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The State of Arkansas To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that the last will and testament of Thomas H Sparks, of Clark County and State aforesaid, dec'd hath in due form of law been authenticly proved and recorded in the office of the clerk of the court of Probate for Clark County a copy of which is here to be annexed, and inasmuch as it appears that John Sparks and Michael Bogerman have been appointed executors in and by the said last will and testament, to execute the same and inasmuch as Michael Bogerman aforesaid has filed in this office a renunciation of his right and authority to act as such executor, Therefore to wit and that the property of said testator may be preserved for those to whom he shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, and that the said last will may be executed according to the request of the testator We do authorize her, the said John Sparks as such executor to collect and secure all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said Thomas H Sparks at the time of his death in whatsoever possession the same may be found and to perform and fulfill such other duties as may be enjoined upon her by said will, as far as then shall be properly and the Law charge her, and in general to do and perform all other acts which now are, or may be, required of her by Law.

In testimony whereof I W A Pittman, Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex officio Clerk of the County of Probate, in and for the County and State aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in the city of Ash Grove, this 10th day of December at 1885
W A Pittman, Clerk.
By R J Pittman, Atty.

(Seal)

In the name of God Amen!

I Thomas H Sparks of the County of Clark and State of Arkansas being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make and ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

That is to say: First After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give, sell and dispose of it follows, to wit: To my beloved wife the last of land upon which she is situated on embracing the whole lot of land which is on Boggy and the Spring creek in the County of Clark and State of Arkansas to wit: the land and improvements will show embracing stock, household furniture, farming tools, contained on the place, Also the slaves that I possess, to have hold and control according to circumstances that will best promote the interest of my estate now possessed by me, during her natural life or widowhood, after death or marriage to be equally divided with the heirs of his body and at majority of my son Tinton for him to have this equal share and all of my sons as they become of age.

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to receive their equal shares; if either son should de-
 cease, becoming of age his portion to be considered as the original
 estate. My two daughters Sarah Jane and Elizabeth Jane
 whenever they shall marry, that their portion of my Estate
 be settled upon them and their heirs. So my Mother a servant
 of her own choosing to wait on her during her life and one
 thousand Dollars annually, from my death, and at her death
 for her to dispose of it at her will with her grand children.
 I also will and bequeath to my wife and Mother forty thousand
 Dollars in Confederate money, thirty thousand Dollars in notes on
 different persons. I also will and bequeath to my wife and Mother certain
 tracts of land in Mississippi known as the last Lake Place, which
 the deed and certificate will show. I also my stock and
 dividend in the Athens factory in Georgia amounting to forty
 thousand Dollars. I also will and bequeath to my wife and Mother
 my stock and dividend in the Georgia Rail Road, five thousand
 Dollars in the Original Stock and whatever there may be due
 on the same. I also will and bequeath to my wife and Mother certain
 notes amounting to several thousand Dollars in the hands of Col.
 Herbert Silder. Also one note in the of William Moore of
 twelve hundred and fifty Dollars. I here by make and constitute
 and appoint my said wife (Susan Sparks) and Michael Roseman
 to be executors of my last will and testament, hereby revoking
 any former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto subscribed my name and annexed my seal the
 18th Sept 1863

Thos H Sparks {Seal}

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William Jones
 J R Wilson

I do not wish Executory or Executor to give any security
 for the administration of my will as I have full confidence in
 their capacity and integrity

H H Coleman
 J R Wilson }

Thos H Sparks

It is understood my daughter Medora and my son James
 Martin are to have their portions out of my estate upon the appoin-
 tment; as they have had some advancement already, then they shall
 have out of my estate such portions as shall make them equal
 to my other children. The property hereby bequeathed to my
 daughter Medora is given to her and her children

Thos H Sparks

H H Coleman
 J R Wilson }