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State of Georgia ³ Before Joseph J. Huff Ordinary in and for
Taylor County ³ Said County on Monday the 6th of August 1860 being
a regular term of the Court of Ordinay in and for Said County James
P. Miller and William H. Miller Executors of the last will and Testament
of William R. Miller late of Said County Deceased and the Witnesses of
Said Will to Wit. William J. G. Mitchell John T. Gray and
James J. Gray which Witnesses being duly sworn deposed and say
that they saw William R. Miller the Testator sign seal declare
and publish the instrument now presented as his last Will and
Testament freely Voluntarily and of his own accord and without
any compulsion or Influence whatever that at the time of the execution of
Said Will Said Testator was of sound mind and memory that defendant
signed Said Will as Witnesses in the presence of testator and at
his special instance and request and in the presence of each
^{the second and anterior} before me in open Court Augt 6-1860

John T. Gray
Joseph J. Huff & William J. G. Mitchell
Ordinary James J. Gray

It is Ordered that the Will be admitted to record as satisfactorily
proven in common form and that the executors James P. Miller
and William H. Miller have leave to seal and upon so doing
that letters testamentary add me there
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J. J. Huff
Ordinary

State of Georgia ³ in the name of God Amen. I James Duncan
of Taylor County ³ of said State and County being of advanced age but
of sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that I must shortly
depart this life do in it right and proper both as respects my family
and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which
a kind Providence has blessed me I do therefore make this my last Will
and Testament hereby revoking and amending all others heretofore made.
1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition
in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it
as I hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without
delay by my Executors hereinafter named and appointed
3rd I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Susan M. Duncan
the plantation wheron I now reside containing all the Lands and timber
thereon belonging also all the farming tools of every description and all the
stock on said plantation of every kind and description including horses
cattle hogs sheep goats and also all the provisions meat

be on hand at my death including the growing crops of corn cotton &c
together with the wagons carts & huggies and all the household and kitchen furniture
that I may own at my death also the following named Negro slaves to wit
Hector a man Naren a man Green a boy Tom a boy Henry a boy William
Boy Harrison a boy big Berry a woman little Berry a woman Emily a woman
Matilda a woman & Hannah a girl to have said property during her
natural life or widowhood and at the death of wife or upon her
intermarriage all of said property to be equally divided amongst my four
children to wit James A. Duncan Esq. Martha Martha C. Wooddy and
Eunice A. Duncan Subject to the restrictions and limitations contained
in Item ninth of this Will

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Thaddeus A. Duncan a Negro girl
a slave by the name of Ann and her increase which Negro is now
owned by my said son and which Negro I value at Five hundred Dollars
said gift to be subject to the restrictions and limitations contained in item ninth of this
Will & I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha C. Wooddy a Negro woman
slave named Mary and her child Emily (and negroes are now owned by my said daughter)
(which negroes I value at Four hundred Dollars) said gift to be subject to the
limitations and restrictions contained in item ninth of this will.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my son James A. Duncan a negro boy
same named Miller which negro is now owned by my said son and which negro
I value at Five hundred dollars said gift to be subject to the limited
restrictions mentioned in item ninth of this Will

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Eunice A. Duncan a negro girl
a slave which negro I value at Eight hundred dollars and gift
to be subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in item ninth of
this Will

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my daughters Eunice A. Duncan, Martha C. Wooddy and
Eunice A. Duncan all of them negroes not before disposed of by this will, to be equally divided between
them, subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in item ninth
of this Will

Item 9th I desire and direct that all the property given by me in
will (of whatever kind) to my children Thaddeus A. Duncan, James A. Duncan,
Martha C. Wooddy and Eunice A. Duncan shall not be subject to any
debt or contract of my said children but that each of said children
shall receive their respective shares given in this will in trust of the
will, and property to be used by said said children for their
and for the support and maintenance and education of other
children and at the respective deaths of my said children their
share or shares of my said property shall vest absolutely in
spective children and in the event that any of my said children
die having no child or children then their respective share of my said
shall be equally divided amongst their brothers and sisters for
the administration of whom that be and subject to the restrictions
contained in item ninth of this will

Item 10th I desire that at the death of my beloved wife Susan M. Duncan, that in the division of my property among my children here fore named, that Shadrack S. Duncan shall have Two Hundred dollars to make him equal with my daughter Martha E. Woodley and that James M. Duncan shall have Two Hundred dollars for the same purpose and that Eunice A. Duncan shall have Six hundred dollars to make her equal with the rest of my children and after said amounts are respectively paid to the above named children then the balance of my estate to be divided between my four children aforesaid, according to Item the third in this will.

Item 11th I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Susan M. Duncan my Executrix & James M. Duncan Executor to this my last will & Testament this 25th Sept 1860 James Duncan

Signed, sealed, and published by James Duncan as his last will & Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request in the presence of each other, this 25th Sept 1860 H. McFaddin
Joe Stellings

James E. May

Georgia

¹⁸⁶⁰ Taylor County, Taylor Court of Ordinary December 25th 1860
The will of James Duncan being produced in open Court by the Executress who had filed their petition to prove the same and the witnesses to said will Hesley H. Jenkins, Joe Stellings and James E. May having subscribed the following affidavit endorsed on said will December 25th 1860

Taylor Court of Ordinary came in open court Hesley H. Jenkins, Joe Stellings and James E. May being called upon to affirm that they dolem Duncan sign and publish the within as his last will and testament while present and dispeking where that they witnessed the same to him at his request and in his presence each of other and that the same was executed according to and subscribed before me this December 25th 1860

Joseph J. Cuff Ord

Hesley H. Jenkins
Joe Stellings
James E. May

Ordered that the Will be admitted to record as satisfactorily proven in common form and that the Executrix Susan M. Duncan and the Executress James M. Duncan have leave to qualify and upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to them J. J. Cuff Ordinary

Recorded Jan 1st 1861 J. J. Cuff Ordinary