

Elizabeth "Bessie" Willis
State of Georgia -
County of Fulton, bearing of sound mind and memory
in view of the uncertainty of life, do make this my
last will and testament, hereby revoking all others
I have made.

Item 1st I desire that my body be buried in a decent
manner.
Item 2^d It is my will and desire that Mary E. Wells
wife of John D. Wells of Fulton County Ga. should have
a life time estate in all my property for the separate
and sole use of herself, and the education and main-
tenance of John D. Wells Jr. son of said John D. Wells.
to be held by the trustee, hereinafter appointed, for her
sole use during her life, subject to the education and
maintenance of said John D. Wells Jr. and at the death
of said Mary E. to be vested in the said John D. Wells
Jr. in fee simple, the property thus bequeathed consist-
ing of a Negro woman named Amanda aged about
eighteen years her child named Harris aged about
one year her clothes, household articles, furniture
and accounts, and whatever else may be found
belonging to her estate.

And I hereby appoint John D. Wells Jr. Executor
to this my last will and testament, to take charge of the
whole of my estate and also to act as trustee for said
Mary E. Wells. John D. Wells Jr. hereby agreeing to him
as said Executor & trustee full power to dispose of
all and singular of said property together with its
increase, either at present or hereafter, and the Con-
sent of the said Board of said property to be
invested in the same, with the same and bequest
said life estate to be free from the death of the said
present or any future husband. It is my will and
desire that Amanda and her child should be kept
together during the life of said Mary E.
And I hereby appoint the executor of this my
last will and testament to place the same in a safe
and opposite of this sheet. I want the name of the
child my name by writing my name to passing my
soul after the same has been read to me this Oct 29 1860
Elizabeth "Bessie" Willis

At the Subscription only that the foregoing will was the
day read over, and read by Elizabeth Willis in our presence
that we saw her sign her name by making her mark
and saw of the same in our presence as appears above this
Oct 1860
Marcus A. Wells, John D. Wells, John D. Wells

Georgia, 3rd District, the 8th day of
Fulton County, November 1840, for the purpose of proving
the will of Elizabeth Paradis, one of the witnesses to said
will, viz Marcus A Bell and John Neal, and the will
the Executor, who files his Application for the probate
thereof, they the said witnesses depose and say they
saw Elizabeth Paradis sign seal publish & declare
the same to be her last will and testament, freely, volun-
tarily and of her own Accord, without any influence
or Compulsion whatever, and that said testatrix was of
sound and disposing mind & memory, when she executed
the same, that said witnesses signed their names
therein as witnesses, in presence of the testatrix, at her
request & in presence of each other, and that they saw
J. H. Mendenhall sign his name as witness thereto, in
presence of testatrix at her request, and in our presence
Sworn to before me
before me Nov 8th 1840
J. H. Mendenhall, Ordinary

Recorded March 7th 1841
J. H. Mendenhall, Ord

Francis H. Coleman's Will
State of Georgia, 3rd District, the Name of God Amen
I Francis H. Coleman of said State, County being last in
bodily health, but of sound mind, and acknowledging my
mortality, do make and publish this as my last will
concerning the disposition of my property after my death
hereby revoking all wills heretofore executed by me
First, It is my will that my Executor, Francis H.
Coleman, and my friend, Edward H. H. H. of said
State County, Act as Executors of this will
Secondly, It is my will that my Executors proceed
immediately after my death to collect my assets &
pay my debts according to law
Third, I will that after payment of debts the
remainder of my estate, be equally divided between
my said wife and children
Fourth, I will that my Executors have discretion
any power to sell my estate in whole or in part
at public or private sale, in such manner as they may think best
for the interest of all concerned
Fifth, I will that my Executor and the Real Estate, Com