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this 11th of January 1853

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Attest

John M. Thornton  
Wm B. Nelson Ordinary

Georgia Court of Ordinary  
Elbert County Ga. January Term 1853

The within will of Sarah Fleming deceased having been proved at this regular term of the court on the oaths of John M. Thornton and Adam G. Adams, two of the subscribing witnesses,

It is ordered by the Court the said will be recorded

Attest Wm B. Nelson

Ordinary

Recorded January the 11th 1853.

Thomas Burtons Will 1853

Georgia

Elbert County

In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Burton being weak and feeble in body, but of sound mind & disposing mind as to memory, do make ordain and publish this as my last will and testament

First - I assign my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried by my executors

Second - It is my will that all my just debts be paid -

Third - I give to my wife Susan during her life or widowhood, three hundred acres of land including the improvements where I now live, one Negro Man named Jim twenty one years or two years old, one horse (which she is at liberty to select) from my stock two choice cows and calves, eight head choice stock hogs and sow and pig one bed and furniture and two bedsteads (she having one bed and furniture of her own) & such portion of the household and kitchen furniture as ~~she~~ she may select & desire to keep for her own use, and provision enough for one year support after a division, one yoke of oxen, and oxwagon and such of the plantation tools as she may select for her own use

Fourth - I give and bequeath to my son in law James B. Perry as trustee for his wife Nancy and her children, one undivided share of my estate,

Fifth - I give and bequeath to the children of my son Joseph Burton Thomas G and Frances Ann Rebecca, to be equally between them, (after deducting two hundred and fifty dollars one share

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- Two share of my estate
- Sixth - I give and bequeath to the children of my daughter Elizabeth dead (former wife of Wm H. Edwards) and distributive share of my estate to be equally divided between them,
- Seventh - I give and bequeath to my son in law Obertin White, as trustee for his wife Martha and her children one distributive share of my estate
- Eighth - I give and bequeath to my son John M. Burtow fifty acres of land beginning at the end of the land joining P. A. White's land thence about a west course to the branch <sup>the end of the branch</sup> to my land thence to the beginning corner, but if this boundary should not contain fifty acres the line to be extended across the branch so as to include this number of acres at two dollars and fifty cents an acre \$150. and enough of my estate added to this amount to make one share of my estate
- Ninth - I give to my son Peter W. Burtow fifty acres of land beginning at the lower line at the branch, on the land where I now live, thence up the big branch far enough to run a line square out to Eppy H. Bonds line to contain this number of acres, at three dollars per acre \$150 and enough of my estate added to this amount to make one share of my estate,
- Tenth - I give to my son in law Robert M. Cuthbert as trustee for his wife and her children one equal share of my estate
- Eleventh - I give to son in law John B. Andrew as trustee for his wife Rhoda and her children one share of my estate -
- Twelfth - I give to my son in law Hugh W. Carithers as trustee for his wife Sarah P. and her children one equal share of my estate.
- Thirteenth - If my sons John H. and Peter W. to whom I have given herein willed fifty acres of land each, both or either of them do not wish to take the land at the price, may refuse, and receive the same amount from my estate, and the land herein given to them is to be sold with the balance of my estate -
- Fourteenth - It is my will that every thing be and remain on my plantations, and a crop be made this year by my son Peter H. and my wife
- Fifteenth I wish all my estate not herein willed away be sold by my Executors and distributed according to the foregoing intent of this (testament)
- Sixteenth - I hereby nominate and appoint my son Peter H. Burtow and my friend Ira Christian Executors to carry into effect this my last will and testament
- In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1853 signed sealed and acknowledged before me
- Eppy H. Bonds  
Gideon H. White
- Thos Burtow Seal

Georgia  
 Elbert County <sup>3</sup> Court of Ordinary April Term 1853  
 Personally appeared <sup>3</sup> Eppay W Bond and  
 James W Bond and being sworn saith that they saw  
 Thomas Ruston sign the within instrument of writing as his last will  
 and testament and they together with Calvin F. Millhight signed the  
 same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the testator  
 and in the presence of each other and these deponents believe the testator  
 to have been of sound mind and memory at the time he executed  
 the same -  
 Sworn to in open Court  
 this 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1853  
 Attest Wm B. Nelson Ordinary

Eppay W. Bond  
 James W. Bond

Georgia  
 Elbert County <sup>3</sup> Court of Ordinary April Term 1853  
 The within will of Thomas Ruston having been  
 proved at this regular term of the Court on the oaths  
 of Eppay W Bond & James W. Bond two of the subscribing  
 witnesses - It is ordered by the Court that the said Will be  
 set up and established and be recorded  
 Wm B. Nelson Ordinary  
 Recorded April 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Singleton W. Allen's Will 1853

State of Georgia  
 Elbert County <sup>3</sup> In the name of God Amen  
 I Singleton W. Allen of said County & State do make  
 & declare this to be my last will and testament; hereby revoking  
 all former wills, & papers testamentary, by me heretofore made -  
 It is my will and desire that all my estate both real and personal, shall  
 descend to, and vest in my heir at law according to the laws of this State  
 for the distribution of estates, with the following exceptions and Conditions  
 That, it to say -  
 It is my will that the portion or share of my estate which by the foregoing  
 provisions would be left to my grand-son Bernard W. Allen, son of my late  
 son Bernard W. Allen shall not vest in him absolutely at my death; and  
 that out of the same there shall be set apart & taken for my daughter in law  
 Isabella T. Allen formerly Isabella T. Blackwell, so much in amount to  
 vest in her absolutely, as shall be sufficient when added to what she now had  
 to make her property in her own right equal to what it would have been had  
 she never married - at my late son Bernard W. Allen died before I had given  
 him much property & that which she got by my said daughter in law in her  
 marriage having to be shared with his son, it is my wish to place her in a  
 condition with regard to property as if she had never married - and I