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In the name of God Amen.

I Margaret Ponder of the State and County of Monroe being in sound and proper memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my last will and testament: That is to say

First of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but in the general resurrection I shall receive it again by the power of the Almighty God

And as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath in the following manner, viz.

1st I will that all my Just debts be paid out of my estate

2nd I will and bequeath that my son James Ponder have fifty dollars over and above his equal share out of my estate

3rd I will that my Negro woman Anneca be sold by my Executors either publick or private sale as they may think proper to sell her

4th I will that all my Estate be sold and placed in one stock and the balance not heretofore disposed of be equal divided as follows, to my son James Ponder an equal share, to my son Amos Ponder an equal share, to my son John Ponder an equal share, to my Daughter Jamima Gilchrist an equal share, to my son Daniel Ponder an equal share, to my Daughter Malinda Gilchrist an equal share, to my grand children the Children of my son Silas Ponder namely Lucy Ponder, Paggie Ann Ponder, William A Ponder with the same portions of my said son Silas Ponder died what with him and his equal share had he lived with the exception of a balance of thirty dollars which I have paid to a lawyer

I do make and ordain and appoint my sons James Ponder and Daniel Ponder my Executors to Carry this my last will and testament into effect

Given under my hand and seal this 31st day of December

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David King
John A. Ponder
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3 Person ally came before me John W Banks (and
Thomas W Oneal two of the Justices of the Inferior
Court in (and) for said County Dulane F Ponder who being duly sworn
deposes (and) saith he saw Margaret Ponder sign, seal, publish & declare
this writing as & for her last will & testament that he in the presence
of said testatrix & at her request & in presence of Bird Bryant &
John S Ponder attested said will as a witness, & that said Bird Bry-
ant & John S Ponder attested said will as a witness, & that said
Bird Bryant & John S Ponder in presence of said testatrix & at her
request & in presence of this deponent & of each other attested said
will as witnesses & that said Margaret Ponder at the time of the
execution of said will was of sound (and) disposing mind (and)
memory & that she executed the same freely, voluntarily, & without
compulsion. Sworn to & subscribed before us this 7th day of June 1829
Thos W Oneal J. J. C.
John W Banks J. J. C.

Court of Ordinary July Term 1829

The last will & testament of Margaret Ponder having been
proven before their Honors Thomas W Oneal (and) John W Banks
upon the oaths of Dulane F Ponder

It is ordered by the Court that said will be
admitted to record.

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3 In the name of God Amen Note that I Polly
Freeman being in sound mind and memory
knowing that life is uncertain and that death is certain as provid-
ed to me in this my last will & testament (and) do give (and) bequeath in
the following manner that is to say, First, I give my soul to God who
first gave it, (and) my body to be buried decently at discretion of my
executors (and) childre & friends.

Secondly I give to my daughter in law Mary Freeman the widow
of my beloved son Josiah Freeman one bed and stool & the follow-
ing furniture, two sheets, two Counterpane's & pillows and two bed quilts.

Thirdly I give to my beloved Daughter Cynthia Ponder as
follows, two sheets, two Counterpane's, ^{Monroe County Wills} & two bed quilts

Fourthly I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Ellison as follow
two sheets, two bed quilts & two Counterpane's.

Fifthly to my beloved & wisepful son William Freeman I give as
follows one bed & furniture & one horse, some lot & one cow &