

Merritt County

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I Abner Turham (dece

of the County & State
aforesaid, being of sound mind and disposing
memory do make and ordain and constitute
my last Will and Testament

Item First—I will my soul to god who gave it
hoping for salvation through his son
my Redeemer

Item Second—I will and direct that all my
just debt be paid by my Executors
hereinafter named

Item Third—I will bequeath and devise unto my
beloved wife Frances Turham for and
during her natural life the lot of land and
all the improvements thereon on which I now live
Also the following named Negroes (to wit) Emeline
Marsh, Ned, and Eliza and such of my stock
of every description as she may desire, and such
of my Household and Kitchen furniture and
plantation tools & Waggons as she may think
proper to retain, Also my Carriage & harness & Bee
hives and such amount of my stock of provisions
of every kind as she may wish or desire

Item Fourth—I will and direct that the remainder
of my Estate both real and personal be
equally divided among my children to share and
share alike (with the exception of my daughter Fran
who I give one hundred dollars in addition to
her equal portion of my Estate)

I will and direct that the sum of four hundred
and sixty two dollars be deducted from the
share of my son in law William F. Corley in the
division of my Estate Also the amount of notes
which I hold against my son John Turham to be
deducted from his share of my Estate the same
being for advancements made to them, The share of

to belong, exclusively to her and to her children, and
not subject to the debts, contracts, liabilities or control
of her present or a future husband. And I hereby
appoint my son Henry Durham the trustee for said
portion of my Estate, And at the death of my wife
the remainder of my Estate to be equally divided
among my children, with the restrictions and provisions
as herein set forth.

I hereby constitute and appoint my
Worthy and much esteemed friends Nehemiah
Wimbish and John Robinson Executors to this my
Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal this Eighth day of March 1856.
Signed sealed and declared by Abner Durham (Seal)
published in the presence

of us.
Hinson A. Jackson
Hugh E. Malone
Joseph Leone
Francis O. Dannelly

Meriwether Court of Ordinary
April Term 1856

The within last will and Testament of Abner Durham
(senior) having been proven at this regular Term in open
Court upon the oaths of Hinson A. Jackson, Hugh
E. Malone and Francis O. Dannelly.

Ordered that the same be admitted to Record.
9th April 1856 J. C. Graham C. M. C.

Recorded this 9th April 1856

J. C. Graham C. M. C.