

NOTE:

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WORK DONE THROUGH A W.P.A. PROJECT. TYPING BEGUN DECEMBER 12th., 1935.

MRS. LENA HOLLIDAY, TYPIST.

L.R. NICHOLSON, ORDINARY.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD LANE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #1.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Richard Lane of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes. Being sick and weak in body but of perfect sense and memory, blessed be God for the same, but certainly knowing it is appointed for man to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. And first of all, I give my Soul to the Author of my being through the merits of Jesus Christ to see my God, and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends.

And as to the worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me, I give in the following manner:

Item. Lend to my dear wife Mary my whole estate, both real and personal until my son, Samuel, arrives at the age of twenty one years, and when my son Samuel is of the age of twenty one. the estate be equally divided among my dear Wife and and my children, that is to say, Mary Lane, Samuel Lane, Henry Lane, - - - - Lane, and as my dear wife Mary is now - - - - be it son or daughter it have an equal part.

I appoint my dear wife Mary whole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I set my hand and affix my seal this the sixth day of July in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety three.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us:
Richard Lane.
- - - Jesse Lane
Alex Hawkins
Wm. Freeman.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES SIMPSON. (Original will recorded in Will Book "A", Pages 2, 3, and 4.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Simpson of the County of Wilkes, planter, Being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased to bless me in this life. I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Viz:

Firstly: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary Simpson, one third of my goods and chattels. If my sorrel mare and two cows and her choice of the stock does not amount to her third, it is to be made up out of the whole estate remaining. She is to also have her maintenance off this land where she now lives, having privilege of the improvements during her widowhood; also, her bed and furniture with this my instructions; she shall leave at her decease the same to whom of the surviving children she sees cause.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Orpa - - - Simpson, a certain black two year old horse colt - - - - of her brother Samuel, deceased. Also four - - - - also to her son Charles one cow and calf - - - - claim. also to my daughter before named, her bed room furniture with her wearing apparel. Also her - - - - .

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Robert, two hundred acres of land lying on the Sandy - Creek, Franklin County, likewise my wagon and plows, likewise a bay mare known by his - - - , also one Roan mare and black two year old horse colt purchased of Thos. Page.

Fourthly: I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Thomas Simpson, one hundred acres of land, part of the tract given to Robert, lying on Sandy Creek. Also one two year old horse known by this claim.

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Fifthly: I give and bequeath to my beloved son George Simpson one half of the tract of land whereon I now live and to be equally divided by my Executors. Also, one grey horse.

Sixthly: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Abel Simpson the remaining part of the land whereon I now live, likewise one Strawberry brown filly. I likewise will that the first colt that filly has, shall be held as the property of my son George.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son William five Shillings Sterling to be paid out of my Estate at my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Simpson, five Shillings Sterling to be paid out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, James Simpson, five Shillings Sterling to be paid out of my estate.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Simpson, five Shillings Sterling to be paid out of my estate.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Mary Simpson, five Shillings Sterling to be paid out of my estate. I also will that all my just debts shall be first out of my goods and chattels, also that the schooling of my youngest sons be first taken out and then the remainder of my estate to be divided equally amongst my four children living with me and if the Heirs cannot agree to division of the stock, then they are to be sold and the money equally divided by my Executors. And by these presents constitute make and ordain William Garrigan and the Rev. John Newton as my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequeaths and Executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness my hand this thirteenth day of September, 'in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

his
James X Simpson (Seal)
mark

Tests:

Jas. Pitman

Wm. Buyera

Jas. Scott

William Carrigan.

Recorded this 20th Day of June, 1793.

J. Luckie, R. P. O. O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS HARFORD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A" Page #5.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I, Thomas Harford of Wilkes County and State of Georgia being weak and sickly of body, do make my Will thus. I give my soul to God who gave it to me.

And as for my estate, over and above paying all my lawful debts, I dispose of in the manner and form following:

Item. I lend to my dear wife, Elizabeth Harford all my whole and sole estate both real and personal during her being my widow, but if she marries, I devise she may claim one third of my estate by my will.

Item. I give to my well beloved Step Son, William Brown my Negro Girl such after the decease or marriage of my dear wife, Elizabeth Harford, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my well beloved Step Son, William Brown, two hundred acres of land whereon I now live after the decease or marriage of my dear wife, Elizabeth Harford, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my step son, William Brown, and Jeremiah Brown and Mary Thomas, and Nancy Brown after their mother's decease my whole estate that remains to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. And lastly constitute, nominate and Appoint my dear wife Elizabeth Harford the whole and sole Executrix.

As witness my hand and seal this the ninth day of July Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

James Jones,

Anna Jones.

Mary Allen

his
Thomas X Harford (seal)
mark

Recorded the 20th day of June 1793.

J. Luckie, R.P.O.C.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Gilmer of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia, do make this my last Will and Testament, revoking any other that I might have made for the disposing of my worldly estate in the manner following.

Impremise. I desire that all my just debts be paid.

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Mildred, my negro girl Polly, her and her future increase forever.

Item. I lend unto my wife the plantation on which I now live during her natural life as also the stock of every kind as also the Household furniture. It is also my desire that my said wife should have the bringing up of my young children and to enable her to do so, I likewise desire that the whole of my negroes be kept and worked on the above plantation or any other lands my Executors hereafter named may think the most advantageous for my wife and children. I likewise desire that my said Executors should give to my children as they may marry or go off from their mother, such part of my said estate as they may think can be spared from the support of my wife and younger children.

Item. I desire after the death of my beloved wife that the above plantation or any other lands that I may be interested in be sold to the best advantage and the money arising from the sale be equally divided between my children hereafter named to wit: John Thornton, Harrison Blair, Nicholas Meriwether, Elizabeth Thomas, Sally Lewis, Francis Meriwether, George Gilmer, David and - - - Meriwether, and that my Executors at the same time do divide whatever negroes may be left between my said children as by lot or otherwise as may be most convenient. But if any of my children should before that period have received any part of my estate, that the part they may have received be taken into consideration, for it is my desire that the whole of the above named children should receive and equal proportion of my said estate.

Item. I do appoint and desire that my beloved wife be an Executrix, my dear cousins, Thomas Meriwether Gilmer, Thomas Meriwether, and my dear son, John Thornton Gilmer when as he comes of age, be my Executors.

Written this 8th August, 1793, and signed in the presence of:
N. B. The word herein the eight line was interlined before signed.

Richard Harvie
Joel Barnett
Am. Harvie
- - Meriwether

John Gilmer (Seal)
Recorded June 20th, 1794.

J. Luckie, R.P.C.C.

Transcribed 12/13/35.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Macklerov being in sound mind and perfect memory but in low state of health, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife my plantation whereon I now live, together with two hundred acres of land with the same during her own natural life or widowhood. I also lend unto my beloved wife Mary all and singular my living stocks of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, etc., together with all my household goods and chattels during her own natural life or widowhood. My will and desire is that my estate be inventoried and appraised but not sold till the death of my beloved wife and that she unmolested enjoy all the above mentioned lands, stocks and chattels to raise my children on during the forementioned time, she not making waste nor conveyance of the same.

Item. My will and desire is that after the death of Mary my wife, that all and every part and parcel of the above lent two hundred acres of land with all my forementioned stock with their increases that remain at my wife's decease, with all my household goods and chattels, be equally divided amongst my children then living or their heirs, I ordain my wife Mary and my son Jacob Macklerov to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I set my hand and affix my seal this 8th day of October 1794.

Signed, sealed in presence of:
William Macklerov
Aaron Davis.

John Macklerov (Seal)
mark

Recorded the 25th day of February 1795.

J. Luckie, R.P.C.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHARLES FINCH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #9)
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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Charles Finch of the State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, being in good health and perfect memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do constitute, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

(viz) To my beloved wife, Joyce Finch, I lend, after my lawful debts is paid, my whole estate, real and personal such as hereafter mentioned excepted to be for her own proper use and comfortable support during her natural life.

Item. It is my will and pleasure that after the decease of my beloved wife, that the whole of my estate, except such as shall be hereafter excepted, shall be equally divided amongst my surviving children, and if any of my children should die before such division be made, leaving a lawful heir that such heir shall possess their equal part.

Item. I give to my beloved son Berdit Finch, a negro boy name Ned (in lieu of Ned, I give him Dorinda) and a horse called Babram over and above his equal part of my estate to be to his own proper use and behoof forever.

Item. Last of all I do constitute, make, and ordain my beloved wife, Joyce Finch, Executrix, and Richard Copland and Nathaniel Tolbot, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do revoke disallow and disannul all other wills and Testaments heretofore made; and all other Executors heretofore appointed by me. In witness to the whole I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 13th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, and in the eighteenth year of America's independence.

Charles Finch (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the

presence of:

Jno. Lumpkin

Jno. Grisham

Robert Finch

N. B. The words "In lieu of Ned I give him Dorinda" was not proved by the subscribing witnesses.

Recorded 5th day of March, 1795.

J. Luckie, R.P.O.C.

Transcribed 12/13/35

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN EADS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #10.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Eads of Oglethorpe County and the State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made, and my worldly goods I depose of in the manner following, this to say:

Item. I lend to my beloved wife, Priscilla Eads, the plantation whereon I now live, with all my furniture and stock of every kind during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between all my children (except my son George Eads and my daughter Molly Hogg.) William, Reuben, Rhennard, Randolph, Betty, Lillar, and Sally Eads, then and their heirs assigns forever.

Item. I give to my Beloved daughter, Molly Hogg, one shilling Sterling.

Item. I give to my beloved son, George Eads, one Shilling Sterling, and I do hereby appoint Charles Hardman, William Jennings, and Micajah Clark, Executors thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of August, 1794.

John Eads (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged in the

presence of:

Richard Thornton

William Stephens

John Hughson

Before my death I have entered the following clause:
(Viz)

Item. I give to my son William Eads the horse and saddle that formerly belonged to my son John Eads deceased. In witness I have set my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1794.

John Eads (Seal)

David Ford

I also appoint my wife, Priscilla Eads Executrix to with my Micajah Clark. Executors. Witness my hand this 7th day of September 1794.

John Eads.

Recorded the 12th day of June 1795. J. Luckie, R.P.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE EADS. (Original Will recorded in
Will Book "C", Page #11. page 1

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, George Eads of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make Constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made, and my worldly goods I dispose of in the manner following, that is to say:

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Rebeckah Eads all my estate both real and personal, also my part of my brother, John Eads' Estate, decessed to her and her heirs and assigns forever. And do hereby appoint my beloved wife, Rebeckah Eads Executrix and Nicholas Johnson, Executor. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of September, 1795.

George Eads (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:

Micajah Clark
George Clancey
Joanna Clancey.

Recorded this 10th day of June 1795.

J. Luckie, R.P.O.E.

Transcribed 12/16/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSIAH COLE. (Original Will recorded in
Will Book "A", Page #12.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Josiah Cole of Oglethorpe County being in perfect memory, thanks being to A.lmighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this Transitory Life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following:

First. My will and desire is that I lend to my beloved wife, five negroes names Carpenter, Suckey, Sam, Cloey and Lilley and their increase, and the plantation whereon I now live, and half of my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, also, my household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools, except such a part as I shall leave to my beloved children hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Mary Whitworth Smith, one feather bed and furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, James Daniel Cole, three negroes named Betty, Solomon and Tillethy and their increase, two cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture. And after the death or marriage of my beloved wife, I give and bequeath unto my son, James D. Cole, the tract of land I now live on, and after paying all my just debts out of the rest of my estate that has not been mentioned, the remainder to be equally divided between my two children. The first five negroes mentioned and the personal estate which I lend to my beloved wife is for during of her life, she finding comfortable living for my sister Lucy Cole, and after the death of my beloved wife the said negroes with their increase and all the rest of my estate in the possession of my beloved wife, to be equally divided between my two children, except one feather bed and furniture, which I give and bequeath to my son, James D. Cole, and if my sister Lucy Cole is then living, my two children to find her a comfortable living during her life. Then I appoint my beloved wife, Robert Smith and James Daniel Cole, my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all others. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 26th day of July 1795.

Josiah Cole (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged as my last Will and Testament, in presence of:

Thos. Loyd
Thomas Loyd Jr.

Recorded the second day of September 1795.

James Luckie, R.P.O.C.

Transcribed 12/16/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHARLES FINCH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #9.)

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Charles Finch of the State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, being in good health and perfect memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do constitute, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

(Viz) To my beloved wife, Joyce Finch, I lend, after my lawful debts is paid, my whole estate, real and personal such as hereafter mentioned excepted to be for her own proper use and comfortable support during her natural life.

Item. It is my will and pleasure that after the decease of my beloved wife, that the whole of my estate, except such as shall be hereafter excepted, shall be equally divided amongst my surviving children, and if any of my children should die before such division be made, leaving a lawful heir that such heir shall possess their equal part.

Item. I give to my beloved son Berdit Finch, a negro boy name Ned (in lieu of Ned, I give him Dorinda) and a horse called Rahram over and above his equal part of my estate to be to his own proper use and behoof forever.

Item. Last of all I do constitute, make, and ordain my beloved wife, Joyce Finch, Executrix, and Richard Copland and Nathaniel Tolbot, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do revoke disallow and disannul all other wills and Testaments heretofore made; and all other Executors heretofore appointed by me. In witness to the whole I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 15th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, and in the eighteenth year of America's independence.

Charles Finch (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

Jno. Lumpkin
Jno. Grisham
Robert Finch

N. B. The words "In lieu of Ned I give him Dorinda" was not proved by the subscribing witnesses.

Recorded 5th day of March, 1795.

J. Luckie, R.P.O.C.

Transcribed 12/13/35

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN EADS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #10.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Eads of Oglethorpe County and the State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made, and my worldly goods I depose of in the manner following, this to say:

Item. I lend to my beloved wife, Priscilla Eads, the plantation whereon I now live, with all my furniture and stock of every kind during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between all my children (except my son George Eads and my daughter Molly Hogg.) William, Reuben, Richard, Randolph, Betty, Lilliar, and Sally Eads, them and their heirs assigns forever.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter, Molly Hogg, one shilling Sterling.

Item. I give to my beloved son, George Eads, one Shilling Sterling, and I do hereby appoint Charles Hardman, William Jennings, and Micajah Clark, Executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of August, 1794.

John Eads (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:

Richard Thornton
William Stephens
John Hughson

Before my death I have entered the following clause:
(Viz)

Item. I give to my son William Eads the horse and saddle that formerly belonged to my son John Eads deceased. In witness I have set my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1794.

John Eads (Seal)

David Ford
Micajah Clark. I also appoint my wife, Priscilla Eads Executrix to with my Executors. Witness my hand this 7th day of September 1794.

John Eads.

Recorded the 12th day of June 1795. J. Luckie, R.P.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE EADES. (Original Will recorded in
Will Book "A", Page #11.)
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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, George Eade of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make Constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made, and my worldly goods I dispose of in the manner following, that is to say:

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Rebeckah Eads all my estate both real and personal, also my part of my brother, John Eads' Estate, decessed to her and her heirs and assigns forever. And do hereby appoint my beloved wife, Rebeckah Eads Executrix and Nicholas Johnson, Executor. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of September, 1795.

George Eads (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:

Micajah Clark
George Clancey
Joanna Clancey.

Recorded this 10th day of June 1795.

J. Luckie, R.P.O.B.

Transcribed 12/16/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSIAH COLE. (Original Will recorded in
Will Book "A", Page #12.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Josiah Cole of Oglethorpe County being in perfect memory, thanks being to A.lmighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this Transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following:

First. My will and desire is that I lend to my beloved wife, five negroes names Carpenter, Suckey, Sam, Cloey and Lilley and their increase, and the plantation whereon I now live, and half of my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, also, my household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools, except such a part as I shall leave to my beloved children hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Mary Whitworth Smith, one feather bed and furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, James Daniel Cole, three negroes named Betty, Solomon and Tillethy and their increase, two cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture. And after the death or marriage of my beloved wife, I give and bequeath unto my son, James D. Cole, the tract of land I now live on, and after paying all my just debts out of the rest of my estate that has not been mentioned, the remainder to be equally divided between my two children. The first five negroes mentioned and the personal estate which I lend to my beloved wife is for during of her life, she finding comfortable living for my sister Lucy Cole, and after the death of my beloved wife the said negroes with their increase and all the rest of my estate in the possession of my beloved wife, to be equally divided between my two children, except one feather bed and furniture, which I give and bequeath to my son, James D. Cole, and if my sister Lucy Cole is then living, my two children to find her a comfortable living during her life. Then I appoint my beloved wife, Robert Smith and James Daniel Cole, my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all others. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 28th day of July 1795.

Josiah Cole (Seal)

Signed, read and acknowledged as my last Will and Testament, in presence of:

Thos. Loyd
Thomas Loyd Jr.

Recorded the second day of September 1795.

James Luckie, R.P.O.C.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joshua Thornton of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being weak in body but perfect in mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others.

Imprimis. I resign my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the dust to be interred in a christian like decent manner, the expense of which with a funeral, I desire to be provided for out of my estate. I give unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth, during her natural life, the tract or parcel of land that I hold of Ephraim Price, containing five hundred and fifty five acres, more or less whereon I now live, also I lend her during life one negro man, Jacob and Rachel his wife, with the child that is now at her breast, and all her further increase. It is my desire further that the whole of the property above mentioned, both real and personal, shall at my wife's death be equally divided between my three daughters, Nancy, Polly and Sally, the titles to be vested in them and their lawful heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth and her heirs forever, my cream colored horse, also my least bay horse, with five cows and calves, and all my stock of hogs, also two feather beds and furniture, with all my plantation tools.

I give unto my daughter, Nancy and her lawful heirs forever, one negro girl, Hetty and one negro man Toby.

I give unto my daughter Polly and her lawful heirs forever, two negroes, Ned and Sheila. I give unto my daughter Sally and her lawful heirs forever, two negroes Hanah and Joffrey. Further, it is my desire that Sylvia with her increase be equally divided between my three daughters, Nancy, Polly and Sally, when Sally shall become sixteen years old. Further, it is my desire that if either of my children die without a lawful heir, the property willed to her shall be equally divided between the surviving ones. And further, it is my desire that my children with their property be continued on the same plantation with their mother and be decently clothed and educated with the profit arising from the crops made thereon, or removed with their property as two of the Executors or Executrix may judge most proper. And lastly, it is my Will that the tract of land lying on the Little River containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, with my negro man Bob

One feather bed, one gun, two horses, the large bay horse and sorrel colt. Also, my wagon and hind gears be sold to satisfy all just demands against me and expense that may arise in the execution of this my last Will and Testament.

Finally, I do appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth, Executrix and my trusty friends Douglas Watson and Benjamin Baldwin, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal, with my seal this the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

Joshua Thornton (Seal)

Signed in the presence of
Thomas Helms
Alexander Andrews
Joseph Boring.

Proved, approved and executed Sept. the 12th, 1795.

James Luckie, R.P.O.C.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Townsend of Wilkes County, being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory, make this my last Will and Testament. My Estate and effects I bequeath and dispose of in the manner and form following:

Item. I lend unto my loving wife, Elizabeth Townsend during her life, my negro man Will, and my negro woman, Jude, also my three horses and her choice of the third part of my cows, and my beds and also my household and kitchen furniture and working tools. And at her death, my Will is that what I have lent her should be divided equally among all my children. Also, I give unto my loving wife, Elizabeth Townsend, half of my crop of corn and tobacco and the choice of the third part of my hogs. Also my Will is that my said wife should have the place I now live on during her life.

Item. I give unto my son, James Townsend my land I now live on, it being in the fork of Little River, containing two hundred acres, also my rifle gun and saddle forever.

Item. I give unto my son, John Townsend my tract of land lying on the North side of the North Fork of Little River containing three hundred acres

and my smooth-bore gun forever.

Item Colley Zacharias says there is that the rest of my estate not already mentioned be equally divided among all my children.

I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons and Law's Joseph Catching and Lemuel Adkerson Executors of this my last Will and Testament, given from under my hand and seal this twenty first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety. Signed, sealed and delivered to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Philemon Bird
Job Bird.

John Townsend. (Seal)

Proved, Approved and Executed Sept. the 28th, 1795.

James Luckie, R.P.O.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ISAAC KILLOUGH. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #16.
IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I being in a low state of health but in my perfect senses and memory and calling to mind that all men has once to die;

First, my desire is that my body when dead may be decently laid in the ground. I commit my soul to God who gave it.

Secondly. The negro fellow named Colman to be at the disposal of my beloved wife, Mary, during her natural life, and at her death to be left to the said choice of said negro which of my five sons he shall choose his master, he being first valued and the price equally divided amongst my said sons, the one he makes choice of to pay the other four up their parts in good trade agreeable as the negro may be valued, he being allowed a reasonable time to pay up.

Thirdly. I will to my wife all my household furniture, to dispose of it as she may think proper.

Fourthly. That my land, wagon, horses, cattle, hogs and other implements belonging to the plantation may be valued, and all debts that may be collected may be equally divided as followeth: When all lawful debts is defrayed, that is to say the one third unto my wife, the other two parts equally divided between Isaac and James and Jane, except one cow to be given unto Mary, David Killough's wife.

Fifthly. I appoint my son Allen Killough and my wife to make a deed to Dukes and Gordon to the land I now live on. Lastly, That my son Allen Killough, John Wallace Sen's and my wife be my Executors and have the settling of the aforesaid Will. Given under my hand and seal this twentieth of October 1795,

Isaac x Killough (Seal)
mark

John Wallace
Isaac Killough.

Recorded November 15th, 1795.

Jas. Luckie, R.P.O.C.

Transcribed 12/16/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF VINES COLLIER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #17.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Vines Collier of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being of sound and perfect sense and memory, and calling to mind, it is appointed for man once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and first of all, I give my Soul to God who gave it to me Resurrection of Eternal Life and my body to the dust from whence it came, and as for my worldly estate that God of his goodness has bestowed on me, I give and bequeath in the following manner to-wit:

First. I give my daughter Betty Dunn, one negro girl named Dilcey.

Secondly. I give to my daughter Ann Hardaman, one negro girl named Janey.

Thirdly. I give to my son Isaac Collier one hundred acres of land lying in the fork of the road between James Creek and myself (to wit) beginning at a corner persimmon in the spring branch, thence down the branch to the fork, then up branch to the back line joining Greshams, then on Gresham's line as far as will make straight line to the beginning for-----

Fourthly. I lend to my well beloved wife Sailey Collier, my land, negroes and stock and all kinds of property that I possessed during her widowhood, but if she marries only a child's part with my other 10 children, namely: Thomas Collier, John Collier, Gudwith Collier, William Vines Collier, Robert Collier, Polly Collier and Sailey Collier and at my wife's death or marriage the whole of what I have bequeathed is equally divided amongst those ten

children above mentioned, only a child's part to her if married. And last of all I appoint ~~Convey, Zachariah~~ ^{page 11} Isaac Collier and Sally Collier my wife's Executors and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the eleventh day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

Recorded Dec. 11th, 1795.

Matthew Rainey (Seal)
Mat Rainey, R.P.O.C.

December 11th Day, 1795. I hereby certify and acknowledge that I refuse to act as Executor for the estate tho named in the Will of Vines Collier, deceased, who died on Monday the 7th of this instant, Certified before me at office this 11th day of December, 1795.

Attest:

Samuel Northington.

Mat Rainey, R.P.O.C.

Our names are herewith subscribed do each of us for ourselves and those whose rights we claim interest in the Estate of Vines Collier; deceased, agree that the papers, or writings above prepared shall be, considered as the last Will and Testament of the said Vines Collier, deceased, to operate as fully and as amply as if the same had been signed by him the said Vines Collier under all the legal requisites, and do hereby in all parts allow and ratify the same in the most full and ample manner, agreeing also that same be become of record in the Registrars Office of the County of Oglethorpe and I, John Collier do for myself hereby quitclaim to all interest to which I might be entitled, agreeable to the direction of said writing and authorizing the same disposition as pointed out by the said writing along with the other legatees therein named.

Sally Collier
John Collier
John Hardaman
Thos. Dunn
Isaac Collier
Guthbert Collier
Thos. Collier.

Attest:

Matthew Rainey
Charles Smith.

Dec. 11th, 1795.

Recorded on the same day.

Mat Rainey, R.P.O.C.

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Matthew Rainey of the County and state aforesaid, planter, being duly sworn saith that on or about the eleventh Day of September past, he was sent for by Vines Collier, late of said county, deceased. That when he came, the said Vines Collier told this deponent he wanted him to write his Will, and put one, which it appeared, he had some one before write, into this deponents hands and told him what alteration to make, that the deponent accordingly drew it agreeable to his directions, and turned it over to him who declared it was according to his intentions and nothing but the want of persons to witness it prevented said Vines Collier from executing it and this deponent further saith that he has once or twice since and not long before his decease he heard Mr. Collier express his concern that the will drawn as above mentioned by this deponent was not executed. Which will or writing is hereto hereunto subjoined and he verily believes that when it was drawn, and that every time afterwards when the said Collier spoke of it to and in hearing of this deponent, he the said Collier, was of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding. This deponent also recollects that Mr. Collier told him on the evening of the 10th, or on the said 11th day of September, that George Young and Leonard Young had been with him and waited to near night in order to witness the said Will when wrote and had promised to come again the next day, of a few days afterwards and the deponent sometime afterward seeing Mr. Collier, asked him if the said George and Leonard Young had come, who told him they did not and he was sorry of it, as he was anxious to have the said Will executed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this twentieth of December 1795.

Jno. Lumpkin J. P.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

OGLETHORPE COUNTY: Leonard Young of the county and state aforesaid planter, being duly sworn saith that he the deponent occasionally happened at the house of Vines Collier now deceased. Mr. Collier drew out a paper and said it was his will and read it to the deponent and expressed some Dissatisfaction the drawn by himself, which he made mention of, that was, he pointed out the land he had given to his son, Isaac Collier, and said he would send for Mr. Matthews and get him to write another, and asked him if he would go to his Bro., George Young, and ask him if he would come over with himself

that evening to witness a new Will which he intended to have ready by that time appointed accordingly they both came and Mr. Collier informed them that he had sent for Mr. Rainey but he had not come and expressed himself somewhat uneasy, ~~urging, Zachary~~ ^{urging, Zachary} ~~to stay~~ but it was not convenient. He asked them to come a few days after, selecting a time himself, the deponent came by himself and his brother not coming by reason of sickness, the business was not done. Sometime after, which was in or about the seventh day of November last, the deponent was in company with Mr. Collier again and he informed him he had got the Will ready and all that was wanting was witnesses and he acknowledged it neglect in him that it had not been executed. And this deponent further saith not.

Sworn to before me this eleventh day of December 1795.

Jno. Lumpkin, J. P.

Recorded on the same day and date
Dec. 11th, 1795.
Mat Rainey, R.D.O.C.

John Collier of the said county, planter, and one of the sons of the said Vines Collier, deceased, being sworn herewith, that he well remembers his father having ~~sent~~ sent for Mr. Rainey to write his will and for Geo. and for Leo Young to witness it, that it was late the evening before Mr. Rainey came and the gentlemen being absent, he asked Mr. Rainey to stay all night and draw it in the morning, when perhaps the witnesses would come again, that he also recollects hearing his father tell Mr. Rainey to draw it and heard it read over to his father by Mr. Rainey after it was wrote and that it corresponded with the said directions. This tenant further saith that he has examined the hand writing and verily believes it to be the same writing which was wrote by Mr. Rainey for the last will of the said Vines Collier, who was well pleased therewith, and believed that said Collier was of sound memory and understanding at the time.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of Dec. 1795.

Jno. Lumpkin, J.P.

Recorded the 11th day of Dec. 1795.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

George Young after duly being sworn saith that he at the request of Mr. Vines Collier, delivered by his brother, Leo Young, came over to Mr. Colliers in order to witness a will and when the deponent came he understood the Will was not ready and he was called on to attend a few days afterwards, perhaps the next day as a witness, which was out of his power by reason of sickness this deponent saith not.

Sworn to before me this 11, day of December, 1795.

Jno. Lumpkin J. P.

Recorded this 11, day of December 1795.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD SIMMONS. (Last Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #22.

I, Richard Simmons being in a low and sick condition of body but in perfect sense and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner: Viz. It is my will and desire that my loving wife shall have the full possession and privilege of the plantation on which I now live during her natural life and widowhood and at her death or marriage, it is my desire that the land be sold, giving twelve months credit, and the price when collected, be equally divided between my two daughters, Betsy Simmons and Chaney Simmons. It is my will and desire that Betsy Simmons possess that part of the estate of Mary Baker to which I am entitled by a former marriage with Mary Ellis. Also I bequeath to my daughter Betsy Simmons a feather bed and furniture, also a small trunk, also a pair of irons, also a young heifer, also twenty dollars to be applied to the purchase of a saddle and bridle, when she shall arrive at the age of twelve years old. It is my desire that at that age she shall have a young horse from my estate, horse or mare if any such can be obtained from the present stock of horses. Also, I give my daughter Betsy, ten dollars to purchase furniture when she arrives at the age of sixteen years. And at that age, I desire that she should have the possession of my negro boy named Sameon whom I also give and bequeath to her.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Chaney Simmons, a feather bed and furniture, also a chest, also a pair of flat irons. It is my will and desire that my loving wife have the service of my negro boy Samson until my daughter Betsy Simmons shall arrive at the age of sixteen years. Also I give and bequeath to my loving wife six head of the best of my cattle, also my bay horse and bay mare, also my household furniture and plantation boots, also my stock of hogs and sheep during her life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage, to be sold and the price equally divided between my two daughters, Betsy Simmons and Chaney Simmons.

I give and bequeath to my loving wife a feather bed and furniture, also a loom to be disposed of as she may think proper. It is my will and desire that the remainder of my estate, together with my young bay horse, also a feather bed and bolster, also my saddle and two guns be sold and the price when collected, I allow to be applied to the purchase of a young negro, which I give and bequeath to my daughter Chaney Simmons and I allow my loving wife the profit on said negro until my daughter Chaney shall come to the age of sixteen years. It is my desire that boarding and schooling of my daughter Betsy Simmons, shall be paid out of the part of the estate that wife possessed.

All the debts due me, I give and bequeath to my loving wife. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Chaney Simmons when she shall arrive at the age of twelve years, thirty dollars to be applied to the purchase of saddle and bridle and puttees. Also, I give to my daughter Chaney Simmons a young horse or mare when she arrives at the age of sixteen years to be raised from the present stock, or out of that part of estate my wife possesses.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving wife Executrix, also Robert Smith, George Hunt and Moss Stallings, Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 25th day of January 1796.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of

Richard Simmons (Seal)

Hughes
Martain
Parks.

Recorded in Book A, the 24th Day of
February 1796.

Mat Rainey, R.C.C.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ELIAS DORSEY. Original will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #24.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. This twenty fourth of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, I, Elias Dorsey of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of the body, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

Principally and first of all, I give my soul to God the Father of all spirits, soundly I give my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and named, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the Resurrection by the mighty powers of God through Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the life.

Item. First of all, I will and devise that all my just and lawful debts be paid.

Item. The 2nd, I lend to my dearly beloved wife Susanah, the plantation whereon we now live as far as the back side of the wheat ground now in wheat with a straight line from Claghorns line to the widow Morrow's line, with all the improvements thereon to her and her proper use and behoofs during her life or widowhood, with one grey gilded horse sorrel mare, with all my stock of cattle, hogs, etc., with all my household furniture, all to belong to her, Susanah Dorsey as long as she lives if she does not marry. But, in case she marries or die, then all the above said land, stock and household furniture to be equally divided amongst my several children.

Item. 3. I give all the rest of my lands herein otherwise belonging to me, to be equally divided between my several children to-wit: Nancy Dorsey, Matthew Dorsey, Daniel Dorsey, Susanah Dorsey, Rebecca Dorsey, John Dorsey, to them and their heirs namely:

Item 4. I appoint and ordain that when John Dorsey and John

revoking Colley, Zacharias Wilson and Testaments heretofore made and signed in writing. Whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date as above written, the 24th of February 1796.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us.

Elias Dorsey. (Seal)

Wm. Copland.
Obadiah Copland
Isabel Hill.

Recorded the 29th day of February 1796.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ZACHEUS WILSON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #25.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Zacheus Wilson of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, Farmer, being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all: I give my soul to God that gave it to me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give, demise and dispose of in the following manner and form:

First. I will that all my lawful debts be paid.

Secondly. I give to my son Zacheus Wilson the land whereon I now live by him fully possessed and enjoyed with the advantages arising from it and he the said son is to have my negro boy names Gay and the boy names Daniel and the negro woman named Nell and the wagon and horses that I am now possessed of is all to be his, and two cows and one feather bed and furniture, the one half of the household and kitchen furniture.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my now well beloved wife, Frances, my negro woman named Dinah to be hers whilst she lives and the three children that the said Dinah is now with lives, is to be at my wife's disposal, but at her death the said Dinah and all her increase is to be my son Zacheus. My wife is to have two cows and they are to be at her own disposal and my son, Zacheus is to find his mother bread and meat while she chooses to live with him, but if at any time she should see fit to remove her living to any other place, he is then not obliged to find her in the said provision any longer and my wife is to have two feather beds and furniture to them and the other half of the household furniture and they are to be at her own disposal.

Fourthly. I give my daughter Anney and my son Joseph and daughter Margaret and my son James and my son Isaac and my son Wm. each one five shillings.

Fifthly. My son Zacheus is to furnish his mother with a good quiet horse to ride to meeting and any other place where that she may be called to go while she chooses to live with him, and if at any time she should see fit to remove her living to any other place, he is to give her a good horse and at her death said horse is to be my son Zacheus.

Sixthly. My hogs and remainder of my cattle is to be for the use of my family that is ones living with me. I hereby constitute, make and ordain my now well beloved son Zacheus Wilson and my true and trusty friend, Wm. Brown, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five. In the twentieth year of American Independence.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of:
James Younge
Thomas Gilham.

Zacheus Wilson (Seal)

Recorded in Book "A" the 3. day of June 1796.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER LUCKIE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #27.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Alexander Luckie of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given thereto, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all: I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like decent manner at the disposition of my Executors, and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise

Impremise. ^{Colley, Zacharias - page 1} It is my will and I do order that in the first place, all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife, fifty dollars in cash to be paid out of my ready money, one bay mare, saddle and bridle, six head of cattle, one feather bed and furniture and all of my stock of hogs and half the best of my household and kitchen furniture to her and her heirs forever, one other feather bed and furniture excepted which is to be sold.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife during her life or widowhood, my negro Jack, my sorrel horse, all my plantation tools and driving gears, to be continued on the plantation whereon I now live for the support of the family, the above lent property to be sold at my wife's death or marriage.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved sons, James and William, all my lands to be equally divided between them when they come of age, also the rest of my property to be sold, and the money arising therefrom, as well as my ready money and money due me, to be put to interest and the whole amount to be put to interest and the whole amount to be equally divided between my two sons above named, to their proper use for land, and if either of them should decease before they are of age, the other to have the whole. My will is, that all my property not given or lent to my beloved wife be sold within six months after my decease. It is my will that my sons be put to trade as soon as capable.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint James Luckie and Thos. Kirkpatrick my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of March 1796.

Alex. Luckie (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

Frances Kirkpatrick
Geo. Cunningham

The words James and William
interlined before assigned.

Recorded the eighth day of June 1796.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/20/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN POWELL. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", page 28.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Powell of the County of Oglethorpe being weak and low in body but of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. To-wit: In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid out of my Estate.

Item. I lend to my beloved wife Boice Powell during her natural life or widowhood, one third of the tract of land I now live on and then to go to my son John Powell. I also lend her one negro woman Dinah, one sorrel mare, a bed and furniture, all my pots and other kitchen furniture.

Item. I give to my beloved son Abram Powell, twenty shillings to be paid him out of my estate.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Bell one negro woman Milley.

Item. I give to my beloved son John Powell, the tract of land whereon I now live, to take possession of at any time, allowing my wife as above tracts during her life or widowhood and then to go to him.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter, Rebecca Brigs Powell, one negro girl Mary and one negro woman Dinah, at the death of my wife, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter, Amy Powell, one negro man David, sixty four dollars and twenty seven cents and one bed and furniture and the residue of my Estate that is not mentioned in this will to be equally divided between my son, John Powell and my daughter, Rebecca B. Powell and daughter Amy Powell and my Grandson, James Powell Bell to them and their heirs forever.

Item. Lastly, I constitute and appoint my son, John Powell and my brother Edward Powell my whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

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John Powell (Seal)

John Powell, Cont'd.

Colley, Zacharias - page 1
Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of:

Jno. Lumpkin
Paimenas Haynes
Richard Haynes.

Recorded in Book "A" the eleventh day of June,
one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES HUCKABY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #30.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Huckaby being sound of mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament.

First. I desire all my just debts to be paid and after that being done, I lend to my loving wife Sealey Huckaby all my estate during her natural life or widowhood and after that I give my estate in the following manner to-wit:

I give to my eldest daughter, Elizabeth Huckaby one negro man Jordan which she and her husband has now in possession and also one dollar.

Item. I give to my daughter Sealey Roland, one cow and calf.

Item. I give to my daughter, Creasey Huckaby one negro woman named Lucy. I also lend one negro man named Can to my daughter Creasy, during her natural life or while she remains unmarried, and after that, my will and desire is that said negro Can, may be sold and the money be equally divided between all my children, I also give my daughter Creasey, one featherbed and furniture and one black horse called Lock. I also lend to my daughter Creasey, after my wife's death, one third part of my land, including my dwelling house so long as she lives a single life.

Item. I give to my daughter Winneford, one negro woman named Tilda.

Item. I give to my daughter Sally Simmons, one negro woman named Bett.

Item. I give to my son Philip Huckaby, one negro boy named Peter. And after my wife's death, I give to my son Philip all that part of the tract of land I now live on, lying on the south side of Terrells Creek adjoining lands of Tuggle and Asbury.

Item. I give to my son, James Huckaby one negro boy named Booker.

Item. I give to my daughter, Jenna Christopher, one negro girl named Rachel.

Item. I give to my son, John Huckaby, one negro man named Stephen if he will pay Sealey Roland twenty five pounds of Virginia money. And if not, the said negro Stephen to be sold to the highest bidder and that much of his value to be given to Sealey Roland and the balance to John Huckaby

Item. I give to my daughter, Susanna Huckaby one negro girl named Lucy and one featherbed and furniture and one bay filley.

Item. I give to my daughter Chaney, one negro girl by the name of Parthenis and one feather bed and furniture and one bay filley with white in her face.

Item. I give to my son Brittian Huckaby, one negro boy named Edmund and still and all my land that is not yet given away in another legacy after my wife's decease and daughter Creasey is married or dead. I give all the rest of my estate to my wife, Creasey, which I have not already given away in legacies, to dispose and divide amongst my children as she might think proper at her death. I also appoint Brittian Huckaby, Amsted Atkins, Zachariah Robertson and Edmund Daniel my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and fixed my seal, 16th day of May 1796.

his

James x Huckaby (Seal)
mark

Test: his
Thomas x Bridges
mark
John Thomas
Edm. Daniel.

The last Will and Testament of James Huckaby,
deceased. Recorded in Book "A" the 29th day of
June 1796 and in page 30th and 31st.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/27/35

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Arnold of the county of Wilks and State of Georgia, being in a weak and low condition, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Viz. I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the care of my Executors to be buried in a decent christian burial Nothing doubting, but that at the Resurrection, I shall receive the same again and as touching those worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of them as followeth:

First. I give and bequeath all my property, both personal and real to Mary my beloved wife during her natural life and at her decease, and at her decease, I ordain that it shall be divided as follows: Viz. The tract of land on which I live with its premises and appertanances, I ordain shall be divided between my two eldest sons, William and Thomas, the former to have my plantation on which I live, with all the buildings and belongings to the same, and the latter to have the plantation which he now lives on and the building thereunto belonging. I also give to my son John, a tract of land situate lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of the Oconee River. At the decease of my wife, I ordain that all the remainder of my property shall be sold, out of which shall be levied the sum of ninety pounds current money of this state which shall be equally divided between my daughters, and the balance received from said sale of property, I ordain shall be equally between all my ten children and I hereby break all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. I appoint my three eldest sons, William, Thomas and Zachariah Arnold, to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us who in presence of Testators, and in presence of each other have hereunto set our hands.

Thomas Arnold (Seal)

Geo. Swain J. P.
Thomas Rutledge
Eusee Arnold.

Recorded in Book "A", the 29th day of June 1796 and on page 32 and 33.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C..

Transcribed 12/27/35

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANDREW MCBRIDE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #33.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Andrew McBride of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being very sick and low but of sound mind and memory and believing that my end was approaching, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz.

First. It is my will and pleasure that my Executors hereafter named shall pay out of my estate all my just debts.

Item. It is my desire that my loving wife and all my children should each of them have an equal share of all my estate of every description and that the children be schooled and raised and when they shall arrive at lawful age, each one shall receive its share. But if in the course of providence, it should so happen that my wife should find it necessary to alter her condition by marriage, in that case, it is my will and desire that there be immediately a division of my Estate and that my Executors do either continue the children and their Estate with the mother or remove both and do with them as they shall think will be most for the interest of the children or any of them. It is my desire that the present crop, as much as can be spared of it, together with as much of the stock as can be spared from supporting the family be sold next fall, and the price, when collected, be put to interest, also, the cash now in hand put to interest.

I hereby nominate and appoint my loving wife Executrix and Harrison Musgrove, William Daniel and Samuel Hart, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this seventeenth day of June 1796.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us.

Douglas Walton

J. O. Parks

Sam'l Rhoads.

Andrew McBride (Seal)

Recorded in Book "A" the 27th day of July 1796.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/27/35

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Morgan Williams of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect sense and memory, thanks be given to God, and considering that life is uncertain, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. Viz. I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth at the discretion of my Executors. As for my worldly Estate, I give demise, bequeath and dispose of as follows: Viz. Impremise. It is my will that my wife, Sarah, enjoy a part of the plantation, including the dwelling house and one hundred and twenty five acres of land, and my mother to have a free privilege to dwell on the said part of land and plantation and be supported as she has been in my life time, during her natural life, and at her death, the above Sarah Williams to have and to hold the above mentioned house and land, including that part of the plantation lying south of the lane fence, beginning on my line joining David Bage land and being a direct line with the direction of the lane East so as to include one hundred and twenty five acres from that line to my line, joining Flukers land and Hobbs and Ray's to the beginning, to have and to hold the same during her life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage, to be equally divided between my children. I also give and bequeath to my wife, Sarah, my negro girl Seale during her natural life, and at her death, then the said Seale and her increase to be equally divided between my children, and she, the said Sarah, to hold all my property for the term of five years; to pay my debts and raise my children and school them. It is also my desire that at the expiration of five years, that the balance of my property, including what I have given my beloved wife, Sarah, be equally divided between my children both real and personal be and that my children should mutually agree and divide amongst themselves so as to continue my property amongst my children, but, in case, they my children should not agree as to be satisfied with a division mutually amongst themselves, then my will is that my Executors should sell my property and equally divide the same between the children, so that each child shall have their part..

Lastly: I appoint my beloved wife Sarah Williams, Executrix, John Boles and John Fluker Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby invest them with authority and power to sell and convey the above mentioned property so as to do my children justice, bringing suits for the recovery of anything due me and defend all suits against me, employ attorneys or take Counsel in any business relations to my business for the better settling of the same agreeable to law, disannulling all other former wills and testaments, ratifying and conforming this and no other to be my last Will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty third day of July 1796.

Published, signed and sealed and
delivered in presence of - - Test* -
Theophilus Burk
John Fluker

Morgan Williams (Seal)
per
Sarah x Williams (Seal)
MARK

The last Will and Testament of Morgan Williams, deceased. Recorded the 19th day of September 1796.

Mat Rainey. R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The twenty third day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, I, James Vaughn of the County of Oglethorpe, being in a very low state of health at present, and perfect memory of mind, thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of man and that it is appointed once for all men to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally: I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors, hoping at the Resurrection to be received into the hands of Christ my Savior and as touching my worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

It is my desire that there should be money raised out of my Estate to purchase a piece of land for my beloved wife, Susannah during her life. I also lend my wife one negro man named Joe and one negro girl named Dinah, two beds and furniture. I also lend my wife three cows and calves and one horse. I also lend my beloved wife all the household furniture and kitchen furniture and at her decease, the land and all that I have lent my wife to be sold and the money to be equally divided amongst my lawful begotten children.

Item. I give to my daughter, Arrabella Vaughn one horse, saddle and

bridle, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my daughter Mary Vaughn, one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my daughter Mildred Vaughn, one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my daughter Alexander Vaughn, one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my daughter Susannah Vaughn, one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my daughter Martha Vaughn, one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my daughter Nancy Vaughn, one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Vaughn, one horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture. And, I do appoint my wife and son, William, my whole sole Executrix and Executor to this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others former by me made. In witness my hand and seal and by me declared to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of:

James Colley,

his

Isaac x David

mark.

his

William x Lee

mark

Recorded in Book "A", the 19th day of
September 1796.

Mat Rainey R. C.C.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BROWNING WILLIAMS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #38.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Browning Williams of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being sick and weak in body, but yet of perfect sense and memory, thanks be to God, and on consideration that life is uncertain, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, Viz: I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body, I recommend to the earth at the discretion of my Executors. As to worldly estate, I give, demise and bequeath and dispose of in the following manner: Vix.

Item. It is my will that my loving wife, Frances Williams enjoy my negro man, Daniel during her natural life, and after her death I give the same negro man, Daniel, to my son Morgan Williams and his heirs.

Item. I give to the aforesaid Morgan Williams my negro man, Anthony, my negro woman Lucy and my negro boy Mitchell to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Tabitha Williams my negro girl Rachel and one hundred and fifty dollars and all my household furniture and all my cattle to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son John Williams one negro girl Sarah to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I leave my negro girl Amy to be equally divided between my son Joseph Williams and George Sorrell and Frances Bridges and their heirs forever. Lastly, I appoint my loving wife Frances Williams, Executrix and my son Morgan Williams Executor to this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby invest them with authority and power to settle this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disannul every other Will and Testament, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 26th day of December 1795.

his

Browning x Williams (Seal)
mark.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of of us Test:

Moses his Dauid

mark

George x Hunt

mark

T. S. Luke.

Recorded the fifth day of October 1796.

Mat Rainey R.C.C.C.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN BURTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 410.
Colley, Zacharias - page 1

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Burton of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being in a weak and low condition but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following: To-wit. I commend my soul to the hands of God who gave it and my body to the care of my Executors to be buried in a christian like decent manner, nothing doubting but at the resurrection I shall receive the same again, and as touching those worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of them as followeth.

First. It is my desire that all my lawful debts be paid.

Secondly. I lend my land whereon I now live to my wife Rebecca Burton during her life and at her death to be equally divided between Mary, Beckey and Anne Rafferty, to be then divided at the discretion of my Executors, that is Richard Rafferty and James Rutledge. All my other property, real and personal, I give to my wife Rebecca Burton and at her death to be equally divided between her three children Daniel, Elizabeth and James Johnston to be divided at the discretion of my Executors, Richard Rafferty and James Rutledge whom I appoint to execute this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the seven-teenth day of August, 1796.

John Burton (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of each other and the testator have hereunto set our hands.

Joseph Echols
William Arnold.

Recorded October the 5th, 1796.

Mat Rainey. R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ARCHABLE TOMSON.. (Original Will recorded Will Book "A", Page 41.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Archable Tomson of Oglethorpe County being infirm of body, though in perfect sense and memory do constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: I give my soul to God beseeching his acceptance of and submit my body to the ground believing that they will again be reunited together and respecting my worldly estate, I do desire all my just debts to be paid, then;

Item. I give to my son Robert five shillings sterling money.

Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Patrick, five shillings sterling money. Item. I give to my son William, my plantation and all the land I possess also one bay horse, all of my stock of cattle and hogs, one wagon and all plantation tools, one bed and all furniture and all other household furniture and I do appoint and constitute my son William, my Executor in all my affairs whatsoever. To this I affix my hand and seal this 12th day of September 1795.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

Test
Jeffery Eaxly
John Dimond.

his
Archable Tomson (Seal)
mark

Recorded the 7th day of October 1796.

Mat Rainey. R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS NELMS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 41.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Nelms of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but perfect in mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others.

Impremise. I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent manner, the expense of which I desire to be provided for out of my Estate.

I give to my beloved wife, Ruth Nelms during her natural life one negro woman Palla, also I give and bequeath to her and her heirs forever one negro woman Rachel. Further, I give my wife two mares, Pol and Pentecost, four cows and calves, four head of sheep, two plows. Further I lend unto my wife during her natural life, or as long as she continues a widow, the tract of land whereon I now live and at her death or marriage, to descend unto my two youngest daughters, Sarah and Susannah to them and their lawful heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Noyal, to him and his heirs forever, one negro boy, Bobb.

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Nelms the tract of land belonging to J. Thomas, also one negro woman Lease, with all her further increase, also one leather bed and furniture also three head of sheep to him and his heirs forever.

I give unto my daughter, Charlotte, one negro girl Judah served to her by a special deed of gift from me.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, one negro girl Lucy with all her future increase to her and her lawful heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca one negro boy Sam, also one Ewe and lamb to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah one negro boy Harry to her and her heirs forever.

I give unto my daughter Susannah, one negro boy Willie to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my wife Ruth, one leather bed and best furniture and it is my desire that all my property not mentioned in this will should be sold to pay any just debts except my stock of hogs and fifty bushels of corn which is reserved for my wife and for the use of her family.

It is my desire that my two youngest daughters Sarah and Susannah should be kept with their mother as long as two out of three of my Executors should think proper and they shall be raised, schooled and clothed decently from the profits arising from my plantation whereon I now live.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the tenth day of August Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. I do appoint Thomas Nelms Junior and my friend Anthony Ivey, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Given unto my hand and seal the day and date before written.

Test.
Benj. Baldwin
George Aaron

Thomas Nelms (Seal)

Recorded October the 8th 1796.

Mat Rainey, R.O.O.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN HARDMAN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 43.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Hardman of Wilkes County and the state of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made, recommending my soul to almighty God who gave it, hoping through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ to meet with a happy resurrection, my body to the earth to be interred in such christian like manner as my Executors may think proper and my worldly goods I dispose of in the manner following; this to say, I give to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Hardman, my negro fellow George, with all my furniture and stock of every kind during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between all my children, John William, Unah and Charles Hardman, Henry Simmons, Betty Smith, Mary Ford and Fannie Withingsham, them and their heirs and offsprings and I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Executrix and Charles Hardman, Executor. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 19th day of June 1790.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of;
Micajah Clarke
Miles Jinnings

his
John x Hardman
mark

Recorded the 7th day of November 1796.

Mat Rainey R.O.O.C.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HARRISON MUSGROVE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 44.)

Colley, Zacharias - page 1

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Harrison Musgrove being in a sick and low condition of body, but in perfect sense and memory and sensible of my approaching mortality and the uncertain duration of human life, do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner and form;

I allow all my just debts to be paid by collecting the debts due me and applied to that purpose. Also by the price of 115 acres of land lying on the North Fork of Little River. Also with the price of 327½ acres of land lying on Log Dam Creek in Hancock County, the tract of land on which I now live containing 200 acres, together with my stock of every kind except the B.H. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife. Also my mill on the South Fork of Little River, together with all the appertinances to be possessed by her during her natural life or widowhood, the profits arising from the said plantation and mill, I allow to raise and school my children. It is my will and desire that my son Robert be put to and continue at school until he acquires a sufficient education to qualify him for public life, or so long as his proportion of the profits of the Estate will support him at learning. It is my will and desire that at my wife's decease, the above tract of land and the mill be sold and the price divided amongst my children, viz: Robert Musgrove, Sarah Musgrove, Polly W. Musgrove, Jane G. Musgrove, Nancy Musgrove, Betty Ann Musgrove. My daughter Kittey is to receive no other of my estate than she now possesses, only equal support with the rest of the children till she leaves the family.

It is my will and desire that my black horse together with my wearing clothes, my guns and my large case be sold on credit and the price when collected be applied to purchases for my children, horses, saddles, etc., as they may need them. I give and bequeath my watch to my son Robert H. Musgrove, if in the course of Providence my beloved wife should find it necessary to alter her condition by marriage. In that case, it is my will and desire that she should have free and full privilege and possession of the dwelling house and other out houses and also have a child's part of the profits of the plantation on which I now live from and after her marriage. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Twenty five pounds.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Executrix, Glen Owen, Thomas Gordon, John T. Tankey, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Signed, sealed in the presence of;
John Collier
Howell Zerteena

H. Musgrove (Seal)

Recorded the 16th of November 1796.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN GREENWOOD. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 46.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Greenwood of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia do make this my last Will and Testament;

First. I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my friends, hoping for redemption through Jesus Christ, A men.

Item. First, I lend to my loving wife Ann Greenwood the use of my plantation where I now live and all of my personal estate during her natural life.

Item. I also desire that my Executors may make a true and lawful right to the lands I have sold to each person that has purchased land of me. I also desire that each of my sons have a right to the lands that they bargained with me for in paying to their brother, George Greenwood two hundred and twenty dollars and a cow and a calf after the decease of my loving wife. The remainder of my land being one hundred and twenty acres to be divided between my two youngest sons - to-wit; Wm. and James Greenwood.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny, one good feather bed and furniture and what part of the stock her mother shall see cause to give her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy, one good feather bed and furniture and what part of the stock her mother shall see cause to let her have.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Greenwood, five shillings sterling.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Fleming Greenwood five shillings Sterling.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Beverly Greenwood five shillings sterling.

Item. I desire that all my lawful debts be first paid out of my estate before any division is made. I appoint my wife, my son John and son George Greenwood Executors of this my last Will and Testament.
November 19th, 1796.

Test;

John Greenwood.

Timothy Stamps

Robt. Gillispie

Henry Johnston.

December the 12th Day 1796. The last Will and Testament of John Greenwood, deceased, was proved, approved and recorded.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANDREW McNABB. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 47.)

STATE OF GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

I, Andrew McNabb of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being low and weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. to-wit;

Impremise. I leave to my loving wife, Ann McNabb two notes of hand each, for eighty five dollars and seventy five cents by Nathaniel Willis to me, one due the thirty first day of December A.D. 1797, the other due the thirty first day of December 1798, my black horse, all my household and kitchen furniture, plantation, utensils of every kind and one half of all my stock of every kind.

Item. I leave to my son in law, William McNabb one note of hand for eighty five dollars and seventy five cents, payable 31st day of December 1799.

Item. I leave to my daughter Margaret McNabb one note of hand given by said Willis to me for the sum of eighty five dollars and seventy five cents, due the thirty first day of December 1800.

Item. I give to Ann Wallace, wife of Oliver Wallace one note of hand given by said Willis to me for eighty five dollars and seventy five cents, payable the thirty first day of December A.D. 1801. I likewise give to the said Ann Wallace the remaining half of my stock of every kind.

Item. I give to my grand son Henry McNabb all my wearing clothes.

Lastly, I leave to my wife all debts due me of any kind whatsoever except as before disposed of.

I hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my loving wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. This the 16th day of January 1797.
Signed, Published and acknowledged in the presence of us this 16th day of January A.D. 1797.

his

Andrew x McNabb

mark.

Test;

John Martin

his

Joseph x Gill

mark

Nath Willis.

The last Will and Testament of Andrew McNabb.
Recorded January the 21st, 1797.

Mat Rainey. E.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/30/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HARDY SANDERS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", page 48.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. November 19th, 1796. I, Hardy Sanders of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia do make this my last Will and Testament.

First. I commend my soul to God who gave it, hoping for redemption through the merits of my love and Savior Jesus Christ and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my friends.

First. I desire that all my Estate be appraised and all my lawful debts be paid. Then, I lend to my loving wife Elizabeth Frances the use of my land and all my other estate, real and personal, during her natural life or widowhood only when any of my children comes of age to take their part of my estate paid to them. But if my wife should marry again, then only to have an equal part with each of my other children.

Also, the child she is now big with to have an equal part with all my other children. I appoint my loving wife, my Brothers Britian and William Sanders Executors of this last will and Testament. As witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

Hardy Sanders

Test:

Timothy Stamps
Harry Johnson
John Hardeson

Recorded the 28th day of March 1797.

Transcribed 12/31/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD RAFFERTY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #49.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Richard Rafferty, of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in a weak and low condition but of a perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in the manner and form following to-wit; I commend my soul into the hand of almighty God who gave it to me, and my body to be buried in a christian decent burial, nothing doubting, but at the resurrection, I shall receive the same again, and as touching those worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of them in the following manner.

First. It is my desire that all my lawful debts should be paid.

Secondly. I lend to my beloved wife Rafferty, all my estate both real and personal during her natural life and at her death, it is my desire that all my personal estate, that is, negroes, stock, household and kitchen furniture should be equally divided between my six children, Dorothy, Lydia, Dorcas, Nancy, Judah and Hardman Rafferty, to be then divided at the discretion of my Executors.

It is my desire and will that all my lands at the death of my wife, Jane Rafferty, should be equally divided between the whole of my children, that is to say, Polly, Betsy Ann, Dorothy Lydia, Dorcas Many, Judith and Hardman Rafferty to be divided at the discretion of my Executors, that is, Glen Owen, Jno. Hardman and Jane Rafferty, whom I appoint to execute this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 8th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands:

Wm. Strong
John W. Burns.

Richard x Rafferty (Seal)
mark

Recorded April the fifth day 1797.

Mat Rainey. R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/22/35.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN NEWTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #51.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Newton feeling the approach of death, ordain this my last Will and Testament. Viz. To my well beloved wife, Catherine, I give one bed and its furniture, which is to be her own choice, and also all the cattle at present existing and also one third part of the land on which I now live and that third part to come off where the house now stands and the improvement is made the remaining lands, with another improvement which I purchased from James Pittman to be equally divided between my three sons, to be held in the hands of my Executors, and may be disposed of by them if they think necessary, or as they may judge most advantageous for my three sons, whose names are as follows. Viz. Josiah Newton, Ebenezer Newton and Elizure Newton, and also to my well beloved wife I give one bay horse, together with one side saddle. And to my son Josiah Newton, I give one sorrel horse and my own saddle. The furniture, I also give to my well beloved wife, but in case she should marry after my death, then both her part of the land and the Furniture shall be equally divided between her and my four daughters. I give also to my wife, all the cash at present in my possession, and all the debts due, or that will hereafter be due. But in case the debts, or after this will become due, be collected in time to pay my debts, my Executors are directed to use them for that purpose. But if this should not be the case, then my debts are to be paid by that property not yet named.

except my two negro girls, Lando and Sydney, both of which I also give to my well beloved wife, Catherine Newton as long as she remains a widow, after which the negro girl, Lando, to be the property of my eldest daughter Fidelia and the other negro girl, Viz. Sydney to be the property of my second daughter Betay. All the other property within the house to be equally divided between my other two daughters, Cynthia and Melinda, except the wearing clothes of my wife and myself, which are to be held as the property of my wife. To my three eldest daughters, Fidelia Newton, Betay Newton and Cynthia Newton I give each one bed with its furniture, my riding carriage to be held as the property of my wife while she remains a widow, afterwards to be sold by my Executors, for the use of my daughters Cynthia Newton and Melinda Newton. All other property not named, may either be sold or not at the will of my Executors or any part of the property as they may judge most advantageous for my heirs in general.

I hereby appoint John Lawrence, Jacob Lawrence and my well beloved wife Catherine Newton to execute this my last Will and Testament.

John Newton

To dispose of as the Executors may judge most advantageous for my two sons Ebenezer and Elizure and I do hereby ordain and appoint Alexander W. Even, Jacob Lawrence and James Luckie Executors and my well beloved wife Catherine Newton Executrix to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven..

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence
of Geo. Phillips
William Corrigan

John Newton (Seal)

his
John x Gilbert
mark

All interlinations were made before assigned.

Recorded May 16th Day 1797.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 12/31/35

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN MORGAIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #53.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Morgain of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, and it has pleased God to bless me with some little of this worlds treasures, I shall dispose of the same in the manner and form following. to-wit:

Item. I lend to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Morgain the whole of my tract of land where I now live during her natural life and one half of my personal estate.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter of Jency Morgain when she arrives at the age of eighteen, or marries, one half of my personal estate and if at the death of my wife, the land above mentioned and the residue of my personal estate, and if my daughter should not live to arrive to the age above mentioned or marry, it is my will and desire that my beloved wife, Elizabeth Morgain should enjoy the whole of the estate during her natural life.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint my beloved brother, Thomas Morgain and my worthy friend Jno. Lumpkin Esq. Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 16th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

his
John x Morgain
mark

Recorded May the 29th. 1797.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of:

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Frank Tate

his
Jese x Morgain

mark
William x Morgain.
mark

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Newton of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, Minister of the Gospel, being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following.

Imprimis. I give my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to the earth from whence it came.

Item. I give to my well beloved wife, Cathren Newton, my two negro girls Lando and Lydia while a state of widowhood. Should she marry, then the negro girls Lydia, to be the property of my daughter Betsey Newton, and at the death of my wife, the negro girl Lando to be the property of my daughter Fidelia Newton.

Item. I give to my wife one bay horse, her saddle and all the horned cattle, one bed and furniture and that to be her choice. I also give unto my wife all my wearing clothes, together with her own clothes and likewise my watch. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, my riding carriage during her widowhood, then to be sold for the use of my children who have no negro property, to be equally divided amongst them. To her, my wife, I give all the table and kitchen furniture to be precidently used for the raising of my children, but if she should marry after my death, then only one third part of the table and kitchen furniture to fall into her hands, the remaining two thirds to be disposed of as my Executors may think best for the use of my daughters, Cynthia Newton, Millinda Newton.

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife all the cash now in my possession and all that is due to me and that part that is not due, to pay the debts I owe and to be made use of for that purpose, and if that is not sufficient, then the debts I owe are to be paid out of whatever part of my Estate my Executors may choose for that purpose, except such property as is already or may hereafter be mentioned in this will.

Item. I give to my dearly beloved wife the one third part of the tract of land on which I now live, including that small tract, the right of which is to come from Sam'l Gardner of Jackson County, which third of this land is to take in the house in which I now live, together with the improvements adjoining thereunto. I also give unto my beloved wife the third part of what is commonly called household furniture, the remaining two thirds to be divided between my two daughters, Cynthia and Melinda. I also give to my well beloved wife all my books until her death, after which they are to be equally divided amongst all my children. The remaining two thirds of the land on which I now live, to be equally divided between my two sons, Ebenezer and Elizure.

Item. To my son Josiah Newton, I give that tract of land containing two hundred acres which I purchased of James Pitman, also one sorrel horse and my own saddle.

Item. To my daughter Fidelia Newton, I give one bed and furniture. To my daughter, Cynthia Newton, one bed and furniture and all other property such as plantation and farming tools to be disposed of as the Executors may judge most advantageous for my two sons, Ebenezer and Elizure and I hereby nominate and appoint Alexander M. Ewen, Jacob Lawrence and James Luckie, Executors and my beloved wife Catherine Newton Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 20th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

John Newton (Seal)

Geo. Phillips
Am. Carrigan
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John x Gilbert
mark

Recorded July the 22nd day, 1797. A former will being exhibited and proved through a mistake and the real one partly destroyed, yet one of the subscribing witnesses having read the latter and recollecting the sum and substance, have drawn up the same and was duly sworn before Burrol Poole, Esq., to the within will to be the last will and testament of John Newton, deceased.

Recorded July 22nd day, 1797.

Mat Rainey R.O.C.G.

Colley, Zacharias - page 1

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Hay of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe being weak in body but sound and firm in mind and recollection, do make this my last Will and Testament, renouncing and setting aside all others whatsoever to-wit.

Impremise. First, it is my will that I be decently interred

Second. It is my will that all my just debts be paid and then the balance of my property be disposed of in the following manner: to-wit. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife forever to dispose of as she thinks proper, all the tract of land I now live on, including the plantation and improvements, containing three hundred and twenty seven acres, more or less. Also, Esther and Tamer and their offsprings, all the household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and utensils, the bay horse she had from her father, my sorrel mare and colt and four cows and calves that she may choose out of all my stock, all the hogs, but it is understood that if I should have a lawful heir by her, that part of the property above mentioned, as well as the balance of the property be subject to a support and education of the said child, until it becomes of lawful age or marriage and then that it have such a proportion as (she my wife) and the Executors shall think proper to dispose of.

It is also my will that the above mentioned property set aside for my wife should not be subject to the payment of debts, unless there should not be a sufficient of other property for that purpose.

I will that after my debts be paid, as before mentioned, that the balance of my property, if any, should be divided in the following manner amongst my brothers, that is to say, that it be valued and divided equally into three parts between Charles, James and Gilbert for the use of themselves and their heirs and offsprings forever. But that they, each of them, pay to Hugh and Betsy equally two and one half percent on the valuation of each of their respective proportions, but that they give Hugh his part as they may think proper, so that he may have the use of it, and not dispose of it improperly, or without their consent.

It is also my will that my wife, Ann R. Hay be my Executrix and that Charles Hay, James Hay and Gilbert Hay be my Executors, to do and act for me as they may think just and proper.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged this 27th day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

W. Hay (Seal)

N. B. The words "and education" and the words "set aside" for my wife" interlined before assigned.

Rich Bailey
Joseph Lumpkin Jr.
Spencer Reynolds.

Recorded July the 29th day, 1797.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/3/36

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Isbell Hill of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being weak in body but perfect in mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others.

Impremise. I give and bequeath to my beloved children Aggy, Elizabeth, Tabitha, Polly, John, Nancy, Susannah, to them and their lawful heirs forever. the monies arising from the sales of my loom, largest pot and oven, share and share alike, it being all the property that belonged to my husband at the time of his death, that is now in my possession.

I give to my beloved daughters, Nancy and Susanna, to them and their heirs forever to share and share alike, all my remaining property, consisting of one mare, seven cows, thirteen head of hogs, together with my household furniture, plantation, utensils and other property of every description now in my possession.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal, this the 29th day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. I also appoint my trusty friend, Gordy Bates my Executor and my two daughters, Nancy and Susanna, Executrix to this my last Will and Testament.

Signed in to Colley, Tennessee page 1
Benjamin Baldwin
Samuel Cochran.

her
Isbell x Hill
mark

Recorded August seventh, 1797.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/3/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MOSES PARKS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #61.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Moses Parks of Franklin County and State of North Carolina being in a tolerable state of health and of perfect mind and memory, for which blessing I thank almighty God, concerning the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

First. Recommend my soul to God who gave it, hoping for a happy resurrection through the merits of my blessed redeemer, my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my friends, the Executor, my worldly estate I give as followeth:

Item. I will that all my just debts be paid.

Item. I will that my two negroes, Bet and John enjoy that freedom, the human species have a right to by nature, and that it may be the case. I desire the Assembly may be petitioned to ratify this clause in my will, respecting their freedom. It is also my will that the above mentioned negroes be under the guardianship of my Executors till otherwise provided for by law according to my desire in the Assembly's being petition.

Item. I give and bequeath one hundred and fifty dollars to my two sisters, Hannah Hunt and Mary Edwards, to be given out to them as their personal wants may require, and if they should not live to use them all, then the remainder shall be given to the ~~xx~~ poor forever.

Item. I will that the deeds given to me by William Jones and Jeremiah Still, be given up to them, upon their paying the following sums: William Jones One hundred and thirty two dollars, Jeremiah Still, one hundred and nine dollars.

Item. I give and bequeath all the best of my estate, real and personal, to the help of the poor forever, Viz; The real poor, the halt and maim, lunatic, etc., to be appropriated to their use according to the good judgment and confidence of my Executors as will be most for their good and the glory of God to whom I give all.

I hereby appoint and constitute Green Hill, Roger Jones, John Young, Nat Jarrett, John Jarrett, Jr., John Whitfield, Green Hill Jr., Sam'l Hunt and William Paskel Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made, declaring this to be my last will and Testament.

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 17th day of January in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
the presence of;
James Marks
William Goings
Nicholas M. Marks

Moses Parks. (Seal)

Recorded October the 25th day, 1797.

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Mat Rainey R.C. O.C.

recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the dust from whence it came to be, and at the discretion of my Executors, and for my worldly Estate which the Lord has blessed me with in this life, I do give and dispose of in the following manner and form;

First. That all my just debts be paid.

Next. I do give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary, the plantation whereon I now live, with all the plantation tools, on the place belonging to me. Likewise, two work horses and all the cows belonging to me, hogs and the negro fellow Toney and all the bedding and household furniture of every kind, so long as she liveth and at her death, the said plantation, tools horses and hogs and negro fellow Toney, I do then give and bequeath with my Smiths tools, to my well beloved son Hezekiah, to him and his heirs forever. The household furniture and cattle, I leave to the disposal of my well beloved wife, Mary. At her decease, the remaining part of my estate, I do appoint and ordain my well beloved children as followeth, that is to say, one third part to James, one third part to Margaret, a third part to Hezekiah, only out of their thirds, five dollars per piece to all the rest of my children, male and female.

I do hereby confirm this to be my last Will and Testament. I do hereby appoint my well beloved sons, James Luckie and Hezekiah Luckie my Executors of the same.

William Luckie

John Lawrence
John Johnson

I, William Luckie do this the 20th day of September, 1797 do make this Codicil to my last Will and Testament in manner following. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife thirty dollars of a debt of fifty dollars due to me by William Foster Luckie. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Luckie, ten dollars of said note, the balance I give and bequeath to my grandson William F. Luckie.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and test.

William Luckie.

John Lawrence
John Johnson

Transcribed 1/3/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DOUGLAS WATSON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #64.

I, Douglas Watson of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in a sick and low condition but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others:

I give and bequeath to my son William Charles, a negro man now in his possession, together with all other property he has heretofore received from me.

I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Ned, a negro man now in his possession, also all the other property he has heretofore received from me.

I give and bequeath to my son Douglas, two tracts of land, one on the Appalachee River, near Phillips Mill Shoals, containing four hundred acres and the other lying on Fishing Creek, adjoining William Watson and containing one hundred and fifty acres, also three negroes, Moss, Minor and Edmond, a bed and furniture, two cows and calves, my rifle gun and brown mare, Rising, three years-old, and forty seven dollars in cash to be raised when called for.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret, Sall, a negro woman now in her possession, together with all the other property she heretofore received from me.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary a negro woman now in her possession, with all the other property she has received from me.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane, one negro girl, Fannie, also one hundred dollars cash, a cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture and a black leather trunk.

I give ~~Cathy, Catherine~~ ^{my} daughter Caty, one negro girl Anakie and her child Billie, a feather bed and furniture, a horse or mare worth one hundred dollars, a saddle now in her possession and one cow and calf to be delivered her on her marriage or leaving the family.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Rouanna, two negro girls, Phoebe and Ester, a feather bed and furniture, a horse or mare worth one hundred dollars, a saddle and bridle and one cow and calf to be delivered her on marriage or leaving the family.

I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Polly Bilingba, one negro child by name Allin to be raised in my family..

It is my will and desire that my loving wife, Margaret do have free, full and peaceable possession of the houses, plantation on which I now live, with all the house and kitchen furniture and plantation tools of every description, together with my negroes, Will, Tom, Simon, Amy and Jude, also two roan horses, the black mare and the largest bay mare, also ten cows and calves and two or three other cattle for beef, also my stock of hogs and eight sheep during her life or widowhood.

It is also my desire that my youngest children should be raised and schooled equal to my older children, at the expense of this last mentioned part of my estate, and that any bought clothing that may be necessary to make my two youngest daughters equal to their elder sisters shall also be paid out of the last mentioned part of my estate. But if in the course of providence my loving wife should find it necessary to alter her condition by marriage, in that case it is my will that she should no longer possess any part of the above mentioned property, but that all and every part of the above last mentioned property, except what is necessary for schooling and clothing as above mentioned, together with all profits and increase, including the tract of land I now live on.

I give and bequeath to my son, James Parks Watson, also my shot gun and saddle. I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Margaret one negro woman Patt with all her increase to be disposed of as she may think proper. It is also my desire that the remainder of my stock of cattle and sheep not herein before mentioned be sold and that all the debts due on bonds or otherwise together with the rise of the property sold. When collected and the cash now in hand, that then my Executors do first take out or retain in their hands as much as will pay the cash parts of legacies herein before mentioned, and the balance to be equally divided between my loving wife and my children hereinafter named Viz. William Joseph, Margaret, Mary, Jane Douglas, Caty, Rosanna and James Parks Watson.

I do appoint my loving wife, Margaret Executor and my sons William Joseph, and Douglas and my friend Berry Baldwin, Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 18th day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Douglas Watson (Seal)

Signed, sealed in the presence of
John T. Sankey
Jose Bowls.

Recorded December the 18th day 1797.

Mat Reiney R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/3/36.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES HOUGHTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #63.

STATE OF GEORGIA OGLETHORPE COUNTY. The following noncupative Will and Testament of James Houghton of the State and County aforesaid was delivered and pronounced by the said James Houghton, on the twenty ninth day of January last, being Monday, at night, in the presence of Robert Grutchfield, Joshua Houghton, Senior, Betty Beckom and Mrs. Nancy Houghton and committed to writing this the second day of February 1798.

The words and will of the deceased in his last illness, on the night aforesaid and are as follows: Viz.

I wish and desire my stud horse to be sold at twelve months credit with which and the debts due him, he expected would discharge his debts. I leave a balance, which balance, if any, he desired to be put to interest until his oldest daughter came of age. The residue of his property, his wife and children to be kept and live together until his oldest child aforesaid shall come of age,

the children in the interim to receive a tutable education, When that period arrives, an equal dividend, he also nominated, requested and appointed his brothers, William and Joshua Houghton Junior to transact his business and be Executors to his Will and Testament aforesaid.

Witnesses:

Robt. Crutchfield

Joshua Houghton

Betsy Beckoim

her

Nancy x Houghton

mark

Proved, approved and recorded.

February the 15th day 1798.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/4/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANTHONY OLIVE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #69.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, A nthony Olive of the County of Oglethorpe in the State of Georgia, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament; that is to say, principally, and I first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in christian decent burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise, and disposed of same in the following manner and form;

First. I do desire that the mill tract of land and premises thereof lying on Broad River, may be sold at the discretion of my Executors and Executrix and the money put out on interest.

I also desire that all and singular, my goods, chattels may be equally divided between my wife and children as they come of age or marry, and the balance of my estate still remaining between such arrivals, to be continued in the hands of my beloved wife Kevenhappuch, during her natural life or widowhood. I also desire that when and at the time of her marriage, my goods and chattels, lands and tenements, may be equally divided between my wife and children, my wife having a child's part.

I do also desire that at the death of my wife (and before marriage) that all and singular my goods and chattels, lands and tenements, may be equally divided amongst my children.

I likewise do constitute, make and ordain, my beloved wife, Kevenhappuch, the Executrix, Robinson Hendon and Joseph Embry, the executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul, all and every other former testament, Wills, Legacies, Bequeaths and Executors by me in any way before named, willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and and seal, this the twentieth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Signed, sealed published and pronounced and declared by the , Anthony Olive as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

Rich Hartfield

Wm. Mendon

Jno Holmes

Anthony Olive (Seal)

Proved, approved and Recorded, the first of March 1798.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/4/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WHORTON WHATLEY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #70.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Whorton Whatley of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia, being sick and low in health, but of sound memory, do make, ordain Constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament, and as touching of the worldly estate, woom with it has pleased God to bless me with - - I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form;

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that is first of all, I lend to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Whatley, two hundred acres of land, taken of the upper end of the tract, which I now live on joining Morgan Williams, including my plantation building, also one negro wench named Fanny, one her increase. Also, all my stock of horses, cattle and hogs and all of my household goods and furniture and plantation tools to be to her only proper use, benefit and behoof during her lifetime or widowhood, and after her death or widowhood, the foresaid land and property lent, to be sold at publick sale and equally divided between my heirs, Tempy Garrot, Robert Whatley, John Whatley, Elizabeth Whatley, Abner Whatley, Rebeckah Whatley and Willys Whatley. I also give and bequeath to my son, Archey Whatley, all the rest of my land at the East and joining Samual Thornton.

Lastly; I do I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Elizabeth Whatley, Archey Whatley and Michael Whatley to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last Will and Testament, this 29th Day of July 1797.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of;

Whorton Whatley (Seal)

Recorded March the 27th day, 1798.

Ornan Whatley
his
Robert R. x Whatley
mark

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/4/36.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDWARD POWELL. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #72.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Edward Powell Senior, of Albemarl Parish in Sussex County, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following;

First. I recommend my soul to God, who gave it to me, and my body to the earth to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of them in the following manner: Viz.

Impremise. I give and bequeath to my son, John Powell, one negro man Davy, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son, Seymour Powell, one shilling sterling to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Edward Powell, one negro man Solomon, one negro woman, Delph, one negro boy Coffie and his heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my daughter Elizabeth Fletcher, the use of four negroes, Viz. Jordan, Daniel, Hector and Fill during her life, and at her death to return into my estate and to be considered as part of the residue thereof and divided as is directed below.

Item. I lend to my daughter, Martha Dunn, the use of three negroes, namely; Hagan, Cloe and Charles during her life and at her death, I give the said negroes, to be equally divided between her children, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, John Powell, son of John Powell, one negro boy, Ceasor, one bay filly two years old last spring, one feather bed and furniture, one pair of silver shoe buckles and one silver band clasp to him and his heirs forever.

Item. My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate of whatsoever kind may be sold and the money arising from such sale may be equally divided between my three children, John Powell, Edward Powell and Martha Dunn, to them and their heirs forever.

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GEORGIA OGLETHORPE COUNTY. Recorded in Will Book "A", Page #73. original

First, I took to my best friend Wray, a cow and calf named after him, the mare called Dan. I gave unto my daughter, Polly Wray, one cow and calf called Peter. I gave unto my daughter, Nancy Wray, one cow and calf named Brock, and a heifer. I gave unto my beloved wife Jenny Wray, the plantation whether I had live, gave seven head of cattle and two horses. I obtained Dick and the other named Jack, and plantation called his name. I bought the still and household furniture to be named after my wife and daughter. I bought a wagon.

Will of John Wray cont'd.

and if she marries, ~~as a child's part~~ ^{page 1} a child's part with my son Joseph Wray, Moses and Nimrod. The property which I before gave to my wife Jenny at her death or marriage, then to be equally divided between Joseph Wray, Moses Wray and Nimrod Wray.

I also do appoint John Jarrett and James Anthony my two Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Acknowledged, signed, sealed and published in the presence of us.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 12th day of April 1798

Jno. Garrett
J. Gibney.

his
John Wray
mark,

Be it known to all persons who it may concern that I do give unto my three daughters, Elizabeth Wray, Margaret Wray and Jenny Wray, one cow and calf apiece. At the death of their mother or marriage, to be taken out of the seven head of cattle that I gave to my wife Jenny Wray.

Witness present:
J. Gibney
J. Garrett

Proved, approved and executed and recorded June 20th day 1798.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/4/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EPHRAIM PHARR. (Original will recorded in Will Book "A", Page # 78.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Ephraim Pharr of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being somewhat indisposed in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend, my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of in the following manner and form:

First. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Jane all my estate after my lawful debts are paid, lands, money, bonds, notes, horsebeasts, cows, sheep, hogs and all my movables whatsoever, to be used for the use of bringing up our children and schooling of them, and if Jane my well beloved wife should live and remain my widow until our children grow up to years of discretion, to divide this my Estate, or what doth then remain of it, among our children then living at her own option, and in the above mentioned case or cases, I constitute Jane my wife, sole Executrix of this my will. But in case of Jane my wife's death or marriage hereafter, I will that all my lands be sold, but the place where I now live on and divided equally between my daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret and Jemima, with a horse beast and saddle, bed and furniture to each of three my girls, if they should live, but in case of either death, the land to be divided among the living, and to each as above mentioned.

Item. To my son Ephraim, I give the plantation I now live on, with all the plantation tools, one horse beast and my saddle, with this my sons allowing his mother Jane, my well beloved wife, one third of the profits that is made on this said plantation, while she lives, and as for money, bonds or notes or any other property whatsoever, that does, or may belong to this estate is to be equally divided between my wife Jane and our above named children, when they have come to the years of discretion. And I ordain Jane my beloved wife with Alexander McEwen, Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke all other Testaments, Wills, Legacies or Bequeaths executed by me in any wise named, willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament,

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 12th day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of us:
Geo. Phillips
Miller Bledsoe
Isaac Oaks

Ephraim Pharr (Seal)
Recorded October second day, 1798.
Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

x His mark.

Transcribed 1/7/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LODOWICK TUGGLE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #80.)

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Lodowick Tuggle of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being weak and low in health, but of perfect mind and memory, make this my last Will and Testament.

My estate and effects I bequeath and dispose of in the following manner and form;

First. My will and desire is, as I have given my four sons part of my estate, that they give a true account of what they have received, and that it may be considered and counted as my estate and then my will is, that the whole of my Estate be equally divided between all my children. My will further is that the land I now live on be not sold, but be kept and remain as a home for my children, until my youngest child, Nancy Tuggle comes of age, then to be sold and divided among all my children. My will further is that the land I had of Charles Brooks and what else of my estate my Executors shall think best to be sold, that they sell it and divide the same among them. But my negroes, I do not allow to be sold, but equally divided among my children, viz; George, Robert, Thomas, William, Sally, Eunice, Susannah, Catherine, Elizabeth and Nancy Tuggle, as soon as my estate can, the division of my estate is to be and I hereby constitute and appoint my two oldest sons, George Tuggle and Robert Tuggle and Philemon Bird, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set set my hand and seal, this twenty third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Signed, sealed and declared by the
within Lodowick Tuggle to be his last Will and Testament.
in the presence of us;

Philemon Bird
Geo. Jeffries
Thos. Jeffries

Lodowick Tuggle (Seal)

Recorded October the 20th day 1798.

Mat Rainey R.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/7/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ORNAN WHATLEY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #81.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Ornan Whatley, being sound in memory and calling to mind the mortality of man, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament (that is to say) Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, to receive same and as touching all my worldly estate, that it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and dispose of in the following manner;

Item. I lend to my beloved wife, Judith Whatley part of the land whereon I now live, taken off at the upper end, including my building and orchards. Beginning at the mouth of the steep bottom on Mugrove Mill Pond, thence, a direct line to the mouth of Nevis Roland's spring branch, thence, up said branch to my line. Also three negroes, old Glaston, Michael and Phillis, one wagon and gears, four head of horses, one bed and furniture and all my cattle, hogs, sheep and geese and working tools, which above mentioned property I desire my wife to have during her life or widowhood, and after her death or marriage, immediately the property shall be sold, and the money arising therefrom shall be equally divided between the following children (except the land above mentioned which will be disposed of to my son, Ornan Whatley to-wit; Wyatt Whatley, Tabitha Whitlock, Wilson Whatley Bolley, Burwell Whatley, Charley Whatley, Rebeka Whatley, and Elizabeth Whatley.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Wyatt Whatley, two negroes by the name of Aderland Nelson, also one hundred and eighty six acres of land, which I purchased of Joshua Thornton, one bed and furniture, horse.

Item. I give to my son, Wilson Whatley, one negro man by the name of James, also the lower end of my tract of land whereon I am now settled, and said Wilson Whatley doth agree to give my daughter, Polly Heard, one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid in three payments, viz; Fifty dollars per year. I also give to my son Wilson Whatley, one bed and furniture and one mare.

Item. I give to my daughter Polly Heard, one negro girl named Nan, one horse, one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my son, Surwell Whatley, one negro man named Ben and all my land lying over the Cooney River, on Green Briar Creek, one stud horse, one still, Coffey, Zacharias and furniture.

4th Item. I give to my daughter, Charity Whatley, two negroes named Closter and Hannah, one bed and furniture.

7th Item. I give to my son, Ornan Whatley, two negroes named Isaac and Arnal, one bed and furniture and the upper end of my tract of land which he is to possess at his mother's death or marriage, and the said Ornan Whatley shall pay my daughter Polly Heard, one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid at three payments, viz. Fifty dollars per year.

8th Item. I give to my daughter, Rebecka Whatley, two negroes named Jenny and Peter, one bed and furniture.

9th Item. I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Whatley, two negroes named Mary and Martha and one bed and furniture.

It is my will and intent that the above mentioned legacies be in the hands of my wife, Judith Whatley, if she remains my widow, until the Legatees comes of age as within mentioned. But if my widow should marry before the Legatees become of age, then the said Legatees as they are assessed, shall fall into the hands of my Executors to be taken care of until such Legatees comes of age.

Lastly. I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Judith Whatley, Executrix, Wyatt Whatley and Wilson Whatley to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last Will and Testament, this 28th day of November 1798.

Ornan Whatley (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of;

Michael Whatley

Bevis Boland

Recorded the first day of January 1799.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/7/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BENJAMIN GRANADE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 53.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Benjamin Granade of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being sick in body but perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my body to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my heirs. As for that worldly goods, it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath in the following manner, that is to say, My Will and desire is that my movable property, corn and horse be sold, at a twelve months credit. My negro boy Sam and Hardy, I do give and bequeath to my brother, Stephen Granade, to him, his heirs and offsprings forever.

In the next place, I will and bequeath my negro boy Bill, to my brother, John Granade, to him and his heirs forever.

I do give and bequeath my negro girl, Bet, to my sister Nancy, to her, her heirs and offsprings forever.

I give and bequeath to my negro girl, Suna, to my sister Sally, to her and her heirs and offsprings forever. Mark and Jennie to be hired out or sold at the discretion of my Brother Stephen Granade and the money to be divided equally between my brothers and sisters not yet named.

And lastly. I do nominate and appoint my brother, Stephen Granade, and old friend, William Robertson, as my Executor, to this my last Will and Testament, this 23rd day of December 1798.

Test:

David Fartrick

Shared Stroud

Benj. Granade

Proved, approved and recorded the 4th day of January 1799.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

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STATE OF Georgia, - page 1

OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Tarpley Flint of the County and State aforesaid being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following, revoking all others heretofore made.

Impremise. It is my particular will and desire, that my land whereas I now live, my two negro men, Dick and Pompey and a negro woman named Glee in the possession of Mrs. Wm. Freeman in the state of North Carolina, together with the child and her future increase, shall remain in the hands or possession of my affectionate wife, Christiana Flint for the support of her and the children - untill my son Wm. Flint comes of age, at which time there shall be an equal division between her and all my children then living, or their legal heirs. In case of either of the children's death, and in case of the death of my wife, then the property to remain in the possession of the remaining Executors for the maintenance, support and education of my children, until my said son William shall come of age.

Item. It is also my particular will and desire that my household and kitchen furniture, my plantation utensils, my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and every other specie of property that I do or may possess in any part of the world, together with all debts due me, if any, may be subject to the same division and at the same time as the other property mentioned in the first item of this my last will.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my affectionate wife, Christiana Flint, Josiah Freeman and William Freeman, Executors to this my last Will and Testament. This 25th day of December A. D. 1798.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us;

Stephen Flynt

Jno. Kidd

Nath Willis

Tarpley Flynt. (Seal)

Recorded March the 30th, day-1799.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

The within Will not being so expressed as I would wish, it is my desire that in case my son William Flynt should die under age- that my wife should retain possession of the property until some one of the children should arrive at the age of one and twenty years and that the child so coming of age, should have his or her share and the younger children's share to remain in the possession of my wife, or the remaining Executors in case of her death, until they come of age respectively- at which time they are to have their respective shares.

Given under my hand this said 25th day of December A.D. 1798.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us;

Stephen Flynt

Jno. Kidd

Nath Willis.

Tarpley Flynt (Seal)

Recorded March the 30th day, 1799.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/7/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, George Hamilton of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of a sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, Viz. Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it to my body. & I recommend to the earth at the discretion of my Executors. and touching my worldly estate, wherewith God hath blessed me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of in the following form and manner. (to-wit)

First. I give Winney, my dearly beloved wife (whom I appoint sole Executrix) to this my last Will and Testament) During her natural life the land whereon I now live and at her decease, to be equally divided between Mark Regan, John Watson and John Hamilton.

Secondly. I give unto Winney, my beloved wife all the money and property I die possessed with to be enjoyed by her forever.

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Item. I will and bequeath to my son, Robert Colquitt, all that tract or parcel of land now belonging to me, lying on the North side of the Grove Creek, to belong to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Hannah Colquitt, after the decease or marriage of my wife, Elizabeth Colquitt, all that tract of land belonging to me, lying on the South side of the Grove Creek during her life and after her death, same to go to my son William Colquitt and his heirs forever..

Item. It is my will and desire that all the property not heretofore especially willed and bequeathed after the decease or marriage of my well beloved wife, Elizabeth Colquitt, be equally divided between my children, Hannah Colquitt, Robert Colquitt, Samuel Colquitt.

I hereby nominate and constitute my sons, Robert Colquitt and Samuel Colquitt, Executors and Elizabeth Colquitt, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereby set my hand and seal, this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us and we in presence of each other. Martha Bell Geo. Phillips Andrew Bell John x Colquitt mark.

Recorded June the 23rd day 1800.

Mat Rainey, R.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/8/36

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM GEORGE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page # 90.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William George being in perfect health of body and mind, do make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made; and first of all I give my body to the earth from whence it came and my soul to God that gave it and as it has pleased God to bless me with worldly substance, I dispose them in manner and form following:

Item. I will and baqueath to my son, John George, three negroes; Thad, Hanny and Dilpha. I give to my son, William George, three negroes, Joseph, Abram and Judah. I give to my son, Travis George, three negroes, Abram, Elijah and James. I give to my son, Bailey George, five negroes, Judah Danie, Hannah and her two children. I also leave a negro girl named Sally and my stock of horses to be divided between my two sons William George and and Bailey George.

I also give all my stock of every kind and all my household furniture and all plantation tools, to my son Bailey George, except two feather beds, one for my son William and one for my daughter Lydia. I leave my land to be equally divided between my three sons, William, Travis and Bailey George, William to have the part where he now lives. All negroes and other property that I have given to each of my daughters be appraised.

Lastly. I appoint my two sons William and Bailey George my Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of October 1798.

John Hardaman Phillip Gray Matt Willis. William George (Seal)

Recorded June 23rd, 1800.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.C.

Colley, Zacharias - page 1

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Burwell Pope of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in perfect health and sound mind, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following: Viz.

Item. I give unto my beloved wife, Priscilla, James, Francis and Fato, all my live stock, all my household furniture and plantation tools, except the desk, she paying all my just debts - and to each of my children the several legacies hereafter mentioned: also the use of my plantation whereon I now live during her natural life.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Robert, two negroes, Jacob and Judah, five hundred and seventy five acres of land in Jackson County, on the North Fork of of the Oconee River whereon he now lives, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves, he paying to the estate one thousand dollars and eighteen pounds of inspected tobacco at his option.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Tabitha, two negroes, Moses and David, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves and one hundred and eighty seven and one half acres of land whereon Miles Hill now lives.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann, two negroes, Sam and Peter, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves and two hundred and eighty seven and one half acres of land on Big Creek whereon Noah Hill now lives.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Martha, two negroes, Dan and Dick, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves, also one other negro named Lucy.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Samuel, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves, two small tracts of land, one of one hundred and fourteen acres and the other sixty acres and all that part of the tract he now lives on, south of the branch running through the plantation all joining together.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah, three negroes, Edna, Ephraim and Richard, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son ^{Burwell} Sumell, two negroes, Edward and James (the younger) one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves and the plantation whereon ~~she~~ ^{he} now lives.

All the rest of my estate, both real and personal, after paying all my just debts, to be equally divided between my children so as to make each child's part equal as far as possible.

By John Pope, Henry Pope and Willis Pope who is appointed my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this first day of November, 1799.

Burwell Pope (Seal)

Signed, sealed in the presence of;
J. W. Gresham, Senior,
Rich Bailey.

Recorded June the 23rd Day, 1800.

Mat Rainey, R.R.O.C.

Transcribed 1/2/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. Know all men by these present that I, Richard Harvie of the County of Albemarle being this day in perfect health and sound memory do make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made.

Item. I desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of what Estate I may leave behind me and the residue of any be divided as follows:

Item. I desire that my dear Mother shall have the use of my negro fellow, Stephen and my negro wench Esther during her natural life and then to return to my estate. I also desire that the sum of two hundred pounds shall be given to Messrs. Moses George and Sons in gratitude to those gentlemen and to be divided according to their respective interests in that concern for their taking amongst the first of the Virginia storckepers and by so doing has been the cause of my making the larger part of the estate that I have, by their business - and it is my desire that a good portion of my tobacco ~~shall~~ cont'd.

should be sent to my good and worthy master Wm. Alex McCaul of Glaseau.
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It is my will and desire that the residue of my estate of what kind soever, both real and personal, shall be divided after Danil Gaines Moore, my nephew, shall have attained the age of twenty one years, then be equally divided between the children of my dear brothers, John Daniel and William Harvie and my dear sisters, Mary Meriwether, Martha Moore, Margaret Davenport, Elizabeth Marks and Jennett Jordan and this is my last will I hope will be strictly complied with.

Martha Moore

Item: My last will and desire is that my good friend John Irving and my brothers John Daniel and William Harvie do see that my last Will and Testament be executed and I further desire that my gun, blunderbus and sword be given to Charles Irving. The above is all.

With my own hand and sign, this eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

Richard Harvie (Seal)

Signed in the presence of us;

Francis Meriwether

Christopher Clark

Mordeca Hord.

Recorded June 23rd, 1800.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/9/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN TANNER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page # 95.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Tanner of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory and having the proper exercise of my reason and understanding, calling to mind the shortness of this transitory life and the certainty of death, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, have thought fit to make and execute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz: First, I do recommend and commit my soul to the Almighty God who gave it, hoping to find mercy and forgiveness through the merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and my body I commit to the earth to be interred in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor and as for such of the good things of this life, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of in the following manner. Viz.

First of all, my lawful debts be fully paid and discharged.

Secondly. I do give and bequeath unto my beloved brother Archiball Tanner my straight bodied coat of gray broadcloth, also one pair of cashmere breeches and one cashmere vest coat and blue stockings.

Thirdly. I do give and bequeath unto my beloved brother, Joseph Tanner one one pair of green twilled cotton breeches and one fine linen shirt, also one pair of worsted stockings and one pair of shoes.

Fourthly. I do give and bequeath to my beloved brother Gideon Tanner, my white hat with green under the brim, my striped gingham coat and jeans vest coat. Also one pair of spotted cotton stockings and vest coat. Also one lining shirt.

Fifthly. I do give and bequeath unto my beloved brother, Hezekiah Tanner, one gray mixed cotton coat and nankeen waistcoat.

Sixthly. I do give and bequeath unto my beloved sister, Jane Tanner one white hat.

Seventh. The rest of my property, Viz. Mare, Colt, corn and saddle, I do will that they be sold at public sale and the profits arising therefrom to be divided between my brother and in proportion to the articles mentioned separately, to each, so that each one may receive equal value (except my sister Jean Tanner) who I wish to receive one third part more of the profits arising from the sale.

Eighth. I do constitute and appoint my loving father, John Tanner and my beloved brother, Archiball Tanner to be the sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, authorizing and empowering them to act as such in all things touching the premises and do acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of Nov. in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of;

James Walker

Sharon Stroud

John Tanner (Seal)

Recorded July 10th day. 1799.

Transcribed 1/9/36.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.C.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Ezekiel Gilham of the State of Georgia and County of Glynn, do hereby make and ordain my last Will and Testament, and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all; I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body recommended to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

- 1st. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Sarah, my gray mare, her saddle and bridle and also all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind.
- 2nd. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Gilham, three dollars.
- 3rd. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Gilham three dollars.
- 4th. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Polly Gilham three dollars.
- 5th. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Charles Gilham, three dollars.
- 6th. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Peggy Mooney, three dollars.
- 7th. Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Nancy Griffin three dollars.
- 8th. Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Ezekiel Gilham, three dollars.
- 9th. Item. That my negro fellow Ralph be sold at my wife's decease and equally divided between my two beloved daughters, Ruth Gilham and Edith Gilham.
- 10th. After all my lawful debts and the legacies are paid, I have and bequeath to my beloved wife, all and singular, the property that I possess to dispose of amongst her children as she may think best.

Lastly. I hereby constitute make and ordain my dearly beloved wife, Sarah Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of November seventeen hundred and ninety nine and in the 24th year of American Independence.

Ezekiel Gilham (seal)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged
by the said Ezekiel Gilham to be
his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us:

Richard McRee
Am. McRee.

Recorded July the tenth Day, 1800.
Mat Rainey C.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/8/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT WARNOCK. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #99.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Robert Warnock of Green County and in the State of Georgia, being in sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say;

I leave and bequeath to my grandson, John Warnock my James horse, my son John to have the use of him, the said horse until he is seven years old, at which time I allow him to be sold and the price of him to be put to interest for the use of my said grandson. I also give unto my said grand son my silver watch and my silver stock buckle, also a cow and two year old steer.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary Warnock, my bed, bedstead and furniture, my trunk, also a cow and a two year old steer.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Rosena, one cow and calf.

Unto my daughter Rebeckah, I bequeath my riding horse, branded on the right shoulder WD, also ten barrels of corn and one hundred pounds of meat, my iron Kettle.

I allow all my hogs that is fit to be fatted out of my corn and the meat to be sold to pay as far as the same may go to pay my debts.

Unto my son John, I bequeath my copper Kettle, my gun and my wearing apparel.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint my son John Warnock the Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I, the said Robert Warnock have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand seal the day and year above written.

Robert Warnock (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Robert Warnock as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in the presence of each other.

Edw. White
Jai Keyjeat.

Recorded July the 10th, 1800.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/9/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BLACK. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 101.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Black of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will and Testament. Viz;

First. I give and resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner, and as to what worldly substance it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath in the following manner, Viz.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary a decent maintenance, together with her beds and furniture, her chickens kitchen furniture during her natural life, or if anything in the family should prove disagreeable by an addition thereto, she is to have a separate maintenance.

Next. I give and bequeath to my three youngest sons, Viz.; John Black, Thomas T. Black and James Black, all and every part and parcel of my plantation with all the appertinances thereto belonging, with all my stock of cows, sheep and hogs, to them, their heirs and offsprings forever; they the said John, Thomas and James paying the undermentioned legacies, and first of all, they are to pay all my just debts and discharge my funeral expenses and to pay to Lemuel and William Black and Mary Brewer one year after my decease to Lemuel Black, thirty dollars, to William Black, thirty dollars and to Mary Brewer, thirty dollars as a small consideration out of my small estate, and I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes, all the horse creatures that are called; or now goes by the name of hers, a bed and furniture, and her room in the house with a comfortable maintenance during her single life.

I likewise give and bequeath to my three sons John, Thomas and James all my implements for husbandry and farming and likewise all my carpenter and shop tools. I like wise constitute John Black, Thomas Black and James Black to be my Executors, ordaining this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, disannulling all other Wills and Testaments afore made by me.

In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of April 1799.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of;

Wm. Bailey
Mathew Hosson
James Bailey

Thomas Black (Seal)

Schedule I give and bequeath to my daughter above what is mentioned above to be paid to her one year after my decease.

Signed by me - Thomas Black.

Recorded February the 3rd day, 1800.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.C.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF URIAH HARDMAN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #103.)

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Uriah Hardman of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in a low state of health but of perfect memory, do make this my last Will and Testament as follows: I resign my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to be buried in a decent manner by my family and friends, and as to my worldly goods, that it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath in the following manner:

Item, I lend to my beloved wife Fanny Hardman, all my, all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood, except one bay horse and saddle, I give to my son Samuel Hardman, also one gray mare I give to my son Isaiah Hardman, to them and their heirs forever. And, as for my daughter Nany Steadman, wife of Eli Steadman, I have already given what I ever intended to give her, which is as follows: A tract of land, the quantity now not known, but is as follows: Beginning at a road, running from Able Gours across Clouds Creek, thence up the creek to near the old forge adjoining Alex Gorden's land, it being all my land from the above mentioned Road to her and her heirs forever. And as to the rest of my estate above mentioned which I lend to my beloved wife, Fanny Hardman which is all I possess, both real and personal, except what I have given my two sons, Samuel and Isaiah Hardman and my daughter Steadman and at the death of my wife Fanny Hardman, I desire my estate to be equally divided between my son Samuel, Isaiah, Norman, Letney Allen, John William and Elizabeth Hardman, and my two sons, Samuel and Isaiah Hardman, at that time to pay to my other children Norman, Letney Allen, John William and Elizabeth Hardman a proportionable part of what the horse and mare I now give them is now worth- and if my wife should marry, my will is that my estate should be divided at that time as above mentioned between my son Samuel, Isaiah, Norman, Letney Allen, John William and Elizabeth Hardman; allowing my wife an equal part with them, the said children, and I do appoint my loving wife, Executrix and my son, Samuel, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills.

Given under my hand and seal, this 14th day of April, one thousand eight hundred,

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of us;
James Gadenhead
Jesse Williamson
Wm. Hardman.

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Uriah x Hardman (Seal)
mark

Recorded February the 3rd day, 1801.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARTHA HARVIE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A" Page #105.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Martha Harvie of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind, do constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament, of all my real and personal property, which I wish to be carried into full effect, in the following manner, that is to say,

Impremise. My Will is that all my just debts be paid out of what estate I shall leave.

2nd. I give to my granddaughter, Martha G. Harvie, daughter of my son William Harvie, my negro girl named Millinda to her and heirs forever.

3rd. I give to my granddaughter Janette and her heirs, my negro girl named Matilda.

4th. I give to my son, William Harvie, my negro woman named Letty and whatever children the said Letty may hereafter have, to be distributed among the children of my son, William in such a manner that each child one as far as they will go. At the death of my said son, the negro Letty shall be left to whichever of the said children she may choose to serve and that the said Letty shall receive five dollars a year in token of her Misses regard for her. Also my negro man, Gabriel, if he chooses to be sold, my children is to sell him to whom he may choose to serve and to give him ten dollars of what money may be in the hands of my son, but if he chooses to live with my son, he my son may keep him at the appraised value. I also give to my son, William all my stock of sheep.

5th. I give to my granddaughter, Martha G. Bradley, one bed and pair of blankets, one pair of sheets and one counterpane.

6th. I give to my granddaughter, Lucy P. Moore, one bed and pair of
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blankets, one pair of sheets and one counterpane.

7th. I give to Massy Powers in consideration of the great regard I have for ~~Colley, Zacharias~~ ^{Colley, Zacharias} of party dollars.

8th. I give my lands in Jackson County to be equally divided between my grandson Daniel Harvie, the first son of my son William may have.

9th. I give to my granddaughters, Mary, Margaret and Janette, the sum of one hundred dollars each.

10th. I give to my son, Wm. Harvie, my grandsons, Nicholas M. Marks and Daniel G. Moore and my friends Thomas Meriwether and John Davenport in trust, for the use of my daughter, Martha Moore that part of my estate, that from the will of my late husband, John Harvie, deceased, which would have decended to my said daughter, Martha - the reversion of which I have bought of John Moore, together with one hundred dollars to be appropriated by them in such manner, as they shall conceive to be the most advantageous to my daughter, Martha, during her natural life, and at her death, to be equally divided between all her children, except Martha G. Jordan and Wm. Moor who who are already provided for - and the residue of what moneys may be left in the hands of my son, Wm. including the price of Gabril, together with my carriage and horses, to be equally divided between my grand children, Peggy and Ety Jordan, Franky Harvie, Bet, and Peggy Moore, Martha Guisey, Polly Marks, daughters of my grandson, John H. Marks.

Lastly. I constitute my son, Wm. my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed this 25th day of Sept. 1801.

Martha Harvie.

Witness:

James Bradley
Nicholas M. Marks.

Recorded February the 2nd day, 1802.

Mat Rainey C.C.C.C.C.

Transcribed 1/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EDWARD POWELL (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #107.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Edward Powell of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind that I must shortly depart this life - I therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following. Viz.

Item. My will and desire is that the tract of land on Long Creek that I bought of Nathaniel Willis be sold by my Executor to the best advantage in order to pay my debts.

Item 2nd. My will and desire is that my loving wife, Mary Powell, have and enjoy the balance of my estate, both real and personal, during her natural life, under such exceptions as are hereafter pointed out. (that is to say)

Item 3rd. My will and desire is that as my children comes of lawful age or marry that my Executors hereafter named make or cause to be made, as near as possible, an equal calculation on the amount of my estate, and cause to be given to my child, or children, as they thus come of age or marry and equal dividend thereof, at any rate allowing my wife a child's part, provided those my children should marry or come of age before my wife's death and lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint John Powell and John Hardeman and my loving wife, Mary Powell, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, utterly revoking all other Wills and Testaments by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty first of July 1801.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of;
Guthbert Collier
Benjamin Collier
Thos. Lester

his
Edward x Powell (Seal)
mark.

Recorded Feb. the 5th day, 1802.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM MATHEWS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A" Page #108.

Colley, Zacharias, page 1.
IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Mathews of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being of sound mind and memory, but in low state of health and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my last Will and Testament;

First. I commend my soul to God who gave it, trusting in the merits of a saviour Jesus Christ for the pardon of my sins and my body to the hands of my Executors to be buried in a decent christian like manner.

2ndly. As for what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I give and bequeath in the following manner:

Impremise, 3rdly. I desire that all my lawful debts should be paid.

4thly. My will and desire is that all my estate, both real and personal, be equally divided between my beloved wife, Elizabeth Mathews and my five children, (to-wit) Anne, George, Frances, Charles and William, to be enjoyed by them separately and individually forever.

5thly. I desire that from what debts I have due me and the sale of my present crop, that my Executors do purchase Wm. Blackburns tract of land now for sale on Broad River, or some other tract which may be convenient for my family to settle near their connections.

6thly. I further desire that my Executors sell and dispose of a tract of land which I own in Camden and realize the same in property which they may conceive more advantageous for my family, likewise three horse creatures to-wit; a three year old Rone colt, one white yearling colt, one Rone last spring colt to be sold and applied as above;

7thly, and lastly, I do impremise my Executors to give of and set apart so much of my estate to each of my children, as they come of age or marriage, as they may think most consistent and right, taking into consideration the circumstances and situation of my estate at such time, and for the executing this my last Will and furthering those my desires.

I do constitute and appoint my beloved brother, George Mathews, Junior, William Barnett, Thos. Moriwether and Joel Barnett, Executors, of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made,

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the first day of October, 1799.

Witness;
Mary Barnett

Wm. Mathews (Seal)

Recorded Feb. the 1st Day, 1802.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ZACHARIAS COLLEY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #110.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Zacharias Colley being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st. I give unto my brother, Charles Colley, two bonds, one on Joel Colley for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, given the sixth day of July 1801 and on demand the 5th day of March next. The other, on Thomas Colley, dated the tenth day of July, 1801 and due the 5th day of March 1802, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 2nd. I give unto my brother, Samuel Colley one tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, containing one hundred acres, it being the land I bought of my brother, Thomas Colley, also my riding horse and saddle to him and his offsprings forever.

Item. 3rd. I give unto my nephew, Joel Colley a feather bed and furniture to him and his kin forever.

Item 4th. I do appoint my nephew, Joel Colley, Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 10th day of July, 1801.

Zacharias Colley (Seal)

Signed in the presence of us;
Thos. Colley
Hubbard Harris.

Recorded Feb. 2 Day, 1802.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS NORTON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #111.

IN T. Colley, Zacharias pages 1.

I, Thomas Norton of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being very weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body - believe that I must shortly depart this life - I therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following. Viz.

Item 1st. I will and desire that my wife Mary Norton should have, and enjoy a peaceable maintenance on the land and premises I now live on, with such stock and household furniture as may be necessary for the support during her life.

Item 2nd. My will and desire is, that my three sons, James Norton, Jonathan Norton and Wm. Norton should have the land and premises that I now possess and divide into the following manner. Viz. That three good neighbors be chosen, one by each of them, my sons, and the land laid off in three lots, as nearly equal as possible and valued by these men so chosen and then they, my sons, shall draw lots for first, second and third choices and settle with each other according to the valuation and division so made. Also, my will and desire is, that they have and enjoy equally between them the whole of my personal estate of every description at the decease of my wife, Mary Norton, except one legacy which I shall hereafter mention.

Item 3rd. My will and desire is that as I had given my son, John Norton in his life time all that I intended, I now give to his lawful heirs the sum of five shillings sterling.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint my sons, Jas., Jonathan and Wm. Norton, Executors to this my last Will and Testament heretofore made by me; In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord 1801.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

Thomas Norton (Seal)

in presence of;

Recorded Feby. 3day, 1802.

Mat Rainey

Zadock Barnett

John Barnett

Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF AMOS PONDER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #112.

I, Amos Ponder of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia, being weak in body, tho thanks to the almighty God in perfect mind and memory and being desirous of prepering my worldly conscience for the approach of death, do make and constitute this to be my last Will and Testament.

First into the hands of the almighty creator and arbiter of the universe, I commit my immortal soul with a grim hope of his merciful reception of it -

Secondly. As to such worldly goods and possessions as it may have pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of them in the manner following, that is to say- To my dearly beloved wife, Violet, I give all my property, both real and personal, or of whatsoever disposition it may be during her natural life or widowhood, requesting that she my said wife may take such means to dispose by sale the negro woman Fanny as she with the consent of my Executors hereinafter named may deem most proper, or expedient, and the money arising from such sale, as well as from the sale of any other part of my property which my said wife and my Executors may from its changeableness, or perishable nature deem advisable to sell, I wish to be applied in the purchase of one or more negroes such as my Executors and Executrix may suppose will be increasing in value for the benefit of my children and support of my wife during her life or widowhood as aforesaid. In the event of my wife's marrying again, it is my desire that the whole of my property and goods aforesaid should be sold by me Executors aforesaid to the best possible advantage and the proceeds thereof, equally and equitably divided between my wife and children, giving to my wife, one child's part and no more; and it is further my desire that should such an event take place, that the dividends to such of the children as may not have arrived to lawful age at that time, be put out at lawful interest and the payment well secured by bonds with securities, until they do arrive at age making it a condition that the interest shall be annually paid, that it may be again put out to interest. Should my wife think not advisable to marry again, I advise that at her death, a similar division and appropriation of my property to the one above mentioned should take place amongst my children.

Should any of my children settle themselves by marriage or otherwise during the lifetime of their mother, I submit it entirely to her to spare them such part of the property as she may think proper, observing that such

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application of my said page of dividend to which such child, or children would be entitled to at the death of their mother, or marriage. Should my wife and my other executors deem it proper, they may bind my son, John Harris Ponder to a trade, such as it may be his wish to go to, injoining on my Executrix or Executors, to give him a good country education, before he is bound out- and I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother, James Ponder and my friend James Luckie to be the Executors and my wife, Violet to be my Executrix of this my last will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

Witness;
Levin Walls
Jno. Luckie
Robinson Hendon

his
Amos x Ponder (Seal)
mark

Recorded July the 14th, Day 1802.

Mat Rainey R.C.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/10/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOEL SIMS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page # 115.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joel Sims of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being very sick in body, but sound and firm in mind and recollection, do make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others/whatsoever - to-wit; I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Christian Sims, ~~Sims~~, Josey, Gill and Rody, during her natural life and then to be equally divided amongst all my children, namely, Petsy, Sugs, Mack, Susannah, Francis, Allen John Mays, Warren, Polly and little Billy Sims, also I give to my son John Mays Sims one negro girl named Neley to him and his heirs forever. Also I give to my son Warren Sims Vilet to him and his heirs forever - Also I give to my son Little Billy Sims, the land that I now live on containing two hundred acres (but my wife is to have the use of the land during life) and to my said son I give one negro girl ~~Charley~~ *Charney* to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give to my beloved wife, Christian Sims, all my stock of horses cattle hogs, sheep and household and kitchen furniture during her natural life and then to be equally divided between the above heirs, but that she give to John Mays Warren and Little Billy Sims, two cows apiece out of the stock. Also, I appoint Samuel Whitehead, Allen Sims and John Mays Sims, my Executors and my wife, Christian Sims my Executrix to do and act for me as tho I was there myself.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

N. B. The words "but that my wife have the use of it during life was interlined before assigned."

his
Joel x Sims (Seal)
Mark

Mark Sims
T. Taylor

Recorded July the 14th day 1803.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF EPHRAIM HUNTER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page 116.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Ephraim Hunter of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and understanding and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

My will and desire is, that after the payment of all my just debts, the balance of my estate to be disposed of in the following manner:

I give and bequeath unto James Mc Common, son of my wife Peggy Hunter deceased and to his heirs forever, one negro fellow named George and a negro boy named Stephen.

Item. I give and bequeath to Lucinda McCommon, daughter of my said wife, Peggy Hunter and to her heirs forever, one negro woman named Silvey and her two children named Sally and Lwuy and the balance of my property, both ~~and~~ cont'd.

personal to be equally divided between the above named James and Lucinda McGammon, and I do hereby appoint William Crawford and Richard Bailey myr, sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty third day of July, 1802.

Ephraim Hunter (Seal)

Witness:
D. Creswell
Thos. Morton

Recorded September 24th 1802.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.C.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS MERIWETHER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #117.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Francis Meriwether of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

1st. It is my will that the plantation on which I live shall be vested in my wife, Martha Meriwether, for, and during the term of her natural life

if she remains unmarried, for the purpose of supporting the family and after her decease, or marriage, it is my will that all the land of which I am possessed or to which I have any right, be equally divided between my two sons, Valentine H. and Nicholas and their heirs forever, when they come of age or marry; either should they die under age and without issue alive at the time of his death, then the whole to go to the susocoor and if my wife should marry, then she is to have only one third part of the plantation for life.

2nd. I give to each of my two sons, Valentine H. and Nicholas, when they come of age, or marry, a likely negro boy; that negro to be as near their own age, as the situation of my negro property will admit.

3rd. I give to my daughter Lucy, when she shall marry, or call for them, one negro boy or young fellow and my negro girl Queen, and if Queen should die before she is called for, or taken off, she is to have a young negro girl in her room.

4th. I give to my daughter, Martha, one negro girl and one negro boy; to each of my other daughters, Nanny and Sally, when they shall marry or come of age, one negro boy as near their own age as the state of my negro property will allow. Also one negro girl to each of them, to be taken out of my stock of negroes.

5th. It is my will that after the above disposition of my slaves is made among the children above mentioned, that the remainder be vested in the possession of my wife for the purpose of supporting the family during her life, if she should remain unmarried; but if she should marry, then to have only one half the remainder for her life and after her decease, then the whole of the remainder of my negroes to be equally divided among all my children and their heirs.

6th. I give to my wife all my household furniture to be disposed of by her amongst my children in such a manner and at such time as she may think proper.

7th. It is my will that the whole of my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs remain in the possession of my wife upon the plantation for the use of the family and that she have a power of disposing of the horned cattle among my daughters as she may think proper.

8th. I recommend to my Executors that if convenient, to procure a horse out of the increase of my stock for each of my daughters, who has not had one given to them.

9th. I do appoint my son Thomas Meriwether, Wm. Barnett, Joel Barnett and John Bradley, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed this the 16th day of August, 1802.

Francis Meriwether (Seal)

In presence of;
Wm. Harvie
Geo. Meriwether Jr.
Rich Floyd.
Wm. Glenn.

Recorded June 29th Day 1803.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ASHMORE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #120.)

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Ashmore of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being very sick but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, first of all, I give and recommend my soul to God, that gave it, my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in achristian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the great resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of in the following manner and form;

First. I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Lucy, all my estate, both real and personal during her natural life and after her decease, one half of the estate to be equally divided between Walter Ashmore and Patience Ashmore and the other half to be at her disposal.

I also constitute make and ordain my loving wife, Lucy, Executrix and John Cargile, Executor to this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, make and disannul all and every former and this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 24th day of April 1803.

William Ashmore

Wm. Gammony

Recorded June the 30th, 1803.

Wm. Johnson

James Hammett.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JONATHAN JENNINGS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #121.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Johathan Jennings being in perfect sound mind and memory, but in a weak low state of health, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me and I do dispose of my worldly goods in the manner and form following. Viz.

Impremise; I give and bequeath unto my brother William Jennings, one thousand dollars to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my brother Solomon Jennings my negro boy Jack and four hundred dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever.

Item. It is my desire that my lot of land lying in Jackson County, be sold for twelve months credit and that my lawful debts be discharged out of the money arising out from the sale thereof, whatever balance of moneys may be left after discharging my debts, and making good the above legacies, with all and every part of my property not disposed of, both real and personal. I give and bequeath to my sister Kezian Jennings, to her and her heirs forever.

Lastly: I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother, William and Solomon Jennings, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this sixth day of June 1802.

N. B. Interlined before assigned the words (not disposed of in the first page)

Signed, sealed in presence of

Micajah Clark

Lee Taylor.

Jonathan x Jennings (L.L.)

his
mark

Recorded June the 30th day 1802.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN SORROW. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #122.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Sorrow of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being sick and in a low condition, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, for the same, calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. My soul I recommend to God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors, hoping to receive the same again at the general resurrection by the mighty power of God.

IMPREMISE. It is my will and I do order that in the first place, all my debts and funeral charges and fully paid and satisfied.

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Item. I give and bequeath to my loving sister, Sarah, Canterbury five shillings.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving brothers, Henry and Samuel Sorrow, whom I make my Executors, all my lands, goods and chattels and everything to me belonging to be equally divided between them. This is my last Will and Testament, revoking all others, as witness my hand and seal, this Ninth day of November, 1802.

John Sorrow (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the presence of us;

Robert Elliott
John Smith

Recorded June the 30th day, 1803.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABRAHAM ZUBER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #123.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Abraham Zuber of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in a low state of health, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian Burial according to the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Item. First, I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Tureday Zuber, all my real and personal estate during her widowhood and for her to keep my children with and keep house with them and she is to keep a true account of all she gives away to any of the children, that married or leaves her, whether in clothing or cattle or any other property and to give an account of such property to the Executors, that each child may have equal in my estate; and no child shall have possession of any of said property in their own hands under twenty one years of age. I give unto my beloved son and daughter Manual and Mary Mosdelania Zuber six pounds sterling in gold and silver to be equally divided between them, and each of them to have an equal share in my other property, with my other children and they shall give a receipt when they receive the money from the Executors of my estate and if my beloved wife, Mary Tureday Zuber married or deceases, the Executor who I appoint shall have the care of my estate in their hands and my land shall not be sold, till my youngest son comes of age, but shall be rented out to raise my little children and pay their schooling, or as much thereof, as it shall require and if any of my children die not having a lawful heir begotten own body, their part of my estate shall be equally divided among the rest of their brothers and sisters, and no person shall come in as an heir by no way nor means without it is a law heir born out of my seed..

I likewise appoint, constitute make and ordain my friends, William Graves and Obediah Wynn the sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow and disannul all and every other former testament, Wills, Legacies, bequeaths and Executors confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of witnesses:

George Varner
his
Mathew x Varner
mark

Abraham Zuber (A-Z)

Recorded June the 30th Day 1803.

his
Frederick x Varner
mark

Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/13/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, David Griffin, being old and infirm in body but in sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, First. I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and as for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I leave and give as follows: (Viz)

First. I lend to my well beloved wife, Mary Griffin all my estate during her lifetime, then after her decease, my will and desire is that my land should be divided between my son Edmond Griffin; beginning on a black oak on McLaughlin line and run a straight line to a chestnut on William Brown's line, Edmond Griffin to have the side and plantation where he now lives, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna, the other part of land and plantation where I now live to her and her heirs and offsprings forever, only that my daughter, Leanna, shall have the same right to live on my land and plantation as Susanna as long as she lives and remain single. Also, I give and bequeath to my son, Edmond Griffin, one negro girl called Tillar, to him and his heirs forever. Also, I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna, one negro boy called Robin, one negro girl called Sindy, to her and her heirs and offsprings forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Leanna Griffin, ³one negro woman called Milly, to her during her natural life if she dies interstate, Milly is to return to the family again, but if she has an heir Milly is to Leanna forever.

Item. I give to my grandson Phillip Eastin, one negro girl called Alice to him his heirs and offsprings forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to William Lay, one negro boy called Fountain, to him, his offsprings forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Nanny Eastin, the first child that Milly bears or bring forth to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, John Griffin, the featherbed whereon I now sleep, to him and his heirs forever. I also give to my son William Griffin, one cow to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, one cow to her and her heirs forever. My Will and desire is that Susanna and Leanna shall have all my unwillled property and divide it between them as they think proper to them and their heirs forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 22nd, of Nov. in the year of our Lord. 1800.

David Griffin) (Seal)

Signed and sealed in presence of us:
Stephen Granade
David McLaughlin
Wm. Campbell

Recorded June the 30th Day 1803.

Hat Rainey, C.C.O O.O. <

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Jesse Boles of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other.

Impremise. I lend unto my loving wife, Permelia Boles during her natural life, the tract of land whereon I now live with all and singular the appertinances thereunto belonging also I lend unto her during life, my negroes (Viz) Mingo, Thene, Damps, Patience, Willis and Lucy, also my stock of horses (except two) my cows, hogs, sheep, household and kitchen furniture with my plantation, tools and property of every other description, (except my cash now in hand and one hundred and ten gallons of brandy)

I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin after the death of his mother, my negro woman by the name of Thene, also at his arriving at the age of twenty one years, tis my will that he be furnished out of the property lent to his
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mother with a horse worth one hundred dollars and a good feather bed, weighing forty weight, also a saddle and bridle out of the present crop.

I give and bequeath to my son Henry, after the death of his mother, one negro boy Denge, also at his being twenty one years of age; tis my will that he be furnished with a horse worth one hundred dollars and a good feather bed with a horse worth one hundred dollars and a good feather bed weighing forty weight, the horse and bed to be raised from that part of my estate lent to my wife.

I give and bequeath to my son, John after the death of his mother, a negro boy named Willis, also upon his arriving to the age of twenty one years, tis my desire that he be furnished with a horse worth one hundred dollars and a good feather bed weighing forty pounds, the horse and bed to be raised out of the property lent to his mother. I give to my daughter, Polly, at the death of my wife, one negro girl Lucy by name, also a good bed of the above description upon her arriving at the age of fifteen years, or at her marriage, to be raised out of that part of my estate lent to my wife.

I give to my daughter Permelia, at the death of her mother, my two negroes Mingo and Patience, also a feather bed of the above description, the bed to be raised out of the property lent to my wife. Further, I give to my two daughters, Polly and Permelia, four hundred dollars, each further it is my desire that the increase of my negroes be divided among all my children at the death of their mother, tis my desire that the two horses excepted within be immediately sold and the money arising therefrom, to be appropriated to the schooling my children. Further, it is my desire, that all my property lent to my wife and not give to my children, shall at the death of my wife be sold and the money arising therefrom be equally divided among my children.

Finally. It is my desire that all my children be continued on the plantation until of age and that they be raised and decently clothed and educated from the profits arising from the plantation, if the provision within made be insufficient.

Given under my hand this 5th day of November 1802.

Interlined before assigned.

his

Jesse Boies (Seal)
mark

In presence of:

Joan Duncan

his

Rebekah x Duncan

mark

Thomas Duncan

I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Executrix
and my friend John Bailey, Executor to this my last
Will and Testament.

Recorded June the 30th Day, 1803.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT RUSSELL. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #130.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Robert Russell of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being in perfect sense and memory, do constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, I give my soul to the Almighty God, beseeching his acceptance thereof and willing to submit my body to the grave, believing that/again after death will be united together according to the will and pleasure of God. - And respecting my worldly estate-

Item. 1st. I give my whole estate, both real and personal, to be equally divided between my beloved wife Jane and all my children, Amy Russell, Faisy Russell, Polly Russell, Nancy Russell, Robert Russell and Janey Russell, the whole equally to be divided as they come of lawful age - or to such time my beloved wife should marry again. Then, in that case, immediately to be divided share and share equally to all.

Lastly. I nominate my beloved wife, Jane and my trusty friend Wm. Callean, Jesse Early and James Bohannon my Executors.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal, 17th August 1803.

Robert Russell (Seal)

Signed in presence of:

Jossey Early

Nancy Porter

his

Wm. x Callean

mark

Recorded Feby. 3rd, 1804.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/13/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES DAVENPORT. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #131.)

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Davenport of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory, do make, constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

First. I give my beloved wife, Frances Davenport, one negro girl Amelie with her future increase, with all my household and kitchen furniture to her, her heirs and offsprings forever.

Secondly. I give to my son, John Davenport, one negro boy Cass, to him, his heirs and offsprings forever.

3rdly. I give to my son, James Davenport the tract of land whereon he now lives, to him, his heirs and offsprings forever..

4thly. I give to my son, William Davenport, four hundred dollars in lieu of money advanced me; and other services some years past, and if the aforesaid sum of five hundred dollars should not be sufficient, when an equitable adjustment can be obtained, including the interest of the money advanced, it is my desire that a sufficient sum be drawn out of that part of my estate lent to my beloved wife, at her death as shall be sufficient.

5taly. I lend to my beloved wife, Frances Davenport, all my estate of every kind whatsoever, both real and personal, (not heretofore disposed of) during her natural life; and at her death to be equally divided amongst my children hereafter named; as follows that is to say - I give to my three sons, James, William and Jesse Davenport, one sixth part each of what there may be at my said wife's death, to them, their heirs and offsprings forever. I also give to my daughters, Susanah Howell, Frances Howell and Henrietta Jonson, one sixth part each of what there may be at my said wife's death, during their natural lives and at their or either of their deaths', their or either of their parts to be divided amongst their respective children and their heirs and offsprings forever.

Lastly. I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Frances Davenport, Executrix, John Davenport, James Davenport, William Davenport and Jesse Davenport, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me;

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal and subscribed my name this the first day of December - 1803.

Jas. Davenport (Seal)

Signed, sealed and Acknowledged
in presence of:

Wm. Harvie
J. Moore
Wm. Moore

Recorded Feb'y. 3rd Day, 1804.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.O.C.

Transcribed 2/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN MCELROY. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", page #132.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY.

I, John McElroy of the State and County aforesaid, being weak in body, though in perfect sound sense and memory, do hereby acknowledge, constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following;

Item. 1st- Having given to all my children, that is at this time married and left me, one bed and sheets, and other property, I make no further provision for them except Rachel Hancock, my daughter, to whom I give and bequeath one cow and calf out of my property to be delivered to her at my death, to and her heirs forever.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son Henry McElroy, one bed and sheets to be delivered to him when he gets married, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son Edward McElroy, one bed and sheet to be delivered to him at his marriage, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Easter McElroy, one bed and two sheets to be delivered to her at the time of her marriage, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to Sniggers McElroy, one bed and two sheets, also one yellow heifer and calf to be delivered to him at his marriage

together with her increase also one musquit gun, which was given to me, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Gashy McElroy, one bed and two sheets, one white heifer and calf, with her increase, also one brown filley with her increase (except her first colt if any she has) (which said first colt. I desire may be given to my son Siggers McElroy) to be delivered to her at the time of her marriage, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my grandson, John Hartsfield, one white heifer yearling with a speckled head to be delivered to him immediately with her increase, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 8th. I lend to my beloved wife, Sarah McElroy, all the rest of my estate that is not here disposed of as above, both real and personal, during her natural life or widowhood and at the expiration of either which must first happen, my desire is, that the property so lent shall be disposed of as follows:

First. If there is not beds enough to give to each as disposed of, that those that lack should have one provided for them each, and that each shall be a good feather bed and those that have not had a cow and calf, shall have one provided for them agreeable to those that have received, and the then balance of my property, if any, shall be equally divided amongst my children in general.

Lastly. I hereby appoint, ordain and constitute my beloved brother, James McElroy with Willy Sims, to be my lawful Executors to take into hand the aforesaid property to act and transact in every particular in as full manner, as tho myself were alive and present, revoking all other attorneys heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the second day of April 1803.

John McElroy (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of;
Charles Sims Jr.
Thos. W. Scott.

Recorded Feb'y. 3rd, 1804.
Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DOZER BRAGG. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #134.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Dozer Bragg of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament:

First. I commend my body to the earth and my soul to God that gave it.

2ndly. It is my will and desire that my general expenses and just debts be paid by my Executors.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Mary, all my estate, for, and during the time of her natural life for her and children; Viz. Joseph, Sarah and Nelly Bragg.

Item 2nd. After her decease, all my land and plantation I give to my beloved son, Joseph Bragg.

Item 3rd. The negro girl named Winney and her increase to be equally divided between my children, Viz; Joseph Bragg, Sarah Bragg and Nelly Bragg, also one dollar to be given to my son, Thomas Bragg. And lastly, I hereby appoint George Bailey and Thomas Rhoads, Executors to this my last Will and Testament. This 17th Day of March 1803.

his
Dozer Bragg
mark.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of; us;
Jas. Stovall
Jno. Wilkes
Stephen Bailey
Bish Rhoads.

Recorded 3rd Day of Feb'y. 1804.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. Page 1 I, Thomas Colley of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak and in a low state of health and believing that I am mortal and must shortly depart this life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Viz;

Item. I lend to my loving wife, Polly Colley (after my just debts are paid) all my estate, both real and personal, during her natural life or widowhood, to be disposed of in the following manner, Viz; To raise cloth and educate and bring up my children in a decent manner and as they, my said children, namely; Betty and Thomas arrive of age, or marry, it is my will that one third part of my estate be estimated and paid out to each child, at his or her so arriving at lawful age or marrying.

2nd Item. It is my will and desire that if my loving wife, Polly Colley should marry again, that one third part of my estate be estimated and given to her, provided my Executor should think, then under the circumstances, it was best for my children. But if my Executor should think, that everything was agreeably managed and conducted to the advantage of my children, it may be discretionary with my Executors, whether to allot of, or continue together in the present case.

3rd Item. My will and desire is, that if either of my children, Betty or Thomas should die before they arrive of age to receive their legacy, that in that case the survivors should have two thirds of my estate, and if both should die under age, or before they marry, my will and desire is, that my brother, Samuel Colley and his heirs, should have that two third so allotted to my two children.

Lastly. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my trusty and much respected friend, Isham Smith to manage, conduct and execute this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of March 1804.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of:

Thos. Colley (Seal)

Mat Rainey

Cuthbert Collier

Thos. Collier.

Recorded Sept. 21, 1804.

Mat Rainey, C.G.O.C.O.

Transcribed 1/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN HARDEMAN. (Original will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #137.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Hardeman of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being sick at this time and expecting my approaching end is near - do make ordain this my last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following, to-wit;

1st. I lend to my loving wife, Nanny Hardeman, all my estate, real and personal after my just debts are paid, during her natural life, or widowhood, under such exceptions as hereafter are pointed out. First, if my wife marries again, my will is that she have Jonny, my negro girl, also one gray filley got by old Hingham, also a child's part out of the balance of my estate except the negro and horse property - also it is my will that if my wife should marry again, that my land be sold on a credit of twelve months, (my negro woman Rose and her youngest child and such of my horses as my Executor hereafter named may think can best be spared, be sold, on a credit of six months, so soon as my will is proven and my Executors qualified, and the money arising from the sale of my personal property applied to pay my debts.

Item 2nd. My Will and desire is that my daughter Betty, should have my negro girl, Sarah when she arrives of age or marries.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas, at his marrying or coming of age, Little Peter, my negro boy.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my son John, at lawful age or marriage, my negro girl, Polley.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Vines at lawful age of marriage, my negro girl Manza.

Item. 6th. I give and bequeath to my son, Ben Franklin, at lawful age or marriage, my negro girl Clary.

Item 7th. Whereas I expect my wife is now with child, if it be so, my will is, that that child be made equal in legacy or legacies, with the others of ~~Coley, Zacharias~~ ^{page 1} named.

Item 8th. It is my will and desire is, that if any of the legacies as is given above given away should die and the heirs remain alive, that the legacy so lost, may be made to them again.

Item 9th. My will and desire is that the property not willed away, both real and personal, at the death of or marriage of my wife, be sold and equally divided between my then remaining children.

Lastly. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint Outhbert Collier my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this first day of Feby. in the year of our Lord 1804.

John Hardeman (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

in presence of;

Mat Rainey

Recorded 21st Sept. 1804.

Isailey Collier

Dorothy Rafferty.

Mat Rainey, G.C.O.O.G.

Transcribed 1/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS JOHNSON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #140.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Johnson of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being sick and weak in body, but sound of mind and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do publish this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all other wills by me heretofore made.

Impremise. First it is my will and desire that my body be decently interred by my friends and Executor. I will and bequeath my soul to almighty God who gave it, in hope of its gracious acceptance with him.

Item. Tis my will and desire that all my just debts be first paid out of my estate and the remainder to be disposed of in the following manner:

Item. I lend to my beloved wife, Penelope Johnson during her natural life, or widowhood, the use of the tract of land whereon I now live, also my tract of land on the Grove Creek, containing two hundred and three acres, adjoining Lewis Pope and Edmond Jordan and at the death or marriage of my wife, I give and bequeath the said tract of land to my son James Johnson, I also lend unto my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood the use of the following negroes (to-wit) Sam, Tal, George, York, Milly, Rose and Jerry, together with the use of all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, geese, plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture and them to be disposed of in the manner and form as is herein directed; Sam and Tal, his wife having long served me faithfully, I do allow and privilege them, that at the marriage or death of my wife, to live with any of my children that they may choose, but after they may have made a choice, not to be allowed to make a second choice without the consent of the holder.

Item. Having previously given to my daughter, Sarah Stamps, one negro man named Gilbert, I confirm the said negro man to her and her heirs and make no further provision for her.

Item. Having given to my daughter Terriby Treeble, one negro man named Squire, I confirm the said negro man to her and her heirs and make no further provision for her.

Item. Having given to my daughter Edy Bundrant, one negro boy named Will, I confirm the said negro boy to her and her heirs. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Edy, to be delivered to her at the death or marriage of my wife, two hundred dollars worth of property, to be taken at the appraisement, and in order to prevent any disputes amongst my children, where there may be two wanting the same article, and in case they cannot agree which shall take such property at the appraisement, my will and desire is to expose such property to sale amongst my children and the highest bidder be the purchaser.

Item. Having given to my daughter, Mary Johnson, one negro boy named Sam, I confirm the said negro boy to her and her heirs. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, two hundred dollars worth of property to be taken at the appraisement in like manner as is pointed out in the case above

Item. Having given to my son, Henry Johnson, three hundred acres of land on ^{Calley's plantation page 1} ~~Cleary's plantation~~, I also give and bequeath to him and his heirs, one negro man named George, to be delivered to him at the death or marriage of my wife and make no further provision for him.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Penelope Johnson, one negro woman named Milly, with all her future increase, to her and to her heirs. I also give and bequeath to daughter Penelope, one feather bed and furniture to be delivered to her at the death or marriage of my wife and do make no further provision for her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy McElroy, one negro man named York, to her and to her heirs and to be delivered to her at the death or marriage of my wife and make no further provision for her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Cynthey Pratty, one negro woman named Hager and her increase, to her and her heirs to be delivered to her at the death or marriage of my wife and make no further provision for her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Johnson one negro girl named Rose and all her increase to her and her heirs. I also give unto my daughter Elizabeth, one negro boy named Jerry, one feather bed and furniture, all to be delivered to her at the death or marriage of my wife and I make no further provision for her.

Item. Having given to my son, James Johnson, one negro man named Peter, I confirm the said negro man to him and his heirs. I also give to my son James Johnson for the use of my Granddaughter, Dicy Seroggan, two hundred dollars worth of property at the appraisement to be taken in like manner as is pointed in this will for Edy Sundrant and Mary Johnson and make no further provision for them.

Item. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons, Henry Johnson and James Johnson, Executors of this my last Will and Testament and hereby revoke all former wills made by me. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and three. It is my will and desire that after all the legacies are paid off, that all the rest and residue of my property, if any, should be equally divided amongst my children.

Thos. Johnson (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published
in presence of us;

Wm. Ogilvie
Jno. Ogilvie
Wm. M. Stokes.

Interlined before assigned.

Recorded Feb'y. 13th Day 1805.

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Mat Rainey, C.O.C.O.

Transcribed 1/14/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH WISE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #144.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph Wise of the State of Georgia and county aforesaid being poorly in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be given to God for the same, but calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, ordain this my last Will and Testament to-wit- principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body I leave at the discretion of my Executrix - and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner -

First. Unto my son, Patton Wise, I give and bequeath two hundred and thirty acres of land whereon he now lives, which I have described by deed of gift bearing date before the delivery of these present-

Secondly. To my son Jacob Wise, I give and bequeath one hundred and forty acres described by deed of gift bearing date before the delivery of these present.

Third. To my son, John Wise I give two hundred and two acres of land described to him by deed of gift bearing date before the delivery of these present.

Fourthly. I give unto Joel Wise two hundred and forty acres of land described by deed of gift bearing date before the delivery of these present.

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5thly. I give unto Joel Wise and Jacob Wise one hundred and seventy six acres of land, which I once gave to my son Barney Wise, and which he sold unto the said Jacob and Joel Wise, and which at his the said Barney to have made over by deed, unto the said Jacob and Joel Wise.

6thly. Unto my daughter Susy Martin I give one hundred acres of land described by deed of gift bearing date previous to these present.

7thly. Unto my wife Margaret Wise, I give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, by her to be enjoyed and possessed during her natural life, and the said Margaret Wise to have the liberty to dispose of my part of the personal estate which she may think proper (she not making waste of same) for the benefit of my children not already by this will provided for - my will will is that at the death of her, the said Margaret Wise, the land and plantation which I have given to her, be automatically given to Sherwood Wise, and also for him to have a horse beast worth ninety dollars. And further my will is that at the death of the said Margaret Wise, all the remaining part of my estate be equally divided amongst the survivors of my remaining children (to-wit) Selah Jones, Obediah Arther, Sally Wise, Amy Wise, and Peggy Wise and also if my son Sherwood Wise should die before his mother, my will is that I have left him, be equally divided among my last mentioned five children, or the survivors thereof.

Amme Wise

Lastly. I nominate and appoint my wife, Margaret Wise and Russel Jones my Executrix and Executor to see this my last Will and Testament duly executed, ratifying this and this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this the eighth day of January 1804.

Joseph Wise.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of;
Walter Johnson
Joseph Baughm.

Recorded Feb'y 13th, 1805.

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Mat Rainey C.C.O.D.C.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LEWIS POPE. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #146.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Lewis Pope of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do this the twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say,

Impremise. I will and bequeath my soul to God and I desire that my body may be decently interred in the earth.

Item. I lend unto my well beloved wife, Jemima Pope, the tract of land and plantation whereon I now live, together with all the property of whatsoever kind belonging or appertaining thereto, not hereafter mentioned and willed away during her natural life, upon, and with which she is to raise and educate my two youngest children, Viz. Zachariah and Patsy and at and after, her decease, it is my will and desire that all my property then belonging to or appertaining to the estate and not hereafter willed away (her own apparel excepted which she shall be at liberty to dispose of as she thinks proper) shall be valued, or appraised as hereafter described and the amount of that appraisement and the amount of the property willed away, including the land, to which a valuation is annexed, shall be added together and the sum total divided by the number of my children, then living issue, and those who have received or obtained property to a greater amount than the quantum made by such division, shall refund or pay back to the Executors the over plus, and the Executors shall pay to all those who have received a less sum than the said quotient, a sum sufficient to make it equal with, or in property at the appraisement, or in cash, in order to prevent a sale of my negroes. It is my will and desire that those not willed any, shall be drawn for by lottery, after the decease of my well beloved wife, or go to such of my children as they may choose, provided the Executors will agree thereto, who shall receive them at the appraisement.

Item. I will and bequeath unto my daughter, Polly Ridley Jourdan, one negro woman named Annka at the valuation of three hundred and fifty dollars, also one bed and furniture, both of which, she now has in her possession.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son, Archelus Pope, the tract of land whereon he now lives, containing two hundred acres, at the valuation of eight hundred, also one negro man named Sims, at the value of two hundred, also one bed and furniture, all of which he now has in his possession.

Colley, Zacharias - page 1

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Peter Wiley of the County of Oglethorpe and the State of Georgia, Planter, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God; calling into mind the mortality of my body; and knowing it is appointed for man once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament; that is to say principally and first of all; I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly property wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, VIZ;

It is my will and I do allow, all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Lee, fourteen dollars.
I give and bequeath to my son John Wiley, twenty five cents.
I give and bequeath to Matthew Wiley, twenty five cents.
I give and bequeath to my daughter, Catherine Crawley, twenty five cents.
I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Wiley, twenty five cents.
I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Wiley, twenty five cents.
I give and bequeath to my son Patrick Wiley, twenty five cents.
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Nelson, one bed and furniture, and the remainder of my estate I give to my two sons James Wiley and Nicholas Wiley.

I do hereby constitute, make and ordain my trusty friend, Jesse Lee and Thomas Wiley my sons, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies and Executors by me in any wise before mentioned, written and bequeaths, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the ninth day April A.D. 1805.

Peter Wylie (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published
pronounced and declared by the said
Peter Wiley as his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us, and who in his presence
and in the presence of each other have
subscribed our names;

Alex McEver
Wm. Edwards.

Recorded June the 20th, 1805.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.C.O.

Transcribed 4/15/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Noah Hill of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being very sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God - and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of in the following manner and form;

First. It is my desire that all my worldly estate be equally divided between my three children (to-wit) Alexander Franklin Hill, Walton Pope Hill and Paulina Hill, both real and personal and it is my desire that the lands and plantation whereon I now live, be rented out as long as my Executors thinks fit; and then exposed to public sale, to the highest bidder and a credit of four years be given. The quantity of acres is three hundred two and one half. It is my desire that whenever the oldest child comes of age, or in case Paulina Hill should marry, that my Executors should make an equal division of the whole estate, and the one coming of age, or the one marrying, should receive their part, and the other two parts put together again until the other boy comes of age or Paulina should marry, then the estate be equally divided between them. It is my desire likewise that Abraham Hill, Wiley Pope, Miles Hill and Robert Pope whom I likewise constitute, make and ordain the sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannul

all and every other former testaments, wills, Legacies, bequeaths and Executors by me in anywise before made, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

Colley, Zacharias - page 1

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 25th day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and five in the twenty ninth year of American Independence.

Noah Hill (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of;

Thomas Wastton
Benjamin Taylor
Willy Pope

Recorded 20th of June 1805.

Mat Rainey, C.C.G.O.G.

Transcribed 1/15/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SANDERS WALKER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #153.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Sanders Walker of the county and state aforesaid, being in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament;--

Item. I sign my body to the dust from which it was taken, in belief that I shall receive it again at the resurrection of the just and trust my soul on the merits, atonement and righteousness of my dear redeemer. And as for worldly goods the lord has graciously bestowed on me, I give and bequeath in the following manner; to-wit;

Item, I give and bequeath to my eldest son, Simeon Walker all the property, with the increase thereof which he has already received, which I suppose to be worth \$3000, with one dollar to be paid him by my Executors in twelve months after my death, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Smith the property that she and ~~Mr.~~ Smith has already received; which I suppose to be worth \$2000 and one hundred dollars to be paid her twelve months after my decease, to be her and her heirs forever. 2

Item. I lend to my wife Sarah Walker during her life, the north end of the tract of land I now live on, including the house and part of the plantation, Viz; running a line across the spring we now use, and East and West course across the land; also Harry a negro man and Peter a mulatto man; July, a negro man and Jude his wife during her lifetime; I also lend her for her use and disposal, my stock of every kind and household and kitchen furniture of every kind; also my still, also, all notes, accounts that is justly due me, I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Walker my negro Molly, to her own proper use and disposal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my young son, Jeremiah Walker all the property with the increase thereof that he has already received and the part of the tract of land I now live on, which I have not lent to my wife and at her death the whole tract and plantation containing about three hundred and fifty acres, also at the death of my said wife, the mulatto man named Peter, the negro man July and Jude his wife, also one desk and walnut table to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Stallings the property she and ~~Mr.~~ Stallings already received and at the death of my wife, one third part of the remainder of my estate which is not already disposed of.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Patsy Stokes, the property she and ~~Mr.~~ Stokes has already received and at the death of my wife, Sarah Walker one third part of the remaining estate, which is not otherways disposed of.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Betsy Lumpkin, the property she and ~~Mr.~~ Lumpkin has already received and at the death of my said wife, one third part of the estate which is not otherways disposed of.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Sarah Walker, Wilson Lumpkin and Young Stokes my Executrix and Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal as my last will and testament, this 11th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and five.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

Sanders Walker (Seal)

in presence of witnesses

Jonathan ~~W.~~ Hagan

Recorded the 7th Jan'y. 1806.

Griffin Smith

Mary Smith

Mat Rainey C.C.G.O.G.

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IN THE Colley-Zacharias-page 1 I, Smith Johnson of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being sick in body but enjoying sound mind and memory, and calling to mind that all men must die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, just my desire is that my soul ascend and live with the God who gave it.

Secondly, I desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son, John Johnson one negro man called Jim and one negro woman called Icy and one feather bed and furniture.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son minor, W. S. Johnson, one negro man named Harry, one negro woman named Sarah, one negro boy called Jesse and one negro woman called Rosa and child called Press and all her increase hereafter and one negro girl called Silvey, likewise, all my property, both real and personal except what shall be herein mentioned.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Elizabeth W. Traylor, one negro girl called China.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Sally W. Powell, one negro woman called Dinah, and should the Sally W. Powell, or any one person in her behalf come with any demands against my estate, then the said Negro woman may be sold to satisfy said demand.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Smith Johnson, one negro boy called Tom.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Margaret Johnson one negro child called Jude.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my son Minor W. S. Johnson, Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the thirteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and three.

his
Smith x Johnson
mark

Sealed and declared in the presence of;

Sird Parks,
Charles Hay
Tob Hay
Henry Lumpkin
Mathew Rainey
Sam'l Sheet.

Recorded the 7th Jan'y. 1806.

Mat Rainey C.J.O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/15/36.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Jacob McGeehee of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being at present much indisposed in body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to the Almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, do give and dispose of my goods and chattels in manner and form following, that is to say, after all my just debts are paid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Edward McGeehee, twelve dollars, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Anderson, two dollars, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sally Humphries, twelve dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John McGeehee, one negro girl known by the name of Dny, which I have now in my possession, also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and pigs, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas McGeehee, one negro girl by the name of Peggy, which I am now in possession of, also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and calf and sow and pigs, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, James McGeehee, one negro girl by the name of Dolly, which I have now in possession, also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs, one bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Samuel McGehee, one negro girl of the name of Jennie, which I am now in possession of, also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs, one bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Isaac McGehee, one negro girl to be purchased by my Executors as soon as the money can be raised out of the estate and the said negro girl to be nearly of the same age of my son, Isaac at the time when purchased, also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs and one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Jacob McGehee, one negro girl to be purchased by my Executors as soon as the money can be raised out of the estate, the said negro girl to be nearly the age of my son, Jacob at the time when purchased, also one horse, bridle and saddle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs and one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nanny McGehee, one negro girl to be purchased by my Executor as soon as the money can be raised out of the estate and the same negro girl to be nearly of the same age of my daughter, Nanny, at the time when purchased, also one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs and one feather bed and furniture to his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, George L. McGehee, one negro girl by the name of Hannah whom I have now in my possession, also one horse, bridle and saddle of the value of one hundred dollars, one cow and calf and pig and one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Ann McGehee, during her lifetime, three negro women whom I have now in my possession by the names of Biley, Dafney and Delphey, also two negro fellows to be purchased by my Executors, also my household and kitchen furniture and stock of all kinds that I have now in possession and which I have not already given away, also the crop of corn for the present year. It is my wish and request that my Executors do sell a negro woman by name of Judy which I have in my possession as soon as possible for the purpose of raising money to adjust in purchasing the negro fellow mentioned above for the use of my wife during her life. It is also my wish and desire that my Executor do sell the present tract of land and plantation on which I now reside and with the money arising from the sale to purchase another tract of land where my beloved wife Mary Ann may think best, which said tract of land I do lend unto my said wife, Mary Ann during her lifetime. It is further my will and desire that in case a sufficient sum of money is not raised out of the estate to purchase the negroes mentioned above, from three children, Isaac, Jacob and ~~Henry~~ before the arrive to the age of twenty one years, it is then my wish that the said negroes should be raised out of the property which I have loaned to my wife. After her death and the remains of the property, if any, to be sold on a credit of twelve months and afterwards to be equally divided among all my heirs. And, I do constitute and appoint my son Edward McGehee, my son-in-law William C. Humphries and my ~~son~~ Josiah Jordan, my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, dis-annulling and making void, all other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 26th Sept. 1805.

his
Jacob x McGehee
mark.

Signed and sealed in the
presence of:

Jno. Jordine

Recorded 7th Day of January 1806.

Thos. Hill

Mat. Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

Jno. ~~McGehee~~

Transcribed 1/15/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CULLUM. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #161.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Cullum being inform of body but in perfect sense and memory do constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say: I give my soul to Almighty God, begging his acceptance thereof. Respecting my worldly estate—

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Charity Cullum and my three children, namely, Betsy Cullum, William Cullum and Thomas Cullum, after my just debts are paid, all my estate, both real and personal consisting of one hundred and eighty seven acres of land, it being the same whereon I now live and three head of horses and five head of cattle and three feather beds and furniture and all the balance of the household and kitchen furniture and a
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Will of Thomas Cullum, cont'd.

horse cart and all the plantation utensils to be equally divided amongst them as they come of age or marry.

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Lastly. I nominate my two friends John Stewart and William Stewart my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Given from under my hand this third day of October, one thousand eight hundred and five.

Signed, sealed in
presence of;
Raubin Glaze
Arthur Frazer
Benj. Hodnett

Thos. Cullum (Seal)

Recorded 27th day of January 1806.

Mat Rainey C.C.O.O.C.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SORROW. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #162.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Sorrow of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being sickly and weak, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. My soul I recommend to God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at discretion of my Executors, hoping to receive the same again at the general resurrection by the mighty power of God.

Impremise. It is my will and desire that in the first place all my debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Samuel Sorrow five snillings sterling.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved daughter Sarah Canterbury, five shillings sterling.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, John Webb Sorrow, whom I make my Executor, all my lands, goods and chattels and everything to me belonging provided no supports my dearly beloved wife, Sarah during her life with sufficient necessarys. This is my last Will and Testament, revoking all others. As witness my hand and seal this 28th day of August 1795.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of;
Joseph Martin
Anna Martin.

his
Wm x Sorrow (Seal)
mark

Recorded 27th Day of Jan'y. 1806.

Mat Rainey, C.O. O.O.C.

Transcribed 1/15/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH LUMPKIN. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #163.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph Lumpkin of Oglethorpe County and State of Georgia being in perfect health do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. I bequeath my estate in manner and form following- Viz

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife, Ann Lumpkin, all my estate, be it of kindsoever as long as she lives.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son, John Lumpkin, one feather bed and furniture, such as my wife can spare.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Ann N. Bailey, twenty five snillings sterling.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Polly Lumpkin, two hundred dollars to be paid her by my Executors when she marries or arrives to the age of eighteen, to her and her heirs forever. But if she should die before she should marry or arrive to the age aforesaid, then my desire is that her part should be equally divided between Joseph and William Lumpkin.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son, William Lumpkin, one feather bed and furniture and the tract of land whereon I now live, containing one hundred and twenty four acres, more or less.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son, Joseph Lumpkin, two hundred dollars of my estate after the death of his mother, then my desire is that after the death of my loving wife, Ann Lumpkin, that my estate, be it of what kind soever should equally divided my son Joseph and William Lumpkin, to them and their heirs forever.

Will of Joseph Lumpkin, cont'd.

Lastly. I do appoint my loving wife and my sons, Joseph and William Lumpkin my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty fifth day of March 1806. -page 1

Joseph Lumpkin (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of us;

John Dunn

Recorded Jan'y. 27th Day 1806.

Humphrey Hendrick

Jas. D. Cole

Mat Rainey, C.O.C.O.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY GRISHAM. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #165.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Mary Grisham, being in sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of the body, do order and make this my last Will and Testament. First. I give my body to the dust, and my soul to God who gave it. Secondly, My funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid by my Executors.

First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Agnis Herring, one negro girl by the name of Winney.

Secondly. To my beloved son, Little Berry Grisham, I give one bed and furniture.

Thirdly. To my beloved son Benonia Grisham, I give one bed and furniture.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my son, Harris Grisham, daughter Mildred Grisham, one negro boy by the name of Bob and the said Harris Grisham is to keep the said negro boy, as his own property clear of any expenses until his said becomes of age or arrives to a marriage state.

Fifthly. It is my will and desire that my negro woman by the name of Bet, have her freedom after my death. Done this 16th Nov. 1803.

This being my last Will and Testament, I do appoint Harris Grisham my Executor, as witness my hand and seal.

his
Didion x Brown

Mary Grisham. (Seal)

mark

Ezra Glenn

her

Sarah x Brown

Recorded the 3rd Day of September 1806.

mark

Mat Rainey CLRC.

Transcribed 1/15/36.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS MESON. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #166.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Francis Meson of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia, being in perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, and such world estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner (Viz)-

1st. I give for the benefit and use of building an Academy, upon such parts of the land I purchased of William Strother, as the Commissioners may think most fit, eight thousand dollars which shall be collected, from my stock, or outstanding debts, and whereas it is difficult to obtain good teachers for want of salaries, to support them, I give for the use of the teachers, of the said academy all my possessions, in and joining the Town of Lexington, except the corner lot whereon my store house stands, Viz; lots No. 7, 8, 17, 18 and 20, with all the improvements thereon. Also one tract joining the Town dedeed to me by William Strother and by the collector of taxes except such part and portion of the same, as may be selected by the Commissioners for the erection of the Academy and one tract adjoining the above tract and George Phillips, dedeed to me by said Phillips, the above property to be under the direction of the Commissioners of said Academy and their successors in office, the yearly profits thereof to be for a yearly salary, for the benefit of the teachers, never to be sold, but to remain as a yearly income forever. The Commissioners to have power to alter or improve the premises as they see fit, so as to make it more advantageous for the above purpose.

2ndly. I give to Thomas Hay, son of James Hay, deceased, one tract of land on Indian Creek, granted to John Kellough, one negro man named Bob, one negro woman named Prudence and her two children, with their increase. But, it is my will that the above named property shall be as lent to Thomas Stone and Milly, his wife, for the better support of this family and minors of the said James Hay, until said Thomas comes of age. When the above property, with all its increase, to be delivered over to him the said Thomas, but if the said Thomas Stone shall move the said negroes out of the County of Oglethorpe,

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then the said negroes shall be taken and put to the use of the said, Thomas Hay, and in case the said Thomas should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years, then the above property to be equally divided between his three sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, Melissa and Betsey.

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3rdly. I also give to said Thomas Hay, son of James Hay, deceased, two thousand dollars to be collected from my outstanding debts, and it is my will that the two thousand dollars, when collected, shall be put out to the best advantage under the direction of the said Thomas Hay's Guardian, and paid to the said Thomas when of age or marriage, but if he should die under lawful age or unmarried, then the said sum of money to be equally divided among his said three sisters.

4th. I give to my friend, Robert Allison, one thousand dollars.

5th. I give to Thomas Stone, all my horses, cows and hogs, plantation tools, my watch and wearing apparel, my two carriage horses excepted.

6th. I give to Solomon Hopkins and Paschal Murphey, my corner lot whereon my store house stands known by No. 6, with all its improvements, the said devise to commence and take effect after the expiration of two years. But, if at that time the said Solomon shall refuse to take the said Paschal into copartnership with him, then the said house and lot shall become the sole and absolute property of the said Paschal, his heirs and offsprings forever.

7th. My will and desire is that my stock in trade, or goods in Jackson County, now under the care of David Witt, shall remain in his care and under his management until the first day of May next, and my death to make no delay or stoppage in the sale of the said goods, but to proceed and sell and pay the debts due by the said store. But if my Executors shall find that the store is mismanaged so as to occasion loss or injury, they may close the said firm and have a settlement whenever they think the interest of my estate requires it, my Executors to endeavor to have the debts of the said firm discharged at the time they become due.

8th. I give my carriage and two carriage horses to William H. Crawford.

9th. I give my case and bottles to Doc George Phillips.

10th. I give to Solomon Hopkins and Paschal Murphey, my bed and furniture now in the store house.

11th. My will and desire is that my negro men, Randal and Armisted be permitted to choose their master, provided the person or persons they may choose, will give for each of them six hundred dollars, otherwise to be sold as my Executors may think most beneficial to my estate.

12th. My will and desire is that my stock of goods in Lexington shall be managed by Solomon Hopkins for one year after my death upon the same terms and conditions, that are contained in the articles of copartnership between the said Solomon and myself and the same may become one year more at the discretion of my Executors.

13th. The balance of my estate which I expect will be something considerable (as I owe no debts) I give to my Executors, George Phillips, William H. Crawford and Robert Allison, whom I appoint constitute and ordain to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, wills, legacies, bequests and Executors by me in any wise before named, willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date below mentioned.

Signed, sealed and delivered
by the said Francis Mason as
his last Will and Testament.

Francis Mason (Seal)

In the presence of us and in the presence of each other, this thirtieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and six.

Willis Pope

Jno. Walton

Robert Freeman, J.P.

Recorded 26th day of September 1806.

Mat Bailey C.R.C.

Transcribed 1/16/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER HAWKINS. (Original Will recorded in Will Book 2, Page 1)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Alexander Hawkins, Sr., of the County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for his extended mercies, but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for men once to die; and as it has pleased God to bless me with some of this world's treasures, shall dispose of it in manner and form following, Viz.

Item.- I give and bequeath to my son Nicholas Hawkins, one negro man slave Will, exclusive of that, I have already given him, which is in full of his legacy, or undivided moiety of my estate remaining undivided in my hand.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, John Hawkins, one negro man slave, named David, one negro man Sam and one girl named Nell, all my blacksmith tools and carpenter tools and one wagon and gear, exclusive of what I have already given him, which is in full of his legacy or the undivided moiety of my estate remaining undivided in my hands.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, Alexander Hawkins, four negroes - (to-wit) one negro man Phill, one boy Joe, one white negro girl named Penelope, and one boy Guy, exclusive of what I have already given him, which is in full of his legacy, or the undivided moiety of my estate remaining undivided in my hands.

Item. I lend to my beloved daughter, Mary Legitt, one yellow negro girl named Beck during her natural life, and at her death, to be equally divided between my three grandsons, (her and her increase if any) Viz.- James, John and William Broughton, to him and his heirs forever - exclusive of what I have given her already, which is in full of her legacy, or undivided moiety of my estate remaining and undivided in my hands.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Elizabeth Waddell, two dollars in addition to what I have already given her, it being in full of her legacy.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Anna Freeman, two dollars, it being in full of her legacy.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susannah Freeman, two dollars which is in full of her legacy.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Hardin, two dollars which is in full of her legacy.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Lucy Patrick, two dollars, it being in full of her legacy.

Item. Lastly. It is my will and desire and I do hereby nominate and appoint my two beloved sons, Nicholas Hawkins and John Hawkins my whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament, revoking all and all manner of will or wills by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name with my own hand and affixed my seal to this my last will and testament, this eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and four. Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator in the presence of;

Jon. Lumpkin
George Lumpkin

Alex Hawkins (Seal)

Recorded January 16th, 1807.

Mat Rainey C.O.C.

Transcribed 1/16/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SAMUEL SORROW. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #172.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. January eighteenth, In the year of our Lord 1806. I, Samuel Sorrow of the State of Georgia and County of Oglethorpe, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christianlike manner, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate, as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner.

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will of Samuel Sorrow, cont'd.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife, during the time of her natural life or widowhood, all and singular, my lands, goods and chattels and ~~all my personal property~~, but in case she marries again, I then allow her a child's part and then everything belonging to the estate to be sold and an equal division to be made, to each of my children, and the same to be done after her death, that is, in case she never marries. I likewise constitute her and my eldest son Joshua as my Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all the other Wills and Testaments by me made before this time ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced by the said Samuel Sorrow as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us Subscribers;

Samuel Sorrow (Seal)

Robert Thompson
May Thompson
May Carithers.

Recorded 16th Day of Jan'y. 1807.

Mat Rainey C.G.C. Transcribed 1/16/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH MOORE. (Original Will Recorded in Will Book "A", Page #174.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Joseph Moore, Sr. being weakly and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, do constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: First. I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the direction of my Executors afterwards named. I appoint my wife, Allander Moore, William Moore, Jr., and Joseph Moore Jr., (my two sons) Executrix and Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Item. I give to my beloved wife, my land I now live on, with my present stock of horses and cattle and the present stock of hogs and wagon and gear and one feather bed and furniture, one chest and one corner cupboard, with all in it the weave and all my plantation tools, with two pots, one Dutch oven, one liner wheel, one reel, with my four negroes, viz; Sam, Hannah, Lem and Harry, during her lifetime or widowhood and then to be equally divided between William, Elizabeth, Peggy, Mary, Joseph and Allander.

Item. I give to my son, Joseph Moore, one feather bed and furniture and one rifle gun.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of January 1807.

Test;
Henry B. Cabaniss
Henry English
Geo. Cabaniss

Joseph x Moore (Seal)
mark.

Recorded April the ninth day 1807.

Mat Rainey C.G.C.

Transcribed 1/16/36.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS LESTER. (Original Will recorded in Will Book "A", Page #175.

GEORGIA, OGLETHORPE COUNTY. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Thomas Lester of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory and well knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make the following disposition of such worldly goods as it has pleased the Almighty to bless me with.

First. I resign my soul into the hands of my Creator, well knowing that he will render to me according to the deeds done in the body.

Secondly. I will that my Executors here-in-after named, give my body a decent and christian burial.

Thirdly. I give unto my son John Lester and his heirs forever, the following negroes. One negroman named Sissero, one negro boy named Ambrose, one negro man named Joe and one negro boy named Cob, also my tract of land where Lewis J. Dupree now lives containing two hundred and thirty acres, more or less, also forty acres adjoining the above tract in the fork of Clouds Creek.

Fourthly. I give to my son, George Lester and his heirs forever, the following negroes, viz; One negro man named Lewis, one negro woman named Sell, one negro boy named Simon, one negro man named Peter, one negro boy named Henry and one negro girl named Sucky, one good horse or mare, saddle and bridle, two feather beds and furniture, one desk and cupboard, also my tract of land whereon I now live, containing three hundred acres more or less adjoining Joseph Headles, George Farmer and Th. Barnett.

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Fifthly. My will and desire is that after all my ^{just} debts are paid, that all the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, not already specially disposed of ~~Colley, Zacharias~~ ^{paid} between my two sons John and George, as I have already previous to the making of this will, provided for my two daughters.

Sixthly. I appoint, nominate and constitute my said sons, John and George Lester my Executors to this my last Will and Testament and do by these present utter and publish this as my last will and Testament, utterly revoking and annulling all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 31st day of October 1807.

Thos. Lester (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of us;

Wm. M. Stokes
Rich Hargrove
Walter Johnson

State of Georgia, Oglethorpe County, Court of Ordinary
July Term 1807.
The written will was proven by the oath of Richard
Hargrove in open court and ordered to be recorded.

Attested; Mat Rainey. C.C.O.

Recorded the 9th day of July 1807.
Sept. term 1807. The within will was
proved by Wm. M. Stokes.

Mat Rainey, C.C.O.