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County of Ordinary September Term 1851
Albert County The will of John B. Barnes was exhibited in
open Court and was perused by two of the
subscribing witnesses it is ordered by the Court that the
within will be recorded.
Attest Wm B. Barnes C.C.C.
Recorded the 1st day of September 1851 Wm B. Barnes

Oraloy Fortson's Will 1851
State of Georgia In the Name of God Amen
Albert County I, Oraloy Fortson of the State and County
before said being in full health of body but of
sound Mind and Memory and Knowing that all Men have
to die do Make and ordain this My last will and Testament
Item 1st I will that all My just debts be paid
Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto My wife Susan and My
two sons John Fortson and Stephen Mann all that portion
of the tract of land whereon I now live lying east of the
Road leading from Elberton to Buckersville the said
Road to the line this land to be equally divided
between My wife and two sons above named whenever My
Executors shall think will be for the best interest of
My two sons above named
Item 3rd I will that all the remainder of My lands be sold
and the Money be equally divided between My five children
to wit Mary Fortson, Benjamin Fortson, Thomas J.
Fortson, George E. Fortson Elizabeth Huff the five to have
and share alike
Item 4th I will that My Negro woman Aquiline and child
and increase be sold together and the Money arising
the sale be divided between My five oldest children above named
share and share alike
Item 5th I give and bequeath unto My wife Susan My Negro
woman Silky and her child Matthew and their increase
My wife to receive said Negroes at valuation as a part of
her share of My Estate
Item 6th I will that My Executors shall pay over to My Negro
Silky twenty twenty five dollars this I give said Negro
for kind attention and Nursing to me while I have been sick
Item 7th I give and bequeath unto My two youngest sons John Fortson
and Stephen Mann twelve hundred dollars each to make
them up equal to My other Children

Item 8th I having paid off My four eldest children
for all the Money and property which I received for
them as their Guardian but having taken No receipt
from them or either of them and do therefore will that all
and each of them shall Relinquish or receipt to My
Executors for the full amount of all claim on My Estate
in consideration of what I have paid them before they
shall be entitled to any part of My Estate but if they
will Relinquish as above stated then all the remainder of My
estate I will to be equally divided between My wife
Susan and all of My children share and share alike
but if they shall Contend for My Estate yet to them
for the Money and property which I received for
them as their Guardian then My will is that My
wife and four youngest children each receive from
My Estate Eight hundred dollars and then the
Remainder of My Estate to be divided between My
wife and children each one to share and share alike

Item 9th I will that My Executors hold and Manage
all the Money and property which I herein bequeathed
to My two youngest sons untill My sons shall arrive
to the age of twenty one years and they are at the
age of twenty one years to receive the same from
the Executors

Item 10th I do hereby Nominate and appoint My friends
Robert Hester and William L. White My Executors
to this My last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all any will or wills by me made

I testimony whereof I have hereunto set My hand
and seal this twenty fifth day of January Eighteen
hundred and fifty one

Signed Sealed and
acknowledged before us
William H. Hill
James A. Turner
James B. Adams

Oscar Porter

Georgia
Elbert County Court of Ordinary September Term 1857
Personally came into open Court William H. Hill
and James A. Turner and being sworn said
that they saw Oscar Porter sign the above and foregoing
instrument of writing as his last Will and Testament and
that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of

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the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other and that the testator to have been of sound mind at the time he executed the same sworn to in open Court
 this 1st of September 1851
 Wm B Nelson C.C.O. William Wilkies
 James A Turner

Georgia Court of Ordinary September Term 1851
 Elbert County Personally came into open Court James B. Adams and being sworn testified that he heard Estlin Fortson acknowledge the foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and testament and that his deponent believed the same as a witness in the presence and at the request of the testator and this deponent believes the testator to have been of sound mind at the time he executed the same sworn to in open Court
 this 1st of September 1851
 Wm B Nelson C.C.O. James B Adams

Georgia Court of Ordinary September Term 1851
 Elbert County The within will of Estlin Fortson being exhibited read and proved by the oath of two of the subscribing witnesses It is ordered by the Court that the within will be recorded
 Attest Wm B Nelson C.C.O.
 Recorded the 2nd day of September 1851
 Wm B Nelson C.C.O.

Clement Wilkins will 1853
 Georgia In the name of God Amen
 Elbert County I Clement Wilkins of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia being in good health and sound mind and memory do make and ordain this My last will and testament in the following manner and form, To wit,
 I do bequeath unto My beloved wife Mary R Wilkins all the lands which I may be possessed of lying in Elbert County during her natural life for her to support herself and My child now which may remain with her on the land and after the death of My wife this land to be equally divided between all My sons and their children that is if either of My sons should die before My wife does leaving a child or children then their