State of Georgia } Be it remembered that on the
Emanuel County } 8th day of June 1868 Thomas B. O'Kelley
of said County and being sick and knowing
knowing that no person lives to do more
than it behoves of the good and
God has blessed me with the ability
to make this declaration the following to be
my last will and testament revoking
all other wills and testaments
I will that my funeral expenses and just
debts be paid.
I will that my wife Sarah L. O'Kelley my daughter
Laura my son Benjamin O'Kelley and
Mary A. the children, Daniel, Virginia, Jane
Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Thomas, Elizabeth, George
Walter and all the issue of the law
more, and all that may come to me by
heritage, and also the lot of land I am
now living on in the 8th District, to live
after my death, and the before mentioned
Virginia to cultivate said land for her support
and her children, and after her
death both land and Negroes to go to her
children. And if my crops does not raise
money sufficient to pay my debts and
expenses aforesaid, for benefit of my just
debts property to be sold to answer the
purpose and for her to have the balance
And my desire is that my brother George
O'Kelley, act as my Executor to carry out this
will and still my friend Sam Thomas B.
O'Kelley, being of age to act to attend to it
legally and if any said brother should die
before my said Grandson is of age that
my daughter Sarah L. O'Kelley act as
Executrix if she is living under her age
Sam B. O'Kelley 8th 1868

Thomas B. O'Kelley [seal]

Signed sealed published and published by Thomas
B. O'Kelley as his last will and testament in the
presence of us the undersigned who have hereunto
set our signatures in the presence of the testator
at the special instance and request in presence
of each other this 8th day of June 1868

George W. Wiley
Alfred Baggett
Thomas B. Kennedy J.P.

Georgia } Before me came on this 8th August
Emanuel County } at Chambers for the purpose of proving the last
will and testament of Thomas B. O'Kelley
the witnesses to said date viz George W. Wiley
Alfred Baggett and Thomas B. Kennedy
the will have been brought before me for
probate by S. L. O'Kelley the legatee in the
first instance for probate of the same
they the said witnesses depose of the same that
O'Kelley has said Thomas B. O'Kelley depose and pub
that the same is his last will on the day and
year therein written as witnessed by them that
they subscribed the same at his request in
the presence and in presence of each other
they saw Alfred Baggett assign the same as
a witness with the same was voluntarily
executed by him while he was of sound and
disposing mind and memory
Sworn to & subscribed } Thomas B. Kennedy
before me this day & date } George W. Wiley
B. S. Pickett Clerk

Georgia } I, Benjamin O'Kelley Executor
Emanuel County } of the last will of Thomas
B. O'Kelley do solemnly swear that this
writing contains the total last will of the
within named B. L. O'Kelley so far as
I know or believe

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and truly account be done by first paying
the debts and then the legacies of said
said will so far as the good and chattels
which and all law charge and that
I will make a true and perfect inventory
of all such goods & chattels & lay the same
before & subscribed
before me in open court
this first day of May 1842 — Benjamin Whitley
B.H. Robertson Clerk

Georgia — I Benjamin Whitley
Inferior Court Ordinary of said County do
hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy
of the last will of Thomas L. Whitley dec'd
proved before me in common form
chambers on the 6th day of May 1842 on the
oath of Thomas L. Kendrick & George W. Wilson
two of the subscribing witnesses & Benjamin
Whitley named therein as executor who being
qualified at a regular term of the court on
the 3rd day of June 1842 and he most himself
fully authorized to execute said will I have
to him the letters testamentary accompanied
by a copy of will.

In Witness whereof I do hereby
Ordinary have hereunto set my
hand and seal of office 3rd
day of June 1842 B.H. Robertson
Clerk of Inferior Court

Recorded August 1st 1842
James S. Lawrence, Clerk

Georgia — I do hereby declare my
Inferior Court — I make the following my last
will and testament revoking all former wills
by me made

Item 1st — I will and bequeath unto my dear daughter
Sarah Frances and Sabrina Jane for their own
and benefit free from the claims of their husbands
and creditors all my land lying and
being in the County and State aforesaid lying
and being on the West side of Yellow River
twenty five acres more or less on the East
side of same as per fence stands at the time
Frances as the Rising place.

Item 2nd — I will and bequeath unto my son William
Lewis the balance of my land in the County and
State aforesaid including the home tract and
the Rising place subject to the reversion of
one half of the Rising place being fronting
A. J. Robinson land, with the understanding
that he live with his brother during his
lifetime or widowhood, and should any
necessary repairs, then and in that event he
is to share the northeast half of the Rising
place, with one fourth of the plantation
kitchen furniture, one horse one cow one
dog and pigs, and at the death of my wife
then the said land is to revert back to my
estate and be equally divided among my three
named children

Item 3rd — I direct that all my stock be disposed of at
the discretion of my Executor, that is to say
he is to hand out some stocked and
equipped for the benefit of my wife and
children, and should it be expedient he to
sell stock I do direct is to dispose of the
said stock with the exception of a certain bay
filly named [illegible]

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