

The last Will and Testament of 411
Alfred M. Ellborn

In the name of God Amen

I Alfred M. Ellborn of the County of Meriwether
State of Georgia, do hereby make, ordain
and declare the following to be my Last
Will and Testament:

First It is my Will and desire that all
my just debts be paid out of any money
left by me at the time of my death or out
of any money that may be collected from
debts or demands that may be due to
me at the time of my death.

Second As it is my Will and desire that
my property shall be equally divided
between my children now in life and
the children of my deceased daughter
Mary Jane Cochran (the latter to receive
the same share to which their Mother would
have been entitled if in life) after dedu-
cting what I have already given to
each of them heretofore - which is as
follows: My daughter Mary Jane Cochran
has received in Negroes and land prop-
erty of the value of fourteen thousand
dollars - My daughter Willie E. Martin
has received Negro property of the value
of twelve thousand dollars - My daughter
Caroline E. Martin has received in Negroes
and Money property of the value of five
thousand nine hundred dollars - My
son Samuel M. Ellborn has received
Negro property and Money of the value
of twelve thousand nine hundred
and fifty dollars - The Negroes which I
have given to my sons and now on my plan-
-tations with my other Negroes (the white) have

Ellen, Richard, John, Lem, Charlotte, Frances
 Charity, Mike, Sonnia, Laura, Jetty Little Henry,
 at Cold Spring, Emeline and her child, Seaborn
 and Hubbard - Green is also with my slaves
 but was purchased by my son with money
 advanced by me to him and is his property
 I have given my daughter Catharine
 three Negroes to wit Sney and her child
 and Jack which are now at my house &
 employed as house servants of the value
 of fifteen hundred dollars - Now it is my
 will and intention that my son and three
 living daughters shall receive in Negro
 property the same amount which my
 daughter Mary Jane Cochran received to wit
 fourteen thousand dollars - and what
 each one lacks of receiving that amount
 heretofore they are to receive in men and
 women the men to be valued at one thousand
 dollars each and the women at eight
 hundred dollars each, that is to say like
 young men and women and other Negroes
 in the same proportion

Third It is my will and desire that when my
 living children shall have received in
 Negro property the same amount as received
 by my deceased daughter Mary Jane Cochran
 (to wit) fourteen thousand dollars to be
 valued as stated in the preceding clause
 of this instrument, so as to make their
 respective shares equal to what she has
 that then the balance of my estate both
 real and personal shall be equally
 divided between my children and the
 children of my deceased daughter Mary
 Jane Cochran, the latter to receive the
 share to which their mother would have =

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= been entitled if in life (to wit), the one fifth part thereof, share and share alike, and in the event that my daughter Catharine should depart this life without any child or children living at the of her death, then it is my Will and desire that the share or portion of my property bequeathed to her by this my last Will and Testament, shall be equally divided between my surviving children and the children of my deceased daughter Mary Jane Lechman the latter to receive the same share as their mother would have done if in life.

Fourth It is my further Will, desire and intention that each and every part and portion of my Estate bequeathed and devised unto my daughters Willie E. Martin ~~_____~~ E. Martin and to my daughter Catharine by this my last Will and Testament or any Clause thereof, shall be and is hereby bequeathed and devised unto them for their sole and separate use free from the debts or contracts of their present husbands or any future husband that either of them may at any time hereafter have or marry, it being the true intent and meaning of this my last Will to secure the said property and every part thereof to the sole and separate use of my said daughters and their children free from the debts, contracts or liabilities of their present or any future husbands which either of them may at any time hereafter have or marry and their separate receipts therefor shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executives and legal representatives of my Estate, In Witness whereof I have

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Herewith set my hand and affixed my
Seal this 6th day of August 1857
Signed sealed and published in the presence
of Thos. F. McShee }
Sarah K. McShee } Alfred Wellborn (Seal)
Louisia J. McShee }

State of Georgia } Before me Paris K. Gresham
Meriwether County } Ordinary and Ex Officio
Clerk of the Court of Ordinary
in and for said County and State in Vacation
Samuel M. Wellborn personally came and
produced before me the last will and
Testament of Alfred Wellborn late of said
County deceased and the witnesses to said
Will (To wit) Thomas F. McShee, Sarah
K. McShee and Louisia J. McShee, which
witnesses being duly sworn depose and
say that they saw Alfred Wellborn the Testator
sign, seal, declare and publish this instrument
now presented as his last will and Testament
freely, voluntarily and of his own accord
and without any compulsion or influence
whatever that at the time of the execution
of the said Will said Testator was of sound
disposing mind and memory, that
deponents signed said Will as witnesses
in the presence of the Testator and at his
special instance and request and in
the presence of each other
Given to and subscribed to before me this
18th Decr 1857

P. K. Gresham
O.M.C.

S. K. McShee

S. J. McShee

Thos. F. McShee

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Georgia
Meriwether County Court of Ordinary
January Term 1858
The last Will and Testament
of Alfred Wellborn deceased late of said
County having been proven in Vacation
and no objection being urged, and Motion
being made to admit said Will to record,
It is therefore considered that said
Probate is sufficient, and it is ordered that
said Will be recorded this 11th January 1858
J. L. Gresham O.C.

Recorded this Eleventh day Jan'y 1858
in Book (A) Wills, pages 411, 412, 413, 414 &
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Georgia J. L. Gresham O.C.