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John W. Stacy }
Gerrit Stacy } Appraising.
Thos. E. Bishop }

State of Georgia

Liberty County

Know all men by these presents, that we, Samuel Spencer and William N. Way, are held and firmly bound unto their Honors, the Judges of the Court of Ordinary for said County, and their successors in office, in the just and full sum of ten thousand four hundred dollars, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made to the said Judges, and their successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated at Keeshborough, this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty six.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the said Samuel Spencer is this day appointed Guardian to Miss Elizabeth McLean, orphan of Alexander McLean, late of said County deceased,

Now, if the said Samuel Spencer do well and truly demean himself as Guardian aforesaid, agreeably to letters of guardianship bearing even date herewith, and agreeably to law in such case made and provided, the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged

in open Court

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Samuel Spencer

Wm. N. Way

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The Will of John de la Roche, deceased. I Paul Hamilton Wilkins, of the State of Georgia and County of Liberty, planter, calling to mind that life, even in the midst of health and enjoyment, is uncertain and transitory, and that death will ultimately terminate the hopes and prospects of all mankind. Do, therefore, whilst in the full possession of my rational faculties, make, constitute and ordain, in the calm moments of reflection, this to be my last will and Testament: All debts due by me, which have any foundation in justice and equity, and all expenses which may be attended on my sickness and funeral, I direct first to be paid. — To my son Paul Hamilton Wilkins, I give and bequeath the Isle of Wight, on which I now plant, and the marsh lands thereunto belonging, and that joining the West side of said island up to the canal; which said canal is to be the dividing line between said island and my adjacent plantation, to the bank above my cemetery; and from that piece of land agreed by Samuel Wilkins to be exchanged for a piece of my land within the estate of Cochran's bankers; that is, a direct line to be run from the aforesaid bank to strike Limerick's Canal, so as to include the piece of land received in exchange with Samuel Wilkins; the line to run then as follows: along the canal to the lower corner of Limerick's bank, then to turn North following the ditch to the creek. I wish it understood, that the canal which now runs through my marsh land on the North and North West of the Isle of Wight, dug by Mr. Samuel Wilkins, or the estate of Cochran, was granted by me in part consideration of exchange of land; and I view the said canal as attached to Limerick's plantation, and therefore not subject to the control of my future proprietor of the Isle of Wight, or the marsh lands before mentioned. — I further give and bequeath to my son P. H. Wilkins the following named negroes, together with all their future issue and increase; viz. Fanny, Phoebe, Mary, Gid, Betty, Ned, Judy, Rhine, Casander, Yellow-basser, Jane, Moses. — I further give and bequeath to my son Paul H. Wilkins Lot No. (2) two in the town of Dunbury, with its improvements. — To my son Archibald Wilkins I give and bequeath my Dunmore plantation, including twenty three and one third acres bought of John Tressor, making nine hundred and eighty three acres of land; also all my lands adjoining the commons of Dunbury, lands of Charles O. Brown, Elizabeth Wilkins and marshes of Midway; also, those four improved lots on which I now reside, together with the four improved lots immediately in the rear of the last mentioned lots. It is my will and desire, that when my son Archibald arrives at the age of twenty one years, that the aforesaid lands adjoining the commons of Dunbury,

lands of C. O. Sorenson, Elisabeth Wilkins and ~~Wm. H. Wilkins~~ Midway, be at his option to retain them, provided ¹⁸²⁷ he pays unto his two sisters, Ann Bellinger and ~~Wm. H. Wilkins~~ their heirs, executors or administrators, the sum of five thousand dollars in six equal annual payments, the first payment to be made when he arrives at the age of twenty two years, or surrender the aforesaid lands to my executors, and by them to be disposed of, to the best advantage, for the benefit of my two daughters, Ann Bellinger and Jane Mary Wilkins. — To my two daughters, Ann Bellinger and Jane Mary Wilkins, I give and bequeath three hundred and ninety two acres of land on Cathlamet creek and Altimacher, adjoining James Smith and James Dunwoody; also the residue of my lots in the town of Dubuque, not already disposed of. — To my son Joseph C. Wilkins, I give and bequeath that tract of land purchased from the executors of the estate of Demers, containing about two thousand acres, adjoining John Steag, B. L. Holmes and Wm. H. Wilkins. — To my four children, Archibald, Joseph C. Ann Bellinger & Jane Mary Wilkins, I give and bequeath, share and share alike, the whole of my property not heretofore named or disposed of, with all its future increase. — In case either or any of my last named four children die before marriage, and leave no heirs of the body, then, and in either case, the property I now bequeath them to belong to the survivor or survivors of the said four children, Archibald, Joseph C. Ann Bellinger and Jane Mary Wilkins. — I wish it understood, that all the property intended by me for the use, benefit and support of my daughter Eliza Ann Sorenson, her children and husbands, I have conveyed in a deed of trust to my son Paul H. Wilkins and Alfred Sorenson Esq. — It is my sincere wish, and my last injunction, that my children receive as liberal educations as their circumstances in life will admit of, and that they be sent, at a proper age, by my executors, to such parts of the United States as will in their judgment best promote this great object. — I constitute and appoint my son Paul H. Wilkins, my cousin James S. Wilkins, and my son Archibald Wilkins, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, executors to carry into full effect this my last will and testament; also with full power to dispose of and sell the whole of my property, both real and personal, which I have bequeathed to my four children, Archibald, Joseph C. Ann Bellinger and Jane Mary Wilkins, and set the same in stock of the Bank of the United States, for the benefit, use and support of my said four children, reserving to each of the aforesaid four children the privilege, at all times from the present date, of retaining their proportion of the property or not, as each may think most advantageous.

In testimony whereof the said Paul H. Wilkins have set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty seven. —

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of the testator, & in the presence of each other, this 14th November 1827.

Paul H. Wilkins (S)

James C. Bullock

A. Wilkins

J. George

Henry Butler

State of Georgia

Liberty County

Joseph George, being duly sworn, deposes and swears, that he is an subscribing witness to the within last will and testament of Paul H. Wilkins deceased, which he saw duly executed by the said testator in the presence of James C. Bullock and Archibald Wilkins sons and that the said testator appeared at the time to be in his perfect senses.

Sworn to before us, this 8th September 1836

Wm. Fleming Wks.

Enoch Smith Wks.

W. L. Baker Wks.

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E. Baker Wks.

J. George