever they may determine is my intention shall be final and conclusive without allowing any resort to a Court of Justice. Item 66th Lastly I do hereby revoke all and every will and Codicil to any by me heretofore made, and I do nominate constitute and appoint my friends William B Bullock, William A Dunham John J Maxwell George M Waters the two latter of Bryan County; Col Joseph Law Audley Maxwell Senr. Joseph Jones and John Stevens the latter brother in Law to Col Law & the four latter of Liberty County, Esquires Executors to this my last will and testament to take care and see the same performed agreeable to the true intent and meaning. And I do also appoint my beloved wife Anne Pray Executrix to this my last will & the said John Pray the Testator to this my last will and testament have set my hand and Seal the day and Year first written.

In the presence of us who were present at the Signing and Sealing thereof and Signed & Subscribed our names as witnesses to the Same.

Jno Pray (L.S.)

Thos Edward Lloyd
James Morrison
Joab A Prosper.

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Chambers of the Court of Ordinary
27th July 1819.

Present the Honorable Moses Sheftal and Thomas A Mood Justices of the Inferior Court of Chatham County having ordinary Jurisdiction.

Personally appeared James Morrison of Savannah attorney at Law a Subscribing witness to the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Pray lately of Savannah planter deceased who being duly Sworn saith that he was present and did see the said John Pray deceased sign and seal and hear him pronounce publish and declare the same to be and Contain his last will and testament that the said John Pray was at the time of executing the same of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief, that he the deponent and Thomas E Lloyd of Savannah attorney at Law and Job A Prosper of the same place procr subscribed their names as witnesses thereto at the request of the testator in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Sworn in open Court this 27 July 1819.

James Morrison

Sam'l M Bond Clk. Co. Ords

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27 July 1819. Then appeared George M Waters and John I Maxwell executors named in the foregoing will and conformed as such in the annexed Codicil of John Pray deceased and qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law and recieved letters testamentary &c accordingly.

Sam.M.Bond
Clk: Co: Ordy

I John Pray do make this Codicil to my last will and testament executed in presence of Thomas E Floyd James Morrison and another not now recollected

Now in my said will I have directed my lot adjoining Miss Morris and bought of the heirs of Mills to be sold it is my will and I so direct that my executors take out of the first monies arising out of the sale of said Lot Six thousand dollars and therewith pay my debts and legacies

I give and bequeath unto Ann McCoy living with Mrs Greene ten Shares of my planters Bank Stock.

I give and bequeath unto Mrs Elizabeth Holms ten Shares of planters Bank Stock.

I give and bequeath unto Miss Elizabeth Bond four Shares of planters Bank Stock.

I give and bequeath to my executors in my will and this Codicil named in trust for the sole and seperate use of Mrs Rebecca Knox and her children not subject to the debts and controul of her present or any future husband twenty Shares of State Bank Stock & a note of Thomas M Grimes for about five thousand dollars which I now hold.

These bequest to Miss Elizabeth Bond & Mrs Rebecca Knox and Children is in addition to what is left them in my will before mentioned. And I appoint in addition to those named in my will George Anderson Senior as one of my executors and I desire that this Codicil & my said will may be taken together and should they militate this Codicil is to govern

And I hereby confirm my before mentioned will when taken with this Codicil.

In witness where of I hereto set my hand and Seal this eighteenth day of June eighteen hundred and nineteen

Signed Sealed and executed in our presence who in his presence

Jn° Pray [L.S.]

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93 and in the presence of each other witness the same

John McKinnon
Arthur Miller
Henry Lyon

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Chambers of the Court of Ordinary
27th day of July 1819.

Present the Honorable Moses Nestal and Thomas A Moore, Justices of the Inferior Court of Chatham County having Ordinary Jurisdiction.

Personally appeared John McKinnon of Savannah a Subscribing witness to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be a Codicil to the last will and testament of John Pray, lately of Savannah deceased who being duly sworn saith he was present and did see the said John Pray deceased sign and seal and hear him pronounce publish and declare the foregoing instrument to be and Contain a Codicil to his last will and testament bearing date the fifth day of February eighteen hundred and nineteen and to be considered and taken as a part thereof that the said John Pray was at the time of executing the same, of sound and disposing mind and memory, to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief that he the deponent and Arthur G Miller and Henry Lyon subscribed their names as witnesses to the same at the request of the testator in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Sworn in open Court
this 27th July 1819

John McKinnon

Sam.M.Bond
Clk. Co. Ordy

Cornelia Bond share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns for ever six Shares of my Stock in the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia. Item 32d. My Plantations in Wilkes County which I purchased from Thomas Jennell Peter B Jennell Estate John Allison Robert A McRea the latter as executor to his father, also a small piece from Isham Richardson the whole containing about nineteen hundred Acres more or less the whole of the above tracts adjoin each other reference to deeds and records in Wilkes County will more particularly shew quantities &c &c. I give all the before described plantations or tracts of land unto my beloved wife Ann Pray with all benefits therefrom for and during her natural life provided she remains my Widow, but on the day she may marry or in case she should not marry at her death which ever may first happen then it is my will and I direct that my executors do sell all the above described Plantations or tracts of Land on a Credit of four Years say Four annual instalments each to draw interest from day of Sale taking a mortgage and personal Security for each instalment the principal and interest of each instalment as annually Collected I give the one third part of the same to Jane Heath wife of James P Heath & to her children to them their heirs and assigns for ever share and share alike the two thirds of the principal and interest as annually Collected I give the same Share and Share alike unto my Cousins Lydia Aplin & Eliza Gray, Elizabeth Bond & Ann Cornelia & Claudy Bond Children of Ann Bond. my Aunt Turpin wife of my uncle Benjamin Turpin and Joseph Pray Sen. Son of Colonel Sol Sam. to them their heirs and assigns forever. If necessary to secure the part in the proceeds of the Sale of these lands to Jane Heath I leave the part she may be intitled to in trust to Richard H. Heath of Baltimore for he sole use, and the part my aunt Turpin may be intitled to in trust to my executors if necessary to secure it from her husbands debts. Item 33. As a memory of my friendship for William A Dunham I give to him his heirs and assigns for ever six Shares of my Stock in the planters Bank of the State of Georgia. Item 34th I give unto Mildredge Ogdon Connection to my wife to her, her heirs and assigns forever new negro fellow Billy and Two hundred dollars, the latter to be paid within Sixty days after my death, but in Case my wife Ann wishes to keep Billy she is fully authorised so to do on given Mildredge Ogdon any other negro out of those which I leave to my wife of nearly or quite

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79 equal value to Billy. Item 35th I request that my friend John I Maxwell do accept my Pistols. Item 36th. After the death of my wife or marriage when my Executors do sell my Wilkes Lands as described in the above 32 Item It is my will that they do pay to the Children of Thomas Mann by his present wife Harriet Five hundred dollars out of each annual instalment of the proceeds of said Sales as collected making Five Pray Page 6th Two thousand dollars to be paid them in the four years this amount to be taken out of the two third part of said Sales no part to come out of the one third part which I give to Jane Heath and her Children. Item 37. Immediately or soon after all my debts and legacies are paid it is my will and I direct that my Executors do sell my plantation in Wilkes County which I purchased from the executors of Parricott Containing four hundred and eighty Acres more or less this land adjoins John Jennell and others and now planted by myself, on the following terms five hundred dollars to be paid in Cash the balance by four equal annual instalments each to draw interest from day of Sale mortgage and approved personal Security to be required for payment each instalment and the interest on each installment it is my will that the Cash part of Sales as also the instalments principal and interest as annually collected be paid unto the legal representatives or Guardian of Jane Heaths Children any which she now has or may hereafter have by her present husband James P Heath, and I also give to the legal representative or Guardian of the aforesaid Children Fourteen Shares of my Stock in the Bank of the United States, all the above to them share and share alike for ever. Item 38th All my part of Orange Grove plantation situate in Bryan County formerly estate of Thomas Day adjoining Ogeechee Causway I give the same unto the Children of my friend George McMaters share alike to them their heirs and assigns for ever. Item 39th I give unto Mary C Footman wife of Doctor Footman to her her heirs and assigns forever the following negroes and future increase new negro Isaac Mary and Dinah, those three is now in his possession and those now added to Mary C Footman is woman Mary and her Children Lucy Bob & Fatimore to her her heirs and assigns for ever. Item 40th I give unto James Habersham Maxwell Son of Ann Maria Maxwell to him his heirs and assigns for ever the following negroes and future increase boy Sam who is now in his mothers possession Mingo Judah the latters Child Rose, in Case of James death before arriving to twenty one years or marriage then the above negroes to go unto his mother for ever. I give Syrah another of Judas Children and her increase unto Ann Maria Maxwell to her her heirs and assigns

for ever. Item 41st I give unto Susan Demere wife of Raymond P. Demere to her her heirs and assigns for ever girl Dinah who is now in her possession also Child Joe brother to Dinah both Children of Clarissa who is dead and negro fellow big Joe the latter brother to old Morris & John increase of Dinah to her for ever. Item 42d I give unto the Children of Jane Pelot wife of Joseph L Pelot to them their heirs and assigns for ever Share alike including any child Jane may ever have by the said Joseph Pelot exceptt his wife Elsy her child Theba and their future increase. Item 43d I give unto Rebecca Wheaton of Providence Rhode Island mother to my uncle Turpins wife a Lot of Land with all improvements thereon situated in the Town of Providence Rhode Island reference to records in Providence in Book 27 pages 429-430. will more fully appear as to description &c with all benefit of the same for and during her natural life at her death I give the before described Lot and all improvements thereon unto the Children of my Uncle Benjamin Turpin by his present wife formerly Miss Wheaton share alike to them their heirs and assigns for ever, subject nevertheless that after the death of Rebecca Wheaton that my Aunt (Mrs Pray Page 7th) Turpin shall have the use of said lot during her life provided she can hold the use of it without subjecting the same for Uncle Turpins debts agreeable to the laws of Rhode Island. I also relinquish all claim on the Score of any rent whatever for said lot and buildings thereon. Item 44th I give unto my God daughter Hester Sarah Maxwell to her her heirs and assigns for ever but on such conditions as hereinafter expressed the following negroes and future increase Rose her Children Paris George Jack Louisa and Ephram all these in Willis Diana Tom Flora the three Latter Children Denah now dead Diana's Child Denah my driver fellow Sandy his wife Silvy twelve now in all (Tom one of Roses Children taken out Inventory this as it may be supposed an error) in case of the death of Hester before marriage it is my will in that Case that all the before mentioned negroes and increase Rose Paris George Jack Louisa Ephram Diana Tom Flora Child Denah Sandy and Silvy shall go share and Share alike unto the Sisters of the said Hester Sarah Maxwell Mary C Footman Susan Demere and to the Children of Jane Pelot wife of Jos L Pelot but the Children only to draw an equal Share with Mary and Susan say the one third to the children and that divided between them including any child the said Jane may

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81 hereafter have with those she now has, be it understood that the Condition on which I give the above negroes and increase to Hester Sarah Maxwell is that in Case she should marry any person without first obtaining the Consent of her Uncle John I Maxwell provided he be living that in Case she marrys without his consent then and in such Case I revoke this Item of my will so far as to take one half of the above named negroes and increase from the said Hester Sarah and give the one half Share & Share alike to her Sisters Mary C Footman Susan Demere and the Children of Jane Pelot the latter to receive only the one third and that to be divided between them. Request my friend J I Maxwell to apprise Hetty of thes Condition as to one half of the negroes, in Case of her marriage I advise the Consent in writing & that to be recorded. As I am sorry to say that I am aware that Hetty never Can agree sufficiently well for my wife to let her live with her after my death. It is therefore my request that either her uncle John I Maxwell or one of her brothers in laws take her from my wife immediately after my death and I do request that my executors do allow the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars for the annual or yearly support of Hetty to be paid to her uncle John I Maxwell this sum to be paid by two payments say one hundred and twenty five dollars every Six months from date my death and to be continued so long as it may be found necessary to continue all my estate together but after the negroes left Hester Sarah are given up to her uncle John I Maxwell whom I request to take in his Charge for her, then this sum not to be allowed for her any longer but at the day this allowance is stopped and her uncle recieves the negroes. Then give to him for her use and benefit Two hundred dollars and Six Shares of my Stock in the planters Bank of the State of Georgia. Be it understood that in Case my wife should be Satisfied for Hetty to remain with her untill my debts and legacies can be paid that in such case the said Two hundred and fifty dollars not to be allowed her but in room of the same my executors allow her two hundred dollars per year so long as my estate may be all Kept and Continued together and untill her uncle receives her negroes that the sum to be placed in the hands of my wife to Clothe her the above Six Shares Stock to go to her uncle for her use at the time above mentioned let her remain where she will. Item 45th It is my will and I direct that my Executors do dispose of and Sell immediately after my death my Lot which I purchased from David B Mitchell as Guardian of Miss Mills which property was formerly the property of the Estate of Mills. Situate on the Corner Lot op-

poseto the Store of Thamas / Mr Pray Page 8th / Andrew Low and Co and fronting one way on Johnstons Square the corner building now thereon occupied at this time by Cope esquire Sheriff this Lot having been sold at public auction under the decree of the Superior Court and purchased by me terms of Sale as follows one fourth part an approved indorsed note payable in four months One fourth part an approved indorsed note payable in twelve months. One fourth part an approved indorsed note payable in eighteen months the other last fourth an approved indorsed note payable in two years legal interest to be added on each payment and a mortgage on the property as a Security for the payment of all the instalments. It is my will and I direct that my Executors will apply the amount of principal and interest of the two first instalments in payment of my debts if any Sowe if no debts to be applied in payment of the cash legacies which I have left. It is my will and I direct that the third instalment or payment principal and interest to be paid over Share and Share alike unto the legal Guardian of the Children of Thomas Mann by his present wife Harriot for the use and benefit of the aforesaid Children them their hiers and assigns for ever including any child She may hereafter have by her present husband. If any difficulty occurs for want of Guardian my Executors will hold the same in trust for them Keeping the money on interest for their benefit allowing them the interest, or corn a part of principal if their necessities require it. I do prohibit their father from having any controul over the money and authorise my executors to prevent it as fully as I could do if living. The fourth and last instalment or payment principal and interest. I give the same Share and Share alike say one half to the female asylum of the City of Savannah and the other half to the Seamans Hospital of the City of Savannah for the use and benefit of the aforesaid institutions for ever. Item 16th Whereas I hold a judgment against Thomas Mann which was obtained in favour of Dewolfs and assigned to me by William Davies Attorney for them I give the aforesaid Judgment principal and intrest in trust to my Executors for the sole and entire use of Ann & Jane Mann to them their hiers and assigns forever in Case death either before marriage to go to the Survivor. And whereas I have given to Mary Pugh in 2d Item of this will fourteen Shares of my Stock in the State Bank It is my will that She only receve the dividends on the same for her life time and at her death it is my will that the same fourteen Shares of Stock shall go unto her daughter Mary Jane Pray Mell and to any Child or Children she

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may ever have Share alike between Mary and any such Children if any, if none, then to hereself for ever. Item 17th It is my request that my Executors do not allow a Sacrifice of any property I have directed to be sold, and should they find that they can effect Sales of any of my property directed to be sold at private Sale I authorise them to act in that respect at their discretion, either private or publick Sales, and I do also authorise them to divide my Lands in to any quantity they may determine may benefit my Estate and Legatees in selling the same as I am of the opinion that my Lands in Mill Res particularly those bought of the Jewells and others adjoining be so large, a benefit may result from a Sale in small parcels by a Caution in dividing the same. In consequence of the changes which frequently occur by marriages &c &c among my negroes and it being / No Pray Page 9th / my wish and sincere desire that they Shall be made as Comfortable and Satisfied as possible after my death I do authorise my wife as fully do as I could do myself if living to exchange any of the negroes which I may leave to her for any others left to any of my legatees and in Case of her making any changes my executors or any three proper persons to be chosen by my Executors to determine the valuations of the negroes in any such exchange bringing the value as equal as it may be possible and in Case of a difference in Valuation against my wife to any small amount my executors are requested to pay the same for her out the funds my estate generally, but if the difference is in her favour the legatee must pay it to my wife unless she voluntarily relenquish the same, my executors will Comply with my desire by ascertaining how they appear Satisfied before they are seperated agreeable to my will, and I do authorise my executors to make any equal exchanges among my other legatees to whom I have left negroes if in their opinion that the can better Satisfy them than for them to go precisely as I have left them their discretion to meet my views in this respect is all I can request. Item 17th It is my will that my Executors do pay over all the dividends which may become due on all the Bank Stock which I have left to Rebecca Knox and her Children for their benefit from the date of my death for their support my executors hoting the mothers part in trust in trust for her benefit if necessary and whereas I now hold a judgment obtained by Stain Back Willcox against Andrew Knox which is assigned to me and on record in Savannah and as I also hold some other Claims against the said Andrew Knox, therefore whatever Claim I may hold against him at the time of my decease including the above judgment and interest I give all such Claim against him to my executors in trust for the benefit of the said Andrew Knoxes wife Rebecca and to her Children Share and Share alike their hiers and assigns for ever. Item 18th I do hereby expressly prohibit any of my relations from selling to any person whatever direct or

en direct any part of any Claim they may have for any lega= acy left by me to them entill they may recieve the same from my estate through my executors my object being to pre vent any person from Speculating on them and I do de= clare that any Sale from them for any legacy or part there of shall not be considered as a legal transfer and I re= quest that my Executors will do nothing more than pay to them from time to time such legacies as I have given or may hereafter in this will give or by any other instrument hereafter. It is my request that immediately after my death that my executors do forward a Certifid Copy of my will say one to my Cousin Lydia Aplin and another to Eliza Gray of Providence and I also request they will have a Copy taken before a notary before the same is deposited to be recorded particularly if it should be recorded in Bryan County as I by no means consider papers or re cords safe in that office if necessary to record in Bryan, I advise it also to be recorded after proven in Savannah I also request that my Executors do within a Short time after my death give a Copy to my wife having the same first Certifid after proven observing to her it is my request. Item 49th I give my two Carpenter fellows Morris & John unto my beloved wife for and during her natural life at Mr Pray Page 10th / at her death or within a reasonable time after I give Morris & John unto my God daughter Hester Sarah Maxwell to her her heirs and assigns forever but in Case of the death of the said Hester Sarah before marriage then it is my will that Morris and John shall go unto her Sisters Mary & Footman Susan Demere and the Children of Jane Pilot to them their heirs and assigns forever but the Children of Jane only to recieve one third part and that third to be divided between any Children she now has or may hereafter have but be it understood that these two fellows are left to Betty under the same restrictions in Case of her marriage without the approbation of her Uncle John I Max well if he be living as those are in the 44th Item of this my will but with this difference both Morris and John shall go to her Sisters and the Children of Jane in Case of her marriage as mentioned in 44th Item be it understood it embraces both instead of one half as mentioned in said 44 Item say both Morris & John. Item 50th Whereas I have given a part of the proceeds of the Sale of one of my lots directed to be sold in the 45 Item of this will to the Seamans Hospital be it understood that I have discovered that it should read Savannah Poor House and Hospital Society it being in tended by me to go to this Society Thus much to obviate doubts in Case any difficulty should occur from my hav=

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85 ing Put a Seamans Hospital. Item 51st Whereas I hold Ten bonds given by John I Maxwell payable by ten instalments the first on 10th January next and the others 10th January in each year after it is my will and I direct that the bonds payable 10th January 1820. 1821 & 1822 say the three first shall be applied in aid of the payment of my just debts if any and in payment of the legacies by me left. It is my request that my executors do also apply all funds which I may posses at my decease as also dividends on all my bank stock except that part of dividends which I have directed to go immediately to some of my legatees and also to apply all monies due to me as soon as Collected as also all rents and Crops of Rice and Cotton, first to pay any debts and then legacies any heretofore left or which I may hereafter leave to be paid. It is my will and I do direct that my ex cutors do pay up the one half of all the Cash legacies by me left to my relations out of the first funds they Can Command from my es= tate, except those I may have directed to be paid immediately, and after they have .....paid the one half to my relations, then after it is my will that they do pay up in equal proportions agreable to sums left to all my other legatees and be it understood that it is my will and intention that after they have paid the one half to my relations that they will Continue to pay them the other half in equal proportions with my other legatees, my object and intention is to place them on the same footing in the my other legatees, after payment of the one half to my said relations it is my will and request that my executors do pay all my debts and legacies as soon as possi= ble after my death but be it explicitly and plainly understood that no interest whatever to be allowed on any legacy by John Pray Page 11th / by me left to any one of my legatees, as in all pro= ability the resources and funds of my estate will be equal to pay ment of my debts and legacies before the three bonds mention of John I Maxwells may fall due and be collected in Case all my debts and legacies can be paid before the three afore said Bonds Can be Collected then and in that Case whatev= er balance may remain to be Collected on the three afore said Bonds Principal and interest it is my will that the same shall be equally divided as collected between the follow ing persons Share and Share alike to my Executors in trust for the use and benefit of my aunt Justsen my uncles pres ent wife it is my intention to keep it from being subject to my uncles debts that I leave it in trust, in Case of no risque my executors will pay it over to my aunt my God daughter Mary Jane Pray Aimes wife of Lewis Aimes the Children of Thomas Mann by his present wife as als Ann and Jane now in new Providence any part which the Children of Harriott Mann Thomas Manns wife may be intitled to es to be ascertained by the number she may have at the time these bonds are Collected and my executors are requ to pay over in Case all is not applied on my debts and legacies

and of Harriott hath any Child after the payment then such child to receive such proportion as the other Children out of the part paid to such as he before had, or has at the time the same is paid my executors will be governed in the distribution by the number of Children Harriott has on the day they are ready to make a distribution in Case of any surplus being left in said bonds the said Childrens part to be paid to their legal representative, so that it is not their Father / Iomitted the word Name after the words Ann & Jane*/ And to Richard K Heath in trust for the benefit of Jane Heath wife of James S Heath and such children as She may have at the time this Surplus may be Collected in Case of their being any. Item 52d. The bonds of John I Maxwell which I now hold one payable 10th January eighteen hundred and twenty three for four thousand two hundred and twelve dollars and one payable the tenth January eighteen hundred and twenty four for three thousand nine hundred and ninety Six dollars I give the same to the Children of my Uncle Benjamin Turpin by his present wife it is my request that my Executors will hold the two above bonds untill due and when collected to pay the principal and interest if any interest on them share alike unto the aforesaid children to them their heirs and assigns for ever. Item 53d. The bond of John I Maxwell which I now hold payable thirteenth January eighteen hundred and twenty five for three thousand Seven hundred and eighty dollars I give the same to my Cousin Eliza Gray to her her heirs and assigns for ever. It is my request that my executors do collect the aforesaid bond principal and interest if any interest and pay the same over to Eliza. Item 54th The bond of John I Maxwell which I now hold payable 10th January 1826 for three thousand five sixty four dollars it is my will that my Executors do pay the same principal and interest if any interest as follows when Collected fifteen hundred dollars to the Children of Little Mann by his present wife including any she may hereafter have by her present husband to them their heirs and assigns forever. Fifteen hundred dollars part said bond I give to the Children of my Uncle B Turpin by his present wife share alike to them their heirs and assigns for ever principal and interest Jno Pray Page 12th / if any interest on the same to be paid over by my Executors so soon as Collected the ballance on said Bond of Five hundred Sixty four dollars when collected I give the same to Joseph Pray Law to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item 55th The bond of John I Maxwell which I now hold payable 10th January 1827. for Three thousand three hundred and forty eight dol-

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8[y] lars. I give the Sum of Eight hundred and forty eight dollars part said bond as Collected and interest if any to my executors in trust for the benefit of Elizabeth Mell and her children if any to them their heirs and assigns forever the ballance of the aforesaid bond which is twenty five hundred dollars I give the same as Collected principal and interest if any of the latter share and share alike unto miss Sarah Elbert Elizabeth Bond Sarah Rice the latter daughter Thomas Rice Mary Hazard and Mary Maxwell widow of Doctor Maxwell to them their heirs and assigns for ever all the before persons are before named in this Bill / Item 56th. Whereas I hold Two other Bonds of the said John I Maxwell one for three thousand one hundred sixty two dollars payable 10th January 1828. One for two thousand nine hundred and Sixteen dollars payable on 10th January 1829. I give two thousand five hundred dollars in part of the two aforesaid bonds unto the Son of my friend John I Maxwell John Pray Maxwell to him his heirs and assigns forever which sum I do request his father to Lay out in purchase some property for him or to place on interest untill he may arrive to twenty one years the ballance which may remain due on the aforesaid two Bonds I give the same share and share alike unto the Children of the said John I Maxwell by his present wife to them their heirs and assigns for ever be it understood it is my intention that John Pray Maxwell is to Come in for a Share in the latter notwithstanding the first part left to him. Item 57th I give unto Rebecca Wheaton Mother to my aunt Turpin three hundred and fifty dollars to be paid her as soon as possible after my death in case she should not be living at my death in that case I give one hundred and fifty dollars of the above to my aunt Turpin Mrs Wheatons daughter if necessary this in trust to my Executors for her and the balance of two hundred dollars in Case of Rebecca Wheat be not living to go to the Children of my said Aunt Turpin them there heirs and assigns for ever. Item 58th In Case my uncle Benjamin Turpin be living at my death my executors are particularly requested as he will be old and needy to remit to him immediately after my decease three hundred dollars, and as soon as they Can ascertain in what way they Can place a farther sum of one thousand dollars more for his benefit they are requested do to do and in Case they Cannot arrange the same advantageously for him to the north they are authorised to do it here my object being to aid in supporting him and preventing the same from becoming subject to his debts this I do authorise my executors to guard against as fully as I myself Could do if living as I prefer revoking this legacy rather than it shall be subject to his debts and so I wish it to be construed. Item 59th I give unto Mary Jane Pray Hines my Godd daughter to her her heirs and assigns for ever five hundred

dollars this to be paid to her as Soon as possible after my
decease, immediately if it can be. Page 13th Item 60th I give
unto the Children of Harriot Mann wife of Thomas Mann share
alike them their heirs and assigns for ever Five hundred Dollars
one half Sterling paid immediately if possible or to be ap
plied by my Executors for their immediate benefit, to be kept
out their fathers hands at all events. Item 61st In the room of
dower I give unto my beloved wife Ann Pray to her her heirs
and assigns for ever the following negroes and future issue
and increase Marrar her Children Hannah Cortia her
child Jack, Lydia her Children Cesar Maria Bynah Isaac
Abram the two Latter Maria and Bynah children by Davy
husband to Maria, Paul his wife Isaah her children
Patt. Thomas Antony & Hester new negro George Love Hana
ble Antony his wife Cydnia new negro Billy Bep her son
Davy old Silvia her Son Abram Boy Byllindar her chil
dren George & Cesar Egypt his wife Fanny Sappo Cesars chil
dren Rose & Maria, Luke his wife Molly her Son Peter
March husband to Bynah Carpenter Tom, Tony his
wife Daphney her Children Rina Lizett Jack Sally
& Charlott Ria Jim his wife Peggy her children Morris
Lucretia & Jim, Cretias Children Job and Louisa Bob
Son to Cloe and husband to Clarissa, Clarissa her Chil-
dren Junius & John Hillida her Children Dolly Jim
Tony Judy & Gimell Fanny his wife Rachel her chil-
dren Betty Charlott Andrew Matty & Molly Flinty his
brother Sam Juda their Sister her children Hagar Mar
ry George & John Sally daughter to old Satira now one
of our house Servants and a girl Byllindar Sister Lucy
the latter now up the Country, memorandum Byllin
dar the last negro above mentioned is up the Country on
my Millers plantation at this time & Lucy his Sister wife
Daniel is at Stanewood. this for explanation having
mentioned above that Lucy was up the Country by the
name latter. I also give unto my wife Ann Pray to
her heirs and assigns for ever all those my two lots in the
City of Savannah known by the numbers Six and Seven
Et 7. fronting one main on Johnstons Square and ad=
joining the dwelling house of Matthew Mc Allister both
of which I purchased from Colonel Joseph Habersham
and have his Titles as also the marshalls tittles for
the same it having been necessary to have the same sold
to give a Clear Title reference to records will more fully
appear with all buildings thereon or which may be here
after put on this property is insured by the Phenix Com
pany John Bolton agent as also my house I now live
in my executors will Continue the insurance so long

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89 as my estate remain together and after they will advize my wife to Continue
it and attend to it for her in Case of accident by fire at any time before or
after my Executors pay my debts & Legacies it is my will that my wife receive the
amount of insurance to aid in rebuilding and in Case of accident by fire on
Lots 6 & 7. before my debts and legacies are paid it is my will in such case that
my executors hold all my estate together untill they Can add Ten thousand
Dollars to what may be received on insurance and they are requested to put
on fire proof buildings on said Lots to both those amounts and if those sums
are insufficient they are authorised to raise any balance for erecting proof
buildings on the credit of my wife this ballance if any required be
it understood is to Come out my wifes portion of my estate left her
in case of such accident if necessary in order not to delay rebuilding
my executors will resort to a loans from the Bank or banks. Whereas
there is no doubt but there must be a Considerable Surplus funds of my
Estate by debts due or Crop on hand or near made after my executors
have paid all my debts & Legacies which my wife will Come in for
If my executors discover that by such surplus that the same will not be
equal to ten thousand dollars in the Case it is my will that they
do continue all my estate together untill they can make up ten thou
and dollars and it is my request, that they will as soon as possible
after the raising the aforesaid fund proceed to put up five proof
buildings on the aforesaid Lots Viz Pray. Page 14th / Lots Say from
the brick Store now occupied by Charles Kelsey & Co to join on the house
of Matthew Mc Allister filling all that front by either putting one two
or three Story buildings. any amount required over ten thousand dollars
my executors are authorised to raise from my wifes portion in my estate
by loan. I am desireous that they do build for her in Case I do not
do so myself previous to my death, and I do also give to my wife
Ann to her her heirs and assigns forever all the balance of my Bank
Stock Not heretofore given which is one hundred shares in the Planters
Bank of the State of Georgia, forty one shares in the State Bank
of the State of Georgia, and fifty Shares in the Bank of the Unit
ted States. And I do also give to my wife Ann Pray to her her heirs
and assigns for ever all my household furniture all my Stock all
my horses carriage and all the residue of my estate both real and per
sonal which I now possess or may hereafter possess unless I hereafter make
some difference by a Codicil to this will all monies notes Crop &c
which may be in my estate after my executors have paid my debts and
legacies. I also give to her her heirs and assigns forever except the bonds
I now hold of John I Maxwell say ten of them they are to be applied
as heretofore directed. And so long as it may be necessary to continu
ue all my estate together It is my will that my wife have the
full use and enjoyment of all my property for her support that
is to the extent of her wishes as to a support the same to come out
my estate generally so long as it may be necessary to keep all togeth
er to accomplish my will and directions but no longer than my ex
ecutors surrender to her control all that I have left her which I =