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William W. Garrard's Will continuing
disposing mind & memory and so far as witness before
he did it freely & of own accord without any undue influence
or compulsion
R. J. Mass

I swear to & subscribe before me 3
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Georgia Muscogee County Court of Ordinary November 5th
1866 The annexed writing admitted to record as the last
will of William W. Garrard - see minutes page 201
November 6th 1866 Pro Johnson Ordinary

Georgia Muscogee County I William W. Garrard do
solemnly swear that the foregoing writing contains
the true last will of William W. Garrard deceased
so far as I know or believe and that I will
well & truly execute the same in accordance with
the laws of this State So help me God
I swear to & subscribe before Mr. W. Garrard
me this 6th day of November 1866
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Rowena M. Schools Will

The State of Alabama 3 In the name of God Amen
Russell County 3 I Rowena M. Schools of this County
and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory and considering the
uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make ordain
publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to
say after all my just debts are paid the residue of my estate both real and
personal I give and bequeath as follows

First I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs Anna E Thomas the following negro
slaves Thomas and his wife Jane and their children Charles, Mary, Harry
an infant child also the negroes Henry, Simon & Jim also Coffey (Anna's
daughter & Bettys sister) also the negro woman Selly & her son John to
have and to hold the said negro slaves and their increase to her the said Anna
E Thomas her heirs assigns & legal representatives forever

Secondly I give and bequeath to my sister in law Mrs Arabella Lockhart the
following negro slaves Vulcan, Martha, Mack & Linda & their child
Polly George and his wife Little Anna and their children Kate, John Rose
infant child also Harriett to have & to hold the said Negro slaves & their in-
crease to her the said Arabella Lockhart and her heirs assigns and legal repre-
sentatives forever

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs Cornelia Hudson the following negro
slaves Jake and Rose Little Mary and her son Carter Bob & his wife Tyna
and their children Abram, Nancy and Becky also Polly and his sister
Big Maria to have and to hold the said negro slaves and their increase to the
said Cornelia Hudson her heirs assigns and legal representatives forever

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs Ellen A. Vestelle the following negro
slaves Dave and his wife Lucy Jefferson and his wife Amanda and their chil-
dren Washington, Frederick, Samuel, also Fale and her son Ninga.

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also Amelia and her son Anthony to have and to hold the said Negro slaves
and their increase to her the said Ellen of Verstille her heirs and assigns &
legal representatives forever

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Fifthly I give and bequeath to my brother R.B. Lockhart the following negro
slaves Venus an old woman Winter & his children Jane Ludy & Alex also
Sam (Seymour's son) and his wife Angelina and their children Numer Bob &
Flora also Monday an old man to have and to hold the said negro slaves
and their increase to him the said R.B. Lockhart his heirs and assigns & legal
representatives forever.

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my mother Mrs Mary Ann Lockhart whatever
amount of money may be necessary to discharge all debts which she may
owe at the time of my death should she survive me. It is also my express
desire that so far as I may have any interest in the realty of my father's estate
she shall enjoy the same during her life or should it be sold the proceeds there-
of during her life. If there should not be money enough belonging to
the estate for this purpose it is my wish that my niece Mary J. Thomas
shall make provision for it either by selling some of the property left to
her by making her selection or in any other manner she may prefer.

Seventhly I give and bequeath to all my brothers and sisters who survive me
and to the descendants of those who do not survive me to take per stirpes & not
per capita (that is to say the descendants representing the ancestor & not share
& share alike) two thirds interest in the water lots along the river Chattahoochee,
and two thirds interest in the patent rights and inventions of
my deceased husband Josephus Echols to have and to hold the said property to
them their heirs & legal representatives forever. Also I give devise and bequeath
to all my relatives just above mentioned the two thirds interest in all my right or
title to the real estate of my deceased father or to the proceeds thereof to be held
in like manner as the two thirds interest in the property just previously mentioned
provided always that nothing in this bequest shall be construed to hinder or
impair my mother's enjoyment of the interest in my father's real estate or the pro-
ceeds thereof during her life.

Eighthly I give and bequeath to all my nephews & nieces who may survive me one third
interest in all the water lots owned by my deceased husband along the Chattahoochee &
one third interest in all his patent rights and inventions and one third
interest in all my right and title to my father's real estate to have and to
hold the said one third interest shared & share alike to them and their heirs assigns
& legal representatives forever.

Ninthly I give and bequeath to my niece Mary J. Thomas to her sole and separate use
and absolutely free from any debt or liability of any husband whom she may here-
after marry & free from his control six shares of Eagle Factory Stock & I do appoint
whatever she may select to be trustee of this property to attend to the same & to
pay over the dividends to the support of said Mary when demanded by her at
or before the end of each year & otherwise to accumulate & be invested in property to be held
in like manner with power to the said trustee with the written consent of said Mary
to sell said Factory Stock & invest the proceeds but no part of the principal of the
property or the proceeds are to be employed except for the purpose above men-
tioned that is to say the dividends or interest or annual rental to her personal
support.

Tenthly I give devise and bequeath to my niece Mary J. Thomas the following
negro slaves John Henry & his wife Mary Seymour & her children Douglas &
Lewis Miley and her two children Emma & William Joshua (long Betsy son).

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his wife Wheeler & their children Annie Landis & an infant child of Stephen & his wife Big Burk (the doctor) her child Richard & his wife Charity & their son Tom Betsy - Jake Charles Lovrie and Belia Sampson & his wife Abby Other children March Hannah Charlotte Jimmo & an infant child Neptune's two children Abby & Phillis Rachel & her children Lena & Jack Hector & his wife Sarah & her child Daniel also little Sally Sambo & his wife Smerita Harper Dicky & January Pinak & her brother Horindu & her children Sophia her infant child & Hale Conella & her children John Ada Anna & Theresa also the negroes Bill Venus & Sarah now in my mother's possession also my residence in Russell county aforesaid called Belvoir with all the farm or plantation lands attached thereto with all the orchard vineyards fields & appurtenances to have and to hold to her the said Mary J Thomas her heirs & assigns & legal representatives forever

Eleventhly All the rest & residue of my estate seal & personal of every description which may be undisposed of to any other person or which may not pass to any other person under my last will & testament give and bequeath to my said niece Mary J Thomas to her heirs & assigns forever

And I further declare that wherever in this will any negro slaves are bequeathed specially to any legatee which may be at the time of my death in litigation such legatee can only take the same under the condition that he or she shall assume the responsibility of defraying a portion of the costs of litigation proportioned as the value of the property so bequeathed is proportioned to the whole amount of value of the negroes in litigation

Likewise I do make constitute and appoint Mary J Thomas Executrix & Robert B Lockhart executor or if he cannot act then in his place Robt Mc Gunby executors of this my last will & testament hereby expressly declaring my wish that security shall not be required from them or any of them for the performance of duties under this will whether they all act or only one or more act

In testimony of all which I have hereunto signed my name & affixed my seal this 27th January 1865

Rowena McEchols *Execlxxv*

Signed sealed published and declared in presence of L Livingston

M Woodruff

Joseph S Rely

Eliis Hull

D P Ellis

Georgia Muscogee County

On this 28th day of November 1866 in vacation comes before me M Woodruff & D P Ellis two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument who being duly sworn on oath say that they were present when Rowena McEchols then in life but now deceased Executed published and declared said instrument to be her last will that at the time of the execution thereof said Rowena Mc was of sound and disposing mind and memory and so far as deponents know or believe she did it voluntarily of her own accord without any undue influence or compulsion that she signed the same in the presence of deponents L Livingston & Joseph S Rely who at the request of said testatrix signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other of said testatrix

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Swear'd & subscribed before me the day & year
first aforesaid by Johnson Ordinary

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Court of Ordinary December Term 1866 - The foregoing instrument admitted
to record as the will of Rowena McEchols deceased see minutes page
December 3^d 1866 Jno Johnson Ordinary

Georgia I Robert B Lockhart do solemnly swear that
Muscogee County, the foregoing writing contains the true last will of the
themselves named Rowena McEchols deceased so far as I know or believe and that
I will well & truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State
So help me God

Swear'd & subscribed before me December 3^d
3^d 1866 Jno Johnson Ordinary

Robert B Lockhart

John Fontaine's Will

The State of Georgia Muscogee County

I John Fontaine being now blessed with ordinary good
health and of a sound and disposing mind and memory but being
admonished by my advanced age that I must soon in accordance
with the law of nature go hence and no more have a place of ex-
istence on this earth and having heretofore made and published
my will disposing of the property and effects with which God has
blessed me and which I had hoped to leave as a Legacy to my
children and grand children but much of which property has been
lost and destroyed by the misfortunes and exigencies of the
times through which the Country and its people have passed with-
in the last five years do hereby make publick and declare the
following as my last will and testament hereby revoking and
making null and void all wills and testaments which have hereto-
fore been made by me

Item 1 It is my will and I hereby direct that my Executors hereinafter
named shall pay off and discharge all my just debts if there should
be any against me at the time of my death

Item 2 And whereas I have heretofore given to my daughter now
deceased the former wife of James T Flewellen Esq a plantation
of considerable value I do now hereby give and bequeath to
my grand daughter Nellie Flewellen the sum of Ten
thousand dollars to be paid to her in cash by my Execu-
tors when she shall arrive at legal age or upon her
marriage if before her legal maturity to have and to hold
to her and her heirs forever

Item 3 I hereby give and bequeath to my grandson Charles
Stanford the sum of Ten thousand dollars to be paid
to him in cash by my Executors when he shall arrive at legal
age And it is my will and I hereby direct that my said Execu-
tors shall pay annually to Dr E A Stanford or in case of his
death to the Guardian of my said Grandson Charles Stanford
during his minority the sum of One thousand and fifty (\$125)