

I John Hudson of the State of Georgia
and County of Laurens being in good health
of sound mind and disposing memory taking
into consideration the frailty of human nature
and knowing that it is next to impossible for all
men over to die and being desirous of disposing
of my earthly property at my pleasure
I Will with what earthly property it has
pleased God in this world to bless me do make
ordain, constitute - appoint promulgate and
establish this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath unto my son
James Hudson a negro man named Jack about
twenty seven years old and a negro woman going
about forty five years old and the land known
in Montgomery County in this State called
the Calhoun place and consisting of one hundred
and three fractions of land to have and to
hold forever. I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Sarah Hudson to be held and
claimed by Fra Hambley in trust for and
for the sole use and benefit of my son James
after Sarah - a negro woman now going
about twenty seven years old and her two boys
Fred and Titus and a good bed, bedstead and
furniture which she now claims as hers to have
to hold forever. I give and bequeath unto my
Hambley in trust for and for the sole use and
benefit of my daughter Mary Hudson a negro
woman named Fannie about twenty years old
and her two boys Dick, and Peter, and a good
bed and furniture which she now calls hers
with a bedstead to have and to hold forever.
I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Eunice Hudson - to be held and claimed by Fra
Hambley in trust for and for the sole use and

Widow and second man (slavery or man) aged
about twenty years and her two sons Aaron and
George - son and good bed and bed
and furniture which she now ~~shall~~ has
to have and to hold forever.

I give and bequeath to Issa Standley in
trust for and for the sole use and benefit of my
daughter Huldah a negro woman named
Hattie about seventeen years old and a boy
married Avery about ten years old and a good
bedstead bed and furniture which is now called
hers to have and to hold forever.

I give and bequeath to Issa Standley in
trust for and for the sole use and benefit of my
daughter Corinne Hudson a negro man
named Buckus about nineteen years old and
a negro girl named Orange about eight years
old and a good bed and bed and furniture
now called hers to have and to hold forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Leander
Hudson a negro man named Sam twenty
two years old and a boy named Tony about
Eleven years old to have and to hold forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Green
Hudson a negro man named Bee about
nineteen years old and a boy named Jerry
about eleven years old to have and to hold forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Newton Hud-
son a negro man named Andrew eighteen years
old and a boy named Manus twelve years old
to have and to hold forever.

As soon after my death as convenient my will
desire is that my executors sell to the best of their
advantage a sufficient quantity of my cattle
to pay all my just debts the balance of my
Cattle I wish to be sold in equal
parts on the ^{Lafayette County Will Book 1808-1840} parts or them

fit of my daughters, Sarah, Mary and
Weldah, and Corinne to wed and take
over the other remaining part or share of
my cattle I give and bequeath unto my
eldest wife Eliza Hudson during her
natural life or widowhood and at the time
of either of these events then the same
to go to my three youngest sons Leander, John
and Newton.

I give and bequeath unto my said wife
old Lampson a negro man aged about fifty
five years a negro woman named Mollie
about forty eight years old and a boy named
Alford about twelve years old all my lands
not herein given away all house & kitchen
furniture not herein given away all my
horse hogs sheep and goats, fowling utensils
and every thing not herein already disposed
of for acts during her natural life or widow
hood only and at the taking place of either
of these events then the same to go ^{to} and belong
to my three youngest sons Leander, John and
Newton forever as far simple and if at the
time of my death I should be possessed of any
land owing to me any money I wish it
all equally divided between my said
wife and my said three youngest sons
Leander John and Newton.

I do hereby nominate constable and appoint
my Trusty friends John Luther and James
Woff of the State and County aforesaid the
Exutors of this my last will and testament
hereby tasking and letting aside others
bequests for made by me. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand,

1838 appearance John Headen Esq
of Eli Warren
John Woodard
McBain
D P Robinson

Georgia
Laurens County Superior Court Sitting for
ordinary purposes July 7th 1840

This day appeared David P Robinson and John
Woodard in open court and after being duly
sworn deposed that they saw John Headen
sign seal and acknowledge the witness to
be his test with and testanted and that he
was of sound mind and memory and
that they subscribed the same as witnesses
and saw Eli Warren and Thomas
McBain do so likewise and the same
was ordered to be recorded

Francis Thomas et al

Recorded July 7th 1840

In the name of God Amen.

I Elizabeth Mary Ann McElvee wife of Thomas
McElvee of Laurens County planted being and still
in health but of disposing mind and memory
commend my soul to Almighty God and my
body to the dust. Whereas, under a provision in
my marriage settlement with my beloved husband
Thomas McElvee dated the fifth day of April in the
year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred
and ninety eight which deed of marriage settlement
was recorded in the clerks office of Chattooga County
in Book T folio 18 to lie on the 27th day of July
afterward, a power was granted to me to make
such dispositions of the property settled or divided