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In the name of God. Amen.

I John L Ponder of the State and County aforesaid being in sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, but calling to mind the mortality of my body that it is appointed once for all men to die, make and publish this my last will and Testament

1st of all I wish my Body buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors

2nd I wish my just debts paid out of the money owing to me

3rd I give unto my beloved wife Mariann Ponder the lot of Land that I live on and the fraction of Land that I purchased of Jesse Clower adjoining it, the lot being number sixteen in the original fifth District of said Monroe County to have them during her natural life or widowhood, and if she should marry, then her right to said premises to cease; and draw a Child's part out of my Estate in proportion to what may be coming to each of my children - I also wish all my property of every description (money, notes and demands excepted) to remain in her hands to be managed by my Executors during her life times or widowhood subject to the following divisions at any time when called for by my Executors, provided my said wife should marry I wish my Executors to make a final division at any time when they may think proper - and I wish all the income of my money, notes, demands and all the incomes of my plantation and other property, to be considered as one Common Stock and my wife and minor children to be supported of it - the income of it to be considered as being part of my estate - my wish is that my wife draw no emolument arising from my estate as long as the estate is kept together in her possession or until the final division.

4th I have already given unto my Daughter Peggy Ann Barber a negro woman Eliza and a girl by the name of Lucinda which I consider to be worth nine hundred dollars one horse saddle & bridle worth one hundred dollars one bed bedstead and furniture worth forty dollars one cow & calf and one all goats of skins worth twenty six dollars and one hundred pounds of pork worth thirty four dollars and one hundred pounds of rice worth one dollar and I now give unto my said Daughter Peggy Ann one negro girl Malah worth three hundred and fifty dollars to be counted out of her portion in the final division.

to make her share equal to the rest of my children

Q. I have already given unto my Daughter Lanna Elwood one negro woman by the name of Harriet and her son Jack worth one thousand dollars, one horse saddle and bridle worth one hundred dollars, one bed, bedstead and furniture worth fifty dollars, one cow & calf worth twelve dollars, one yoke of steers worth twenty dollars, six hundred pounds of pork worth thirty six dollars amounting in all to twelve hundred and eighteen dollars it being all I allow her until the last division of my estate -

I have given my son Dulane F Ponder one thousand dollars in notes one horse saddle and bridle worth one hundred dollars one Cow and calf worth twelve dollars one small yoke of oxen worth ten dollars one bed, bedstead & furniture worth fifty dollars six hundred pounds of pork worth thirty six dollars amounting in all to twelve hundred and eight dollars which all I allow him to have until the final division of my estate.

4th I give unto my Daughter Mariam & Pender one negro woman & her seven hundred and fifty dollars, one girl by the name of Violet worth five hundred and fifty dollars, one horse, saddle and bridle worth one hundred dollars, one bed & bedstead and furniture worth fifty dollars, two cows & calves worth twenty four dollars, six hundred pounds of pork worth thirty six dollars, all amounting to twelve hundred and twenty dollars, being all I allow her until the final division of my estate.

5th I will that all my minor children that shall at future birth be my son Samuel M. Ponder, my son Amos L. Ponder, my son J. Ponder, my son James M. Ponder, they being my minor sons, that each of them arrives at the age of twenty one years, receiving twelve hundred and eight dollars each, any one of them to what I have given to my son Dulan J. Ponder, it being all that I have until the last division of my estate.

8th I will that when my Daughter Nancy A. Porter becomes of age
marries for her to receive out of my estate twelve hundred and no
dollars that being all I allow her with the other female division of my

7th I write that when my youngest son arrives to the age of twenty
or my wife Mariam Pinder dies or becomes for the final time
my estate to take place as soon as practicable, I am a quarter
willing to take place, not ^{Madison County Will} 1824-1825, in more than one other.

8th I appoint and ordain George H. Thompson as a Justice of the Peace for the County of ... State of ...
 9th I do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in my office.
 Witness my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1824.

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Monroe County } Personally appeared in open Court George
W Hansford & Daniel Ponder two of the witnesses
to the foregoing will & being duly sworn depose & say they saw
John L Ponder sign, seal, publish & declare the foregoing as & for his
last will & testament, that they in the presence of the testator & at
his request & in presence of each other & of Mary Hansford & Lucinda
Stone attested said will as witnesses & that said Mary Hansford & Lucinda
Stone in presence of the testator & at his request & in presence of
deponents attested said will as witnesses & that the testator at the time
of the execution of said will was of sound disposing mind & memory
& that he executed the same freely, voluntarily & without compulsion.
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court
this 7th day of July 1845
G. W. Hansford
Daniel Ponder
J. C. C.

The last will & testament of John L Ponder dec'd having been proven
in open Court upon the oaths of George W. Hansford & Daniel Ponder,
It is ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to record
and that letters testamentary be granted to Dulane F Ponder & George
W Head two of the Executors in said will named

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Monroe County } We do solemnly swear that this writing contains
the true last will of the within named John
L Ponder deceased so far as we know or believe, & that we will
& truly execute the same by paying first the debts & then the leg-
acies contained in the said will as far as his goods & effects will
thereunto extend & the law charge us and that we will make a
true and perfect inventory of all & singular the goods & effects,
rights & credits & a just return thereof, when thereunto required
So help us God
Sworn to & subscribed in open
Court this 7th day of July 1845
Dulane F Ponder
Geo W Head