

Paul, John, Leonard, and Joseph the same being the Children

of my son Andrew G. Simmes and Mary his Wife the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to say three hundred Dollars to each, which is to be paid out of that part of my estate left to Andrew G. Simmes and Thomas Simmes Int. in the above Will as Witness my hand seal this 31st May 1823.

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Osborn Stone

Constantine Church

John B Lennard J. C.

Thos. Simmes *TS*

Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court David Allison one
Wilkes County } of the Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will, who
being duly sworn saith that he saw the Testator Thomas Simmes
sign Seal and acknowledge the Annexed Instrument of
Writing as his last Will and Testament, and at the time of his
so doing he was of sound disposing mind and memory that
he signed the same as a Witness in his presence, and also saw Jo-
seph Gray, Andrew Miller and Abraham Gray sign the same
as Witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court this

5th day of July 1824

David Allison.

Attest John Dyson C. C.

Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court Osborn Stone
Wilkes County } Constantine Church and John B Lennard
the Subscribing Witnesses to the Codicil of the Annexed Will
of Thomas Simmes Int. who being duly sworn saith they saw
the Testator Thomas Simmes sign Seal and acknowledge the
same as a Codicil to his said Will and at the time of his so-
doing he was of sound and disposing mind and memory
that they signed the same in the presence of the Testator
in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court this 5th July 1824

Osborn Stone

Constantine Church

John B Lennard J. C.

Attest John Dyson C. C.

Recorded the 24th July 1824.

Be it remembered that I Wm Proctor of Wilkes County and

State of Georgia being weak of Body, but perfectly sane, do make and constitute this my last will and Testament. Just after all my just debts are paid I give and bequeath to my wife Frances Proctor Bony a Negro fellow and Easta his wife during her life and after her death to be the property of my son Beder and also Randal, Frank, Caroline, Mary, Richard, and Sibi; Item 2^d to my Daughter Stacey Proctor I give a Negro fellow Laminee, Barbary, Lydia, Ruben, Elley, Sam and Sally, and it will be understood that I have already given to my eldest son Wm Proctor & Fitcha Cooksey my Daughter their portion of my property and I do also appoint Henry F Ellington and Owen Halliday my sole Executors in Testimony whereof Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Test } Joshua Willis
Robert T. Kean.

William Proctor (S)

Should it be the will of providence that either Beder or Stacey mentioned above should die then the property shall be the others; but Beder's property is to be in possession of his mother until he becomes of age. Witness my hand and seal this 6th of March 1824

Test } Robert T. Kean
Joshua Willis

William Proctor (S)

Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court Joshua Willis & Wilkes County } Robert T. Kean the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and Codicil, who being duly sworn saith they saw the Testator William Proctor sign seal and deliver the said Will and Codicil as his last will and Testament, and at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, that they signed the same in his presence & in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court this

5th day of July 1824

Attest John Dwyer C. C.

Joshua Willis

Robert T. Kean

Recorded the 26th June 1824

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In the name of God Amen I Rebecca Ogletree of Wilkes County & State of Georgia being mindful that it is appointed for all ones to die & being in perfect mind and memory do make ordain & constitute this my last will and Testament

Item 1st I give my daughter Nancy my Bed Chest

Item 2^d I give my daughter Eliza one trunk, 1 Bed, bed quilt counterpane and pillow.

Item 3^d I give my Daughter America one turned bedstead Bed, bed quilt counterpane sheet and pillow.

Item 4th I wish my stock of Hogs & Cattle to remain together for the support of the three named children as long as they live together after they part then sold & the money equally divided between them. also one cupboard and furniture to be equally divided between the same & kitchen furniture one half Dozen, Chairs 1st kind of.

Item 5th after my just debts is paid I give my daughter Rebecca Ogletree fifty dollars. Cash.

I appoint Joel P. Llewellyn & John Ogletree my Executors to this my last will and Testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd April 1824.

~~Rebecca~~ Rebecca Ogletree

Rebecca Ogletree
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Nathl. G. Rice

Court of Ordinary Wilkes County July 5th 1824

Personally appeared in Open Court Nathaniel G. Rice one of the Witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn saith that he saw the within named Rebecca Ogletree sign, publish and acknowledge the within Will as her last Will and Testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound disposing mind and memory, that he signed the same in the presence of the Testator and that he signed the same in the presence of Rebecca Ogletree the Witness & that they both signed in presence of the Testator.

Sworn to in Open Court

Nathl. G. Rice

Attest John Dyson C. C.

Recorded the 2^d of August 1824.

I Garland Wingfield being in a low state of Health
lacking of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make
and Ordain this my last will and Testament in manner
and form following Viz.

Item 1st I give to my Nephew Stephen G Pittus the tract of land
whereon I now live; having made a deed to the said Stephen for
the same.

Item 2nd I give to Charles Pittus the tract of land he now lives on
including the land I bought of Maj^r Price, that is to say
the said Charles is to have the benefit and advantages of said
land during his natural life; and at his death to belong to
his lawful children.

Item 3rd I give to John Pittus the land I bought of John Wingfield
except West of the drain down to John G Wingfield's spring
branch, down the said branch till it intersects the line at Cupis
branch, provided S. G Pittus will give to John Pittus as much
land east of the above drain adjoining W Jones' land as
the land given to John Pittus.

Item 4th I give to the above named, John Pittus, ~~Stephen G Pittus~~
~~and~~ Charles Pittus & Stephen G Pittus all my Negroes with
their increase and all the rest and residue of my property not
above willed or named to be equally divided amongst them
with this proviso, as to the share of Charles Pittus my will is
that he the said Charles shall have and enjoy the benefits
arising from an equal share of said property during his life, and
at his death the same to belong to his children, except the
Negroes I got by my Wife and their increase I give to Thomas
N Poulain son of my Wife to him and his heirs forever.

And lastly I do hereby nominate Constables and appoint
my Nephews John Pittus, Charles Pittus, Stephen G Pittus
and Thomas N Poulain my Executors to this my last will
and Testament And revoking all former wills by me
heretofore made

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 8th
day of June 1824

Witnessed by us
M. J. Jones
J. H. Handcock

Garland Wingfield

Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court Richard Rand

Willis County } Joseph and John McCleskey two of the subscribing
Witnesses to the within Will and being duly sworn depose and
saith, that in their presence the Testator Richard Rand did
declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and
Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound
disposing mind and memory that they subscribed the same as
Witnesses in his presence, and at his request and that William
Jones did subscribe the same as a Witness with themselves, and
that they subscribed the same in the presence of each other —
Sworn to in open Court this

2nd of September 1824

Rich^d. Randolph

Attest John Lyon C.C.O.

John McCleskey

John Pitts, Stephen & Peter, & Charles Pitts qualified as Executors
this day as above.

Recorded the 25th September 1824.

Georgia }

Willis County } Joshua Reader of the County & State aforesaid being
of perfect mind and memory do constitute and ordain this my
last Will & Testament in manner and form following to wit
Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my Brother Christopher Reader
an equal proportion of all my property

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my Brother James Reader an
equal proportion of all my property

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my sister Sarah Wellborn one thou-
sand dollars.

Item 4th I give & bequeath unto my sister Patsy Wellborn an equal
proportion of all my property.

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Truitt an
equal proportion of all my property.

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my sister Nancy Wyler an equal
proportion of all my property. — In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of March Eighteen
hundred and twenty four.

Test Isaac Jones

Edw. Thomas

H B Montgomery.

Joshua Reader (Test)

Purnal Truitt &

Court of Ordinary

James R. Callaway

James Rinder appellant for } May Term 1824.

vs. State of Georgia, Rinders Will. } And now at this Term the Caveat is by
 their Attornies Pope & Brewer Caveat the probate of the pretended Will of
 Joshua Rinder deceased on the following grounds

- 1st Because the said Joshua Rinder at the time of the Execution of said pretended Will, was not of sound and disposing mind & memory.
- 2^d Because said pretended Will was obtained by fraud & Circumvention
- 3^d Because said pretended Will has undergone material alterations and interpolations thereby essentially altering the tenor & purport thereof
- 4th Because the said Joshua Rinder from debility and sickness has been for a long time previous, and was at the time of executing the said pretended Will childish and incapable of making any disposition of his property.

Alexander Pope

Hopkins W. Brewer

Att'ys for Caveat -

Court of Ordinary July Term 1824

Personally appeared in open Court Isaac Jones & Edward B. Thomas Witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn dep. that they saw the testator Joshua Rinder sign & seal & acknowledge the within Will as his last Will and Testament & that at the time of so doing they believed him to have been of sound and disposing mind & that they & each of them signed their names thereto as subscribing Witnesses in the presence of said Testator & in the presence of each other & that Hezekiah Bell out of Georgia subscribes said Will in presence of their deponents, and of the Testator

Sworn to in open Court this 5th

Ed B. Thomas

July 1824

Isaac Jones

John Dyson C. C.

Georgia } Court of Ordinary July Term 1824
 Wilkes County } The Will of Joshua Rinder being presented to the
 Court for probate, and the same being Caveated by James R.
 Callaway & Purnal Truitt, and the Court having now heard proof
 in support of said Will & Caveat, and the above affidavit being taken
 and subscribed by two of the Witnesses to said Will, ordered that the same be
 admitted to probate, and accorded accordingly.

Purnal Truitt &

James R. Callaway

James Render applicant for the probate of the will of Joshua Render dec'd

The Cavators being dissatisfied with decision of the Court in this case demanded an appeal which is granted & Isaac T Inwin acknowledged himself bound for the payment of the future cost if any, the present cost being paid

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Pernal Trust
James R Callaway
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Attest John Dyson C.C.O.

Georgia } I John Dyson Ck of the Court of Ordinary for the County
Wilkes County } of Wilkes do certify the above to be truly copied from the minutes of said Court this 5th July 1824

John Dyson C.C.O.

James Render applicant
for probate of Will Resp^t

as } Cavial
Pernal Trust & James R Callaway } The foregoing case being sent up
Cavators appls - } from the Court of Ordinary on
appeal founded upon a Cavial of the probate of Joshua Render deceased
and being referred under proof to the decision of a special Jury who have stated
- liked said Will to be valid

Ordered that said Cavial with the finding of the Jury thereon be returned
to the Court of Ordinary that said Will be recorded as the last will and
Testament of the testator, and that letters do issue according to the laws
of this State in such case provided

We the Jury find the Testator of disposing sound at the time
of making this Will

A G Semmes Foreman.

Georgia } True copy from the minutes of the Superior Court
Wilkes County } August 25th 1824

Attest John Dyson Ck

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen

Wilkes County I Jacob Cain of the State & County
aforesaid being weak and low in health but of sound mind
thanks be to God for it. but calling to mind that is appointed
once for all men to die - do make this my last Will &
Testament in manner and form following (viz) first I
commit & commend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God hoping for salvation through the merits of Jesus
Christ. my body be buried in a Christian like manner
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lucy Wyatt
Harrison three hundred dollars to be given her twelve months
after my death.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Lockett
Cain three hundred dollars to be given her two years after
my death.

Item I give to my Daughter Betsey Pinder Cain three hundred
dollars to be given her three years after my death.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Patry Wyatt Cain
three hundred dollars to be given her four years after my death.

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Battle Cain
twenty five dollars to be given him five years after my death.

Item I give and bequeath to my four daughters above
mentioned one tract of land lying in Wayne County
containing four hundred and ninety acres. granted to
myself my Will and desire is that my four daughters
and son above mentioned possess and enjoy their respective
portions or legacy forever to them & their heirs forever -

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth
Samar Cain the tract of land on which I now live which
I bought of Capt. A. Edwards during her natural life, my
Household & Kitchen furniture. plantation tools of every kind
also all my stock Horses, Hogs & cattle to be possessed and
enjoyed by her during natural life - and at her death
my Will & desire is that the above named property given my
Wife shall be equally divided between the following children
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Caroline Frances Cain & John Milton Cain, to be held

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is that all my Negroes & their Increase, Annaca, Sandy, Nathan, Kinchard, Firiba, Langston, Isabella, Frank, Delroy, Angel, Dimbo, Ben, & Vincen remain together in the plantation until my Wife manumits, or my son Jacob Newton Samar Cain arrives to the age of twenty one year in either case and at which time my Will is that there shall be a division—my Wife to possess one third of the above named Negroes during her life & at her death to be equally divided between my four younger children above named to be enjoyed by them & their heirs forever—

I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Newton Samar Cain at the time he comes of age say twenty one year One fourth part of my Negroes and their increase after my Wife has taken her third part of them to be possessed by him & his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Hardy Whetford Cain my Daughter, Caroline, Frances, and my son John Milton Cain the remaining part of my Negroes & their Increase to be possessed & enjoyed by them & their heirs forever. equally divided to be given them as they come of age & if either of my last named four younger children should die before the come of age or have an heir then & in that case my will is that the surviving part of my four younger & last named children possess & enjoy their part so dying. Lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved Wife Executrix and Marshall Martin Executor of this my last Will & Testament Disannulling and revoking all others hitherto made by me in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 28th of August 1816. Signed Sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us (the words interlined) to be given them as they come of age before

apigned
Isaac Jones
Ludwell Fullilove
Elizabeth Fullilove

Jacob Cain

Personally appeared in open Court Ludwell Fullilove & Isaac Jones who say upon oath that they saw said Jacob Cain sign & seal the within Will or heard him acknowledge it, that they together with Elizabeth Fullilove in presence of the Testator and at his request subscribed their names & seals as Witnesses

And that at the time of so doing said Jacob Cain was of sound,

disposing memory.

Sworn to in Open Court
this 2nd Sept. 1822

Ludwell Fullen

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Court of Ordinary Wilkes County 6th September 1824.
That Elizabeth Cain was duly sworn as executrix of
the within will.

Recorded the 11th of January 1825.

I state of Georgia in the name of God Amen. I Jacob Cain of the State and
Wilkes County } County, aforesaid being weak & low in health but of
sound mind, thanks be to God for it, but calling to mind that it is
apparently once for all on me to die, do make this my last will
and Testament in manner & form following (Viz) first I commit
and commend my soul into the hands of a Almighty God, hoping for
salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ; my body to be buried in a
Christian like manner -

Item. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth L Cain, the tract
of land I now live on during her natural life, & then to be sold and
equally divided between her five children (Viz) Jacob & L Cain
Hardy or Cain, Caroline Cain, John W Cain, and Merian or Melinda
Cain, to be possessed and enjoyed by them & their heirs forever.

Item. I give & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth L Cain, a Negro Boy
named Dembo, & a Negro Woman Diley to her & her heirs forever
also all my household & kitchen furniture Stoves, Cattle, Hays, to be possessed
and enjoyed by her forever.

Item; my Will and desire is that the tract of land lying on
Little River State & County aforesaid on which I formerly lived be sold
in a Credit of twelve months, and the money arising therefrom
to be applied to the Education of my five Children above named.

Item I give & bequeath to my five Children James B Cain, Lucy
W Harrison Sarah A Cain, Elizabeth Pelletier & Patsy I Shivers
a tract of land lying in Wayne County on Little River con-
taining four hundred and ninety Aers to be equally divided
between them, and to be possessed & enjoyed by them & their heirs
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Hardy W Cain, Carden Cain, John M Cain and Meriam M Cain, the remaining part of my Negroes (viz) Emily, Lankster, Isabella, Anaca, Sandy, Estham, Martha, Vincent, and a male, to be possessed and enjoyed by them & their heirs forever, the said Negroes to be held out until my son Jacob & L Cain be comes of age or marries, the money arising from the sale of said Negroes, to be applied to the maintenance of my five younger Children, and at the time my son Jacob & L Cain comes to the age of twenty one years or marries, then my Will & desire is that the above named Negroes be equally divided between Jacob & L Cain, Hardy W Cain, Carden Cain, John M Cain, & Meriam M Cain.

Now my Will and desire is that the money due me, may be collected & be applied to the discharge of all my just debts.

I do hereby appoint my beloved Wife my Executrix and Marshal Martin my Executor of this my last Will & Testament. Disannulling & revoking all others heretofore made by me. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 23rd of February 1820. Signed sealed & acknowledged

in the presence of
Thomas L Gilmer
Ann L Gilmer.

Elijah Hiner &
James M Miller Executors &
Respondents
Elizabeth Cain applicant for
Private of Jacob Cains will & app.
Caval say 1st That Jacob Cain was not of sound mind & disposing mind
at the time of the execution of the said pretended last will and
Testament. 2nd That the same was procured by the undue influence of
the said Elizabeth Cain the Wife of the said Jacob.
3rd That the same was obtained by flattery, circumvention & fraud; of the
said Elizabeth Cain, then the wife of said Jacob.
4th That said Jacob had grown childish by reason of old age sickness and
dementia at the time of the execution of the said pretended last will and
Testament.

Jacob Cain (Seal)

Amendment put in by leave of
Court July 21st 1823.
The Comptrol & ~~App~~ Resp^{ts} by
leave of the Court just had and
Obtained for further grounds of
Caval say 1st That Jacob Cain was not of sound mind & disposing mind
at the time of the execution of the said pretended last will and
Testament. 2nd That the same was procured by the undue influence of
the said Elizabeth Cain the Wife of the said Jacob.
3rd That the same was obtained by flattery, circumvention & fraud; of the
said Elizabeth Cain, then the wife of said Jacob.
4th That said Jacob had grown childish by reason of old age sickness and
dementia at the time of the execution of the said pretended last will and
Testament.

Alexander Pope

We the Jury find that the Testator was
of disposing mind at the time of the execution of this will
Alexander Pope
Stephen W Bower Respondents
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Elyabeth Cain Ex^t & Appellant
vs Probate of Jacob Cain Will
App^t

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Elyah Hurst & Wife and Caveat
James Miller & Wife Carators
Pl^{ts}

The above case being heard on the appeal at this term upon the several grounds contained in the caveat, and a special jury having ~~decided~~ decided in favor of the validity of the last Will presented attested by two witnesses - and the Court having further examined the arguments upon the applications of the executors for the probate of the first will in so far as the same to or affects the real Estate of the Testator and of the second Will in so far as it relates to or affects the personalty. Ordered that said proceedings be returned to the Court of Ordinary - That that said first or oldest Will be admitted to record and that it be in force and operation as far as the same disposes of the real Estate of the Testator. It is further ordered that the said second Will be also admitted to record, and that the same be operative & of force in so far as it affects or disposes of the personal estate of said Testator and that on application Letters Testamentary do issue in pursuance of this Order.

Georgia } Superior Court. August 24th 1824
(Wilkes County) } A true copy from the minutes

attest. J. Wm. Dyson Clk

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the appellant do recover of the respondents the sum of

for her Costs in this behalf expended & Respondents in
money \$6. August 25th 1824.

Duncan & Campbell &
Garnett Andrews

attys for App^t

Recorded the 22nd of April 1825.

In the name of God Amen. I Abraham Simons of the County of Wilkes State of Georgia; being in bad health, but of sound disposing mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make Public & declare this to be my last will & Testament -
First I commit my soul to the God of all mercies & Governor of

All Wofld, trusting Hoping, that at his hands, I shall receive the
blessed inheritance of Eternal life.

And as to my worldly Estate I will & dispose of in the manner
following (to wit) I give and bequeath unto my Stepson Owen
Halliday twenty hundred Dollars which with three hundred Dollars
I paid to Messrs Gibson & Gilbert for him, will make the sum of two thou-
sand, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto the Children of William Grant of Washington
fifteen thousand Dollars in Cash, which shall be paid out of my Estate
within twelve months after my death, or as soon thereafter as the amount can
be raised or collected out of said Estate. (Viz)

To Nancy Richardson Grant the sum of five thou-
sand Dollars to her and her heirs forever.

To Augustine Grant five thousand Dollars to him & his heirs
forever. — To Thomas Grant five thousand Dollars to him & his heirs forever —
making altogether the above sum of fifteen thousand Dollars. It is fur-
ther my wish that if either of the before mentioned Children should die
before they become of age or marry, that the part left to that Child
should be equally divided between the others, and in case of the death
of all the said Children, that then the amount left them should go to the
Father of said Children or his estate, & that he or his representatives should take
charge of the amount left the above Children, and act with it
as he or they most to the Interest of said Children until they shall become
of age or marry, at which time they shall take charge of said amount
themselves.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Nancy Simons
after my last debts are paid, all the balance of my estate both real
and personal, to her & her heirs forever; to be used & disposed of as she may
think best.

I do constitute my friends Matthew Talbot, & William Grant
and my beloved Wife Nancy Simons, Executors & Executrix of this my
last Will and Testament. Signed, sealed, & delivered this Twenty first
day of December 1820 in presence of

John Dyson
Lewi H Echols
Luke Turner
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A. Simons (Seal)

Georgia } Personally came and appeared in open Court John
 Wilkes County } Dyson John Haleday Luke Turner, who being duly sworn
 say, that they saw, Abraham Simon, sign, seal, publish, and declare the
 annexed writing testamentary as his last Will & Testament and they all
 subscribed it as attesting Witnesses in his presence at his special instance
 and request, as also did Levi H. Echols, who is since deceased. the said
 Abraham Simon was of sound, & disposing mind and memory
 at the time he signed said Will as aforesaid and did it of his own free
 Will and accord.

Sworn to in open Court the
 1st of March 1824

John Dyson
 Luke Turner
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Attest John Dyson C. C.

Georgia } Christopher Brooks in & by his Attornies Long & Garvin
 Wilkes County } ~~Comes~~ comes into Court, a Caveat the probate of
 a Paper purporting to be a Will of Abraham Simon deceased on
 following grounds to wit, first that at the time of his said supposed Will
 was not of sound disposing mind & memory.

2nd that there was undue & unlawful means made use of for pro-
 curing to be made, to the injury of the Wife of your Caveator Elizabeth
 Brooks, the supposed Will of the said deceased in its present shape -

3rd that the supposed Will or writing presented for probate is not in
 the hand writing of the Testator and was never read over to the
 Testator previous to its signature, by which the said Testator was
 taken in, and induced to make a Will, contrary to his better
 Judgment:

4th That Elizabeth Brooks the Wife of your Caveator is the daughter
 of the Testator, and entitled to one half of the said Estate, not
 having been by any legal act of her father the said Abraham Si-
 mon been disinherited, not having named in the said supposed Will.

5th That a different writing from the one now offered for probate was
 read to the Testator, and then the present was substituted in its place without
 the knowledge or consent of the said Testator.

Long & Garvin

Caveators Attys -

The Defendants in Caveat, traverse the foregoing grounds of Caveat & say
 they are insufficient, in Law, & pray Judgment of the Court & put
 themselves upon the Country

Pope & Brewer

Attys for Defts in Caveat

The Caveators do the like

Long & Garvin, Caveators attis

Christopher Brooks Caveator
 Nancy Simon, & William Grant } Admitted to probate by the Court of
 Applicants for the probate of } Ordinary of Wilkes County at March
 Abraham Simon's Will } Term 1824 & proved by the Oaths
 of John Dyson, Luke Turner & John Haliday, three of the
 subscribing Witnesses thereto.

From which decision of said Court the said Caveator intend an
 appeal to the Honorable the Superior Court of said County, on the 4th
 of March 1824. gave security & paid the Costs according to Law.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the defendants in
 caveat recover of the Caveator the sum.

for their Costs in this behalf expended & the Caveator in
 money &c. 4th March 1824 James A. Groves.

George } I John Dyson Clerk of the Court of Ordinary
 Wilkes County } for the County of Wilkes do Certify that the appeal
 in the above stated Case, was duly entered at the time as is stated
 above Given under my hand at Office this 20th day of June 1824

John Dyson CCO

We the Jury find that the Testator of the within Will was of
 sound mind and memory at the time it was executed
 Wm. Storn foreman.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the applicant for probate
 recover of the Caveator and James McIntosh his security on appeal
 the sum of for the Cost
 in this behalf expended & the Caveator in money &c.

March 10th 1825.

Pope & Bauer

Att. for Applicant

Recorded the 26th of April 1825
 In the name of God Amen.

I Am Hambleton of the County of Chatham, State of
 Georgia and City of Savannah, being of sound mind & memory, the
 indisposed in bodily health, considering the uncertainty of Human life
 and certainty of approaching death, do make this my last will and
 Testament, in manner and form following that is to say

First and principally I bequeath my precious & immortal soul to Almighty God who gave it to me, hoping his gracious acceptance through the merits of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ; and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors, William & Grant & Worthington Gale.

Item I give & bequeath the proceeds of a lot or half lot on Johnsons Square Savannah Brick building, for my Executors to dispose of to pay my last debts with thirty four shares in the bank of Georgia. Item I give one hundred dollars a piece to Emilia & Eugenia Grant daughters of William & Grant & Mary Grant the widow after my Debts is paid to be ~~equally~~ divided equally between William, Gale Eliza Gale and Hetty Gale. The plate & Furniture to be exclusively to Hetty Gale in Writing hereof I set my hand & seal this October 1824

Sign, sealed in the presence of
John Wingfield Sent.

R W Wigham.

Thomas Wingfield

Georgia } Primally appeared in open Court, John Wingfield Sent.
Wilkes County } Richard W Wigham and Thomas Wingfield the subscribing
Witnesses to the Within Will, and being duly sworn depose & declare that in their presence the Testatrix did sign, acknowledge & declare the Within Instrument in writing to be her last Will & Testament and at the time of her so doing, she was of sound disposing mind and memory, that she subscribed the same as Witnesses in her presence and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court this

3rd of January 1825

Attest John Dixon CCo

John Wingfield Sent.

R W Wigham and

Thomas Wingfield

Recorded the 26th April 1825.

Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
Wilkes County } I Elizabeth a woman being weak of body but of sound disposing mind and memory and conscious of the certainty of death and uncertainty of life make this my last will and testament.
1st I Give and bequeath unto my Grand son Henry N Pope the sum of three hundred and fifty Dollars to be paid to him by my Executors within the time prescribed by Law
2nd I Give & bequeath unto Richard B Wooten who intermarried

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to pay with her Child Adeline and then increase on the following
 Terms, that he shall pay to the above mentioned Henry N. Pope
 the said sum, or legacy of three hundred and fifty Dollars.
 3^d the remaining balance of my effects both real and
 personal; I give and bequeath in the following manner
 that is one third to my Son in Law, John Hinton, & one third
 to my Son in Law James Hinton, & the remaining third
 to the Children of my deceased Son Lewis Norman, to be
 equally divided between them —

4th I nominate & appoint Richard B. Wootten & John
 Hinton Executors to this my last Will & Testament —

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and Seal this the fifteenth day of January one
 thousand eight hundred & twenty one.

Signed Sealed in the
 presence of us
 William Saffold
 William S. Allen.

Elizabeth X Norman
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September Term 1824

Court of Ordinary, 1824 Personally, appeared in open
 Court. William Saffold one of the subscribing Witnesses
 to the above and foregoing Will who being first duly
 sworn saith that he saw Elizabeth Norman the said
 Testatrix make her mark as above for the purposes in
 the said Will mentioned and that at the time of so
 doing she was of sound mind disposing memory, and that
 deponent signed the same in her presence at her request
 and that he saw William S. Allen the other Witness
 sign his name likewise in the presence of said Elizabeth
 for the purposes aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court 6th of Sept 1824

Attest John Dyson C.C.O.

William Saffold
 Rich^d. B. Wootten qualified as Executor this day —

August the 23rd 1824

In the name of God Amen. I Ann Wilkinson of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being sound in body and mind but knowing that tis appointed for all to die do make this my last will and Testament revoking all others in manner and form as follows. 1st tis my Will and desire that my son John Wilkinson do have my land namely the tract of land I had of the Estate of Joshua Rinder

2ndly tis my Will and desire that my Grand son Jesse Heard have my Grey Horse.

3rdly tis my Will and desire that my three daughters do have the residue of my Estate to wit one still one bed, and one mare and five hundred dollars

4thly I do nominate constitute & appoint my son John Wilkinson my Executor to this my last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal Joseph M. Dent

Adaline Dodson

Ann Wilkinson

Augustine Thomas

Georgia } Joseph M. Dent and Adaline Dodson came into open Wilkes County } Court, and being duly sworn upon their Oaths Day that they saw Ann Wilkinson sign seal publish acknowledge and declare the Within to be her last will & Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was of sound & disposing mind & memory that they subscribed their names as Witnesses Thence I saw Augustine Thomas subscribe his name as a Witness with them that they all subscribed the same in the presence of the said Testatrix & by her express declaration sworn to in open Court

this 15th March 1825

Adaline Dodson

Attest. John Dyson 660,

Joseph M. Dent

Recorded the 12th Oct^r 1825.

In the name of God Amen I Nelson Powell of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being in a low state of health but of sound and disposing mind, thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this as my last will & Testament first of all I Recommend my ~~soul~~ soul, into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent Christian manner. And as touching what worldly ~~estate~~ goods it has left and God to bless me with I give and bequeath in the

following manner

1. It is my wish and desire that all my just debts be paid
 2. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Powell to dispose of
 as she may think proper the following named Negro, that is Aaron, Tom
 and Emily also the tract of land whereon I now reside during her natural
 life and at her death to be disposed of to the benefit of our herein after
 named Children Equally that is Sarah Powell, Willis Powell and
 Tabitha Powell, it is also my wish and desire that my said wife shall
 keep all the rent and issue of my Estate both real & personal together
 during her life time or widowhood & that my aforesaid Children be
 raised & Educated out of the proceeds or income of my Estate.

3. It is my wish and desire that if my said wife should marry or
 mismanage my Estate to the injury of my aforesaid Children their
 my Executors should take the management of my Estate both real and
 personal and manage it to the best advantage for my aforesaid Children
 and that as my children may come of age there shall be an Estimate
 made by an Appraiment of my estate and they receive their propor-
 tionable part and if my Executors should think it best to sell any of
 my landed property they may do so to satisfy any lawful debt or debts.

4. I do hereby constitute & appoint my Brother Benjamin Powell and
 my Brother in Law Jesse Williams & my two friends John H. Dy-
 son and John W. Cooper as my Executors to this my last Will and
 Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my hand & seal
 this twenty second day of February Eighteen hundred & twenty five
 A.D.

Joseph W. Cooper

James Burdett

J. W. Cooper J. B.

Nelson Powell

Georgia Personally appeared in open Court Joseph W. Cooper
 Nelson Powell and John W. Cooper two of the subscribing Witnesses
 to the foregoing and annexed Will and being duly sworn upon
 their Oaths say that they saw the Testator Nelson Powell sign
 seal, publish & declare the annexed Instrument in writing
 to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing
 he was of sound disposing mind & memory that they subscribed
 their names as Witnesses thereto & that James Burdett subscribed
 his name as a Witness that they subscribed the same in the

presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, at the request
and direction of the Testator.
Sworn to in open Court this 15th
of March 1825.

Joseph W Cooper
Jr W Cooper —

Attest John Dwyer C. C.

Recorded the 12th October 1825.

Georgia I know all men by their persons that I Am Hoxey of
Wilkes County, said County and State being of sound & disposing
mind & memory but mindful of the uncertainty of life, do make
ordain, and publish this ^{as} my last Will and Testament.

First I give & bequeath unto Lewis & Brown in Trust for my
Daughter Caroline Willey & her heirs, to & for her sole & separate use
and use the following property to wit: Helarys, Melly, Ben
& Mary together with their future Incom as together with all the
Household & Kitchen furniture that I may die possessed of as also
all my beds & bedding the same to be held by the said Lewis & Brown
for the sole & separate use & benefit of my Daughter Caroline and
her heirs in trust as aforesaid.

Second, my Will and desire is that out of the balance of my property
all my just debts be paid; but that the property mentioned in the
first clause of this my Will be not liable for any amount of my
Debts.

Third My Will and desire is that the balance of my property
not before Willed after the payment of my Debts as aforesaid be
divided into four lots as nearly equal as the nature of the Case
will permit to be mentioned one, two, three, four. —

Fourth I give & bequeath unto Sarah Brown my Daughter lot
number one the same to her & her heirs forever.

Fifth I give & bequeath lot number two to my son Asa Hoxey
to him and his heirs forever. —

Sixth I give and bequeath lot number three to my son
Thomas Hoxey the same to him & his heirs forever.

Seventh In addition to the property already given to Lewis &
Brown in trust for my Daughter Caroline Willey ~~and her heirs~~ my
Will and desire is and I hereby give & bequeath unto the said Lewis
& Brown in Trust for my Daughter Caroline Willey & her heirs
to & for her sole & separate use & benefit lot number four to be held
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my Will, that my Daughter Caroline Willey, should the said Lewis

S Brown depart this life first or to refuse to act as trustee that in either case she have the power to appoint some other friend to act in his place, my will and desire being, that the profits of the property herein given in trust should be secured to my Daughter Caroline and her heirs without the possibility of being deprived of the same.

Eighth, As my beloved Wife Sarah Hoxey is now old and infirm, my will and desire is, that all my property remain in her possession & be kept together during her natural life, for ^{her} support, & for the purpose if possible of paying off my just debts.

Ninth, I hereby constitute & appoint Lewis S Brown & James Willey Executors of this my last will & Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the eight day of September eighteen hundred and twenty four hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me. Signed sealed & acknowledged by the Testator in our presence and to which at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses this eighth day of September 1824

William Jones

Asa Hoxey

Thomas Eudaly

Margaret Eudaly

Georgia } We Jones and Thomas Eudaly two of the subscribing Witnesses County } appear to the foregoing Will came into open Court & being duly sworn upon their oaths say that they heard Asa Hoxey acknowledge & publish the foregoing instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and memory that they saw Margaret Eudaly subscribe her name as Witness thereto and the said Jones saw the said Hoxey sign the said Will that they all subscribed their names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other & by the express request & direction of the Testator the said Asa Hoxey

William Jones

Thomas Eudaly

sworn to in open Court this 15th day of March 1825

Attest J. D. Dusen CEO

Recorded 12th October 1825

State of Georgia } I Kitty Hendrick of the aforesaid

Wilkes County

County & State being in a declining State of health of sound mind & disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of Imperial things the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when it may happen have thought proper to make ordain & Establish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

- First I desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter named out of any monies or accounts which I may be possessed of at my death if it should be sufficient, if not the balance to be made from the sale of such negroes as hereafter named to be sold. Second I desire that my Executors shall allow my several Negroes to wit, Jim, Daniel, Eysa, Harry, Dory and Betty to have the full privilege of selecting their master or home & for the said Negroes to be sold to the person or persons they or either of them may select. I further desire that my Negro Woman Harriette and her four young children to wit Mary, James, Harriette & Anthony all to be sold together with the condition that they shall not be separated until the children are fully grown and that Harriette shall have the privilege of selecting for herself and children a master or home. 3^d I give to my Niece Margaret McRea to Negro Boys by the name of William & Austin but I desire if the said Negroes William and Austin should prefer to be sold I wish my Executors to allow said Boys William and Austin the privilege of selecting their master or home and in case of a sale the net proceeds to be paid over to my said Niece Margaret McRea. 4th I give to my Niece Mrs Rebecca Allison her heirs and assigns forever a negro girl by the name of Jane with the privilege of selecting her home. 5. I desire that my Executors sell a negro girl by the name of Theresa to the person or persons that her mother Harriette may select as a home for said girl & that the proceeds be paid over to my Niece Keziah H. Roper or her heirs. 6th I give my Niece Kitty Rebecca Dushy her heirs & assigns the proceeds of the sale of Negro Girl named Kitty allowing to the said Negro Kitty the same privilege as given to Theresa. 7th I give to my Niece Margaret McRea her heirs & assigns

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9th I give to my Niece M^{rs} Rebecca Allison One Bed, bedstead & furniture and all my wearing apparel; I desire that the balance of my furniture Household & Kitchen to be equally divided between my two Nieces M^{rs} Rebecca Allison & Margaret McRea.

10th I give my Niece Margaret McRea all the provisions of every description which may be on hand at my death requesting my Niece should there be any small articles which she does not need to give them to Negro Woman Harriett.

11th I desire that my Executors after selling all the negroes mentioned in my decem. Gift which I have allowed the privilege of selecting masters or homes and after my just debts are paid to divide the balance of the proceeds into six equal shares to be paid over to my six Nieces, Shaw one Shaw alike M^{rs} Rebecca Allison Margaret McRea, Nancy McRea, Elizabeth McPupple, Betty B. Dickey, and M^{rs} Nancy G. Demarest.

12th I appoint my friends Duncan & Campbell Samuel Barnett and William Dearing Executors to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore by me made.

Signed Seal acknowledged & declared by this Testator to be his last Will this 6th day of September 1824 four in presence of

Royland Beasley
A. Ruddell

Kitty Hendricks (seal)

John B. Linnard J. L. C.

Georgia } Personally appeared before us Thomas Woolten & John Wilkes County } J. Graves two of the Justices of the Superior Court of the County aforesaid John B. Linnard Royland Beasley & Andrew Ruddell who upon oath depose and say that they saw Kitty Hendricks duly sign and publish the annexed Will that at the time of so doing she was of sound and disposing mind & memory that their depositions attest said Will & that said attestation was in the presence of said Kitty Hendricks and of the whole of the subscribing witnesses thereto
Signed before us this 2^d of May 1825
Thomas Woolten J. L. C.
John J. Graves J. L. C.

Royland Beasley
A. Ruddell
John B. Linnard

To the clk Ct. Ordry.

Upon the foregoing affidavit the annexed will is admitted to probate but the recording thereof suspended until the next regular sitting of the Court of Ordinary of said County

Thomas Woolten J. 1826

John T. Graves J. 1826

Court of Ordinary July Term 1825

The annexed will of Betty Hindrichs having been hitherto admitted to probate, but the recording thereof suspended for regular sitting of the Court; and the Court now being in session at a Regular Term. Order that said Will be recorded. That such of the Executors as therein named ~~that~~ who accept the same do now qualify & that letters Testamentary do issue accordingly
July 4th 1825. Duncan & Campbell qualified this day
Elisha John Lyon & Co.

the 4th Item is inserted in the Will instead of the 8th

Recorded the 13th of October 1825.

State of Georgia } I John Reddy being in sound mind & memory
Wilkes County } - - -

feeling the importance of settling my worldly affairs do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. Viz

It is my wish and desire that my Executors so soon as convenient after my death do pay all my just debts and the remainder of my estate to remain in possession of my wife Jane Reddy for her Benefit and use during her widowhood ~~and~~ provided she should marry the property shall be divided between all my children each having an equal share - I do appoint Geo^t. William Turple and James Warrfield my executors to act for me as the law may direct
Acknowledged in the presence of

Dec: 8th 1825

John Reddy Ant.

Witnesses

Stephen C. Pettus

Joseph A. Carter

Georgia } Joseph A. Carter one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within
Wilkes County } Will came into open Court & on his oath saith that he saw John Reddy Ant. du? sign the within instrument & acknowledge the same to be his last will and Testament that at the time

of his so doing he was of sound and disposing memory, that he saw Stephen

& Pitts subscribe his name as a Witness thereto & also subscribed his own name in the presence of the Testator & by his express direction sworn to in open Court this 11th of May 1824

Attest John Dyson Secy.

Joseph A. Carter

Re created the 13th of October 1825

In the name of God Amen.

I William Grant, of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia, being of sound mind & disposing memory, but being in bad health and knowing that life is uncertain, I make this my last will and Testament, In doing which I put of all accompaniment my soul to God who gave it, hoping at his hands to receive eternal happiness through the merits and death of his son Jesus Christ my Redeemer.

And it is my wish that after my death, unless circumstances should prevent that my body may be deposited at or near where my two children are buried at the place formerly belonging to my Father but at this time to Mr. Pitts, and that every thing necessary on this occasion, should be prepared in a plain & modest manner, and it is requested that there may be a pall or enclosure kept round them or any other of the family that may be there buried.

As soon as convenient after my death I wish the following arrangement of my worldly estate to be made by my Executrix & Executors hereafter named If I should have any Debts I wish them paid immediately, if there should be funds in hand belonging to my Estate to do the same work, and if there should not as soon thereafter as there may be, I also wish all debts due me to be collected in a reasonable time.

The House and lot I now occupy in the Town of Washington, being of greater value than is necessary, as well as less suitable for a private family than would be at some other place, that might be selected by those having the management of my estate, I would advise if practicable, that the same should be sold, in such way that may be most to the interest of my Estate and out of the proceeds of the same, or any other disposable part of my estate a suitable place should be purchased, or provided such as would be agreeable to my Wife and of such value (if a farm) as to be sufficient to produce all necessary provision, for the support and maintenance of my family; & further I would advise that the following Negroes & their future increase at least, should be kept on said farm for the support of the same & family. Viz. Jeff, Henry, Esther, Betty and her children Caroline & Charlotte also Patrick & Michael until their time of service expires, which will be agreeable to an act of the

Legislature of this State at the age of thirty one years unless some circumstance or misconduct by some of them should make it necessary to dispose of such, and supply their places with others, if there should be need in addition to the above two or three more hands to furnish said farm, with sufficient force for its cultivation they had better be purchased for the same, out of funds belonging to my estate, and also all necessary furniture now in my possession to be kept for the same purpose, and a sufficient stock of Horses, Cattle Hogs Sheep &c with farming utensils should be provided to carry on said farm, this place Negroes and all other things appertaining to the same, to be kept for the equal & joint use and benefit of my family, for their support, and as far as it can in aiding in the schooling or education of my children which I wish done to such extent at least, as will fit them for any necessary or useful business or employment of life, this part I wish attended to by my wife and other persons who may have the management of my estate without fail, & the aforesaid farm & Settlement to be considered as a home for my children if they chuse, while they remain single, or untill the death of their mother provided she remains a widow, but in case she should marry, then I wish a division of the above land Negroes and all other property appertaining to the same to be equally made by sale or otherwise as my Executors may think best, between my wife and children, each taking an equal share of the same, but if my wife should remain a widow she will remain in possession of the above place untill her death, after which time I give the same and all other things appertaining to it to my children to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

As I have already given to my Daughter Nancy Richardson Grant a family Bible, which cost thirty dollars, and now give or leave to be given at my death to my son Thomas Grant my set of Clarks Commentary, or the set of three bound Volumes, that is finished, and also the remaining part in numbers on hand & those that are yet to publish, which will perhaps make three more bound Volumes, I wish the numbers not already bound when all is published to be bound in the same pattern as the other three, by sending one of the bound Volumes to New York, so as to have that as a pattern to bind the rest by, untill they can be bound as well in Augusta or nearer home, these volumes when complete will cost perhaps

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also wish to be given to each of my other children viz Augustin &
Elyza Jane, or any other I may have, therefore in order that all may
be made equal in this respect, it is my wish that the deficiency
or difference between the Bible given to my Daughter Nancy & those
that I wish still given to my other children, and the Commentary to
my son Thomas, be made up by giving to each of them besides the
Bible, other Religious Books, of the most approved kind including
amongst them in particular Mr. Wighams life, & sermons. I wish the
Bibles & other Book, to be furnished to my children as before mentioned
to be paid for out of funds belonging to my Estate as they may arrive
to the age of fifteen years, or sooner if thought best, and it is required
that some one of my friends of the Elder or members of the Methodist
Josephal Church may be required to furnish the same; together with
advise to them the children not merely to receive, neglecting to read
but as their Father require that they should peruse with care and
attention the same, & remember that it was his wish & desire that
they should be profited thereby & made win unto salvation, the
Bibles and other Books I wish to be new & the Bibles I wish to be
bound in calf or Morocco, and gilt and of the value of from
twenty to thirty Dollars each, and the name of Convent of the
child to whom it is given to be put on the back of the same as a
gift from their affectionate Father; It is further my wish that all the balance
of my Estate both real & personal, as soon after as is thought advisable by my Executors
except the settlement before mentioned should be disposed of in such way, as then can
be best a division made of the same, my wife and children, to have share
alike of the same, my wife taking her part and managing or disposing of the
same, in the way she thinks proper and my children if of age or married taking
or managing their parts as they think proper, and the parts of any that may not
be of age to be managed as may be thought best for them either by my wife or
by her and my other Executors, together for their advantage, until they may be
come of age, unless when they come to years of reflection sufficient they should prefer
some other person to take the management of the same for them, It is my wish that
if either of my children should die, before his, her or their share should be allotted that
the part left to that child should be equally divided amongst all the rest.
There are certain Negroes given to me by my Father which with this I mean

will be intitled to their freedom agreeable to an act of the Legislature of this

State, and the Will of my Grand Father Daniel Grant at certain ages (W^{om}) Women at the age of twenty eight years old and men at thirty one years old which I wish my heirs to attend to and liberate at said ages if they in their possession and if not in their possession and they should be held in bondage after the time of this will be pointed out, by any other person I wish them to have such advice given them as will aid them in obtaining their liberty as was intended. The legacies left to my management for my children of Abraham Simons deceased I wish to be attended to by my Executors as it was requested I should have done, by said Will until they become of age or marry at which as the said Will, will show the said legacies to be delivered up to them. The said legacies feeling as much or more concern for the future Welfare of my children as I do for the little worldly property or estate I can then I have to them the following advice viewing with great concern the dangers and exposure which the rising generation in the present age seems almost unavoidably exposed to from the great prevalence of vice & feeling a sincere wish for the welfare of you my children I have in this my will such advice as I think if attended to will be for your present as well as future welfare & first of all I would recommend an early attention to Religion and that not of a superficial kind having the name of a Christian and at the same time not the nature, for this alone will profit you nothing endeavors to obtain, & never be satisfied, without a saving knowledge, which it is possible for a Christian to have of his sins pardoned through faith in our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ; that of this will not do. Religion prohibits no lawful pursuit & enjoyment therefore seek it early, and you have the promise, that you shall find it, even not after the Vanity of the World, for all these things are perishing, but Religion will comfort you, when all earthly things fade away (Second) I would advise you against endeavoring or at least seeking to get into offices, Civil or Military on account of the many evils & dangers they will expose you to ^{for} many. I fear from this very source has become dissipated and eventually, it has proved the means and distraction of both soul & Body, third if you should ~~ever~~ engage in any professional business, be careful of what kind as most exposes to much evil, you had better be a respectable private Citizen among your Neighbors than to be ~~called~~ what is called an honorable one by the world filling many public stations and at the same time abandoned to all evil, this is not to be obliged to

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See the Case, I know with persons filling public Stations but it is so often

the Case that I wish to give you this caution, I wish you to be respectable and exemplary in all Stations of life; engage as early as is prudent in some lawful business for a support, and steadily & perseveringly pursue the same (fourthly) treat those who are your servants or Slaves with respect, and tenderness giving them what you would wish, were you in their Stations (Fifthly) many persons though industrious, respectable, steady & careful with respect to their own affairs and families, has been brought to ruin & want, and others much perplexed, troubled, & injured by becoming security for money or Debt, and sometimes for other purposes; here it is necessary to be particularly guarded and careful (Sixthly) be very careful with whom you associate do not have too many, and let those with whom you do, be respectable, sober, and steady, keep ~~an~~ company that you would be ashamed to be seen with at any time, or any place, ~~show~~ all profane persons who would tend to injure your morals (Seventhly) there is another very important consideration to observe which is marriage this requires the most serious consideration & reflection of almost any thing else, for in entering into this state depends your happiness or misery, for in both there are often experienced with many it causes their destruction, and others new happiness, than any earthly situation; direct your Views in particular to the Character & disposition with whom you would unite, and in some measure, to those of their Parents, and family; let them be such as are at least serious, and moral, if not religious, steady, sober, industrious, & respectable, not too fond of the pleasures & popularity of the World.

In closing I will again recommend through the merits of Jesus Christ our dear Redeemer my soul to God, hoping for eternal happiness by and the grace, hoping to meet you my Dear Companion, and your dear children in the Kingdom of God where we shall part no more; Remember that when I am gone I cannot come to you, but you can come to me attend my Dear Children to the following scripture instructions—
My son hear the instruction of thy Father, and forsake not the law of thy Mother

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom knowledge, but fools despise wisdom & instruction

The curse of the Lord is in the House of the wicked, but he blebless the habitation of the Just.

(Proverbs)

It is my request that my executors under to my wife, my assistance
she may need, and also that she and each of my children be furnished
with a copy of this my will.

I do now constitute and appoint my wife Kellurak to Grant and
my Brothers Daniel Grant, & Thomas Grant my Executors and
Executors to this my last will and Testament signed, sealed & delivered
this twenty third day of February in the year our Lord eighteen
hundred and twenty five in presence of

Sam^l Barnett

Ja^s Wingfield

James A. Groves

William Grant (Seal)
1825

Personally appeared in open Court Samuel Barnett & James A. Groves
two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Within Will. who being duly
sworn on their oaths say that they saw the Testator sign, seal, publish
and declare the within Instrument of writing to contain the last will &
Testament of William Grant deceased, & that they signed it at his
request, as also did James Wingfield and each of the Witnesses signed in
presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other & at the request
of the Testator aforesaid & that said Testator was at the time of signing
of sound & disposing mind and memory

Sworn to in open Court this 5th July 1825.

Sam^l Barnett

Attest. John Dwyer cco.

James A. Groves

Recorded the 14th October 1825.

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Powell of the County
of Wilkes & State of Georgia being very sick & Weak, but
of perfect mind and memory do make & constitute this
to be my last will and Testament first my just debts is to
be paid, then I give to my Brother Charles Libas all my
land whereon I now live, and two Negro boys Ned & Peter, also
I lend to him five Negroes viz Jone, Pen, Ben, Beady and
William to be under his contrall during his life term & at his death
equally divided between the children of my sister Fanny Rice &
Elizabeth Smith, also I give to my Brother Charles my black
Horse and my black mare, and the best man saddle & one
bed, bedstead & furniture, cupboard, six chairs & bench and
cradle, Chest, & 3 of his share of the Cattle. Also I give to.

my Sister Fanny Rice two Negroes Hanner & her Child Harriett
and one Beawo, also I give to my Niece Susan Pinkston two Negroes
Lelia & her Child Sophia one bedstead, small trunk Two Pithers and my
side Saddle; I also give to my Nephew David Rice one negro
man Called Buck, also I give to my Nephew Benjamin Rice
one Negro boy John also I give to Samuel Rice Daughter Nancy
Oglethorpe one Negro Boy Abraham also I give to Sister Fannys
son Jannys Children one negro Girl Chloe also I give to my Sister
Elizabeth Smith three negroes Rachel, Liza & Liza & my feeding
leaf Table Also I give to my Nephew Jonathan Smith one negro
girl Aggy, also I give my Nephew William F. Smith, one negro boy
Isaac also I give to my Nephew James Smith, one negro boy
Lancaster also I give to my Nephew Elbert Smith one negro
boy Jesse, and all the balance of my property to be sold and I give
three hundred ~~Dollars~~ & fifty dollars to my Brother David Libbys
and also I give my half Brother John Barker two hundred & fifty
Dollars and if there should be a balance after the legacies is received
the balance is to be divided between my Brother David Libbys & my
half Brother John Barker & my Sister Fannys son Jannys Children
in dividing the same my Brother David is to receive one third more
than either of the others. And lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint
Samuel Rice to execute this my last Will and Testament. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Affixed my seal this 30th Day
of July 1825.

Isaac Longdon
Geo. Smith

Mary^{her} Powell (Mark)
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Richard Robinson

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Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court Isaac Longdon, George
Middle County } Smith & Richard Robinson who being duly sworn
deposeth and saith that they saw Mary Powell the within named
Testator, sign, seal, & publish the within Instrument as her last will
and Testament that she signed the same in the presence of them, and
they & each of them signed the same in the presence of the Testator
and in the presence of each other at her request and at the time of
her so doing, she of sound disposing mind and memory
sworn to in open Court this 5th of September 1825.

Attest John Deason Clerk

Isaac Langdon
Geo Smith

Richard Robinson

Recorded the 17th of October 1825.

Georgia } I William Mallory of the County & State
Wilkes County } aforesaid being in my perfect mind and
memory, have called to mind the uncertainty of life & the certainty
of death, and believing it to be my indispensable duty to dispose
of my worldly goods and acquisitions that it hath pleased God
to bless me with by Will, in order to do justice, and give satisfaction to
my Wife and family Children. I do make and ordain this my
last will and Testament viz.

I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Lucy Mallory during her natural
life a lot of land known by 1st 164 in the 11th district of Henry County
also the following Negro Slaves viz. George, Joe, Judy, Pegg, Sytha, Cate and
belly, three feather beds and furniture, and the two choice Horses of my
stock all of which property both real & personal at her death, I give and
bequeath to my four following Children viz. Thomas P. Mallory, Lucinda
Mallory, Maryann Mallory and George W. Mallory to be equally di-
vided between them by Lot or by and should either die under age, then that
my part to be equally divided between the surviving four.

2nd I give and bequeath to my Son John H. Mallory two Negroes which he
has already received viz. Melly & Lavina together with their increase, in
full of his legacy in my Estate.

3rd I give & bequeath to my Son William H. Mallory One hundred dollars
to be paid him in Cash by my Executors as soon as the same can be
raised from the sale of such property as I shall have after will to
be sold which shall be in full of his legacy.

4th I give & bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Folds during her life
one Negro named Mimma (together with her increase) & at her death
to be equally divided among the heirs of her body which is in full of her
legacy.

5th I give & bequeath to my four children named in the first clause of
this my Will viz. Thomas P. Mallory, Lucinda Mallory, Maryann
Mallory and George W. Mallory the following property ~~that~~ viz.
Cyrus, Stephen, Sucky, Abram, Lewis, Rachel, Selina, Frederick
Hansell, Edney, Julian, and Charles four good feather Beds and

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furniture, and all the Benefits, & profits, which may arise from said

at Law in the State of Virginia in right of my Wife, and in case either of the four last mentioned Children, should die before they arrive at full age, then its part shall be equally divided among the three surviving ones, which property shall be lotted off to each of said four children as they arrive at full age.

6thly, It is my will and desire that all my Stock, Household & Kitchen furniture, and all my property that is not herein before specifically named & Willed be sold, & that my Wife Lucy Mallory have one fifth part of the money raised by the sale of the same and the crop growing at my decease if any, or that which was last made, and that the remaining four fifths of the money raised from the sale of the Stock &c as will to be sold be equally divided among Thomas P. Mallory, Lucinda Mallory, Maryann Mallory & George W. Mallory after the payment of my just debts.

7thly And lastly I do appoint as Executors of this my last will and Testament Thomas P. Mallory, and Richard J. Willis and do hereby revoke and annul all other Wills of mine.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 3^d day of June 1824.

Signed, Sealed & acknowledged

William Mallory 

in presence of us

Samuel Wooten

Seaborn J. Mays

Jos. D. Hinton.

Georgia, Personally appeared in open Court Seaborn J. Mays, & Jos. D. Hinton two of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will, and being duly sworn depose & swear that they saw William Mallory the Testator to the foregoing Will, sign, seal & acknowledge the same as his last will and Testament, & that they were each Witnesses to the same and that Samuel Wooten was also a subscribing Witness with themselves, and that they did it in the presence of each other & at the request of the Testator and in his presence, & that he was of sound disposing mind and memory.

Sworn to in open Court this 5th Sept. 1825

Seaborn J. Mays

Jos. D. Hinton

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John Dyer C. C.

Recorded the 17th October 1825

In the name of God Amen, I John Turner, Senr of the
 State of Georgia and County of Columbia, being in perfect sense
 and disposing mind & memory thanks be to God, and calling to
 mind, the uncertainty of this transitory world and that all flesh
 must yield when it pleases God to call, therefore I do make this
 my last will and Testament, and desire it may be received
 by all persons as such and as touching such worldly Goods
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I desire and
 dispose of the same in the manner & form following to wit.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son Stephen
 Turner one hundred and one quarters Acre of Land in Sandy
 Creek Morgan County, also one likely young Negro Woman
 named Sarah, also different sums of money lent & obligations
 taken up, also one valuable Saddle Horse Saddle & Bridle, also
 one Cow & Calf, also two Sows & fourteen Sheeps, also one
 feather Bed & furniture.

I then I give and bequeath, to my beloved Daughter Sarah Bellings
 -de a likely young Negro Woman named Nancy & her issue, also
 one likely Negro boy named Joe also one likely horse & saddle also two
 cows & calves.

I then I give and bequeath to my beloved grand Daughter, Martha
 Rebecca Coleman one Negro Girl named Esther and her issue also one Negro
 boy named Abraham. And if my grand ^{son} Daughter should die the said
 two Negroes Esther & Abraham to return to my two youngest daugh-
 ters Eliza & Martha for their benefit & to be equally divided between
 them. & I then give and bequeath to my beloved son, James S Turner

my beloved son John Turner my beloved Daughter Eliza M Turner
 my beloved son D Coleman Turner & my beloved son William H
 Turner my beloved Daughter Martha Turner, and my dearly beloved
 Wife Patsy Turner, all my personal Estate not already disposed of I do
 be equally ^{and} ~~and~~ impartially divided amongst my before mentioned
 Children, James S Turner John Turner, Eliza M Turner D Coleman
 Turner William H Turner Martha Turner and my beloved Wife
 Patsy Turner; and it is my will and desire that my beloved Wife
 have a complete and sufficient maintenance out of my ^{and} estate
 during her natural life.

I then it is my will and desire, that my Real Estate be equally and

impartially divided amongst my fornamed named Children to wit

James Turner, John Turner, Eliza M Turner, D Coleman, Turner White
and H Turner, Martha Turner, and my wife Patry Turner and it is
my request that my hereafter named Executors see that equal justice
and distribution be done in the division of the land, as also in
the appraisement, and valuation of the Slaves, so that my legals may
have no cause to murmur or complain.

Item and lastly, I nominate, constitute & appoint my beloved son
James Turner and my beloved son in law Francis Billingsley as
Executors of this my last Will & Testament ratifying & confirming
this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness
whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal the fourth day of
November eighteen hundred & twenty
signed, sealed pronounced & delivered John Turner
in presence of us

Thos White
John Parks
Robt Johns.

Monday Morning January 3rd 1825

Court met according to adjournment

Present Hon^{ble} William Jones
Arthur Foster
John Cartledge

The last Will and Testament of John Turner dec. was proved
approved of, and ordered to be recorded & letters of Testamentary to
issue to James Turner & Francis Billingsley

Extra d from Minutes. S. Crauford Clerk

Georgia } Thomas White one of the Witnesses to the foregoing
Columbia County } Instrument of writing after being duly sworn
on the Gospels of Almighty God; depose and oath that he saw John
John Turner sign, seal & deliver the within instrument as his last Will
and Testament, and that he was of sound mind at the time of
signing the same and that he signed the same as a Witness in the
presence of the Testator and that John Parks & Robert Johns signed
the same as Witnesses in his presence and in the presence of the Testator

According to in open Court
this 3rd January 1825

Thos White

In the name of God Amen, I John Turner, Senr of the

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State of Georgia and County of Columbia, being in perfect sense and disposing mind & memory thanks be to God, and calling to mind, the uncertainty of this transitory world and that all flesh must yield when it pleases God to call, therefore I do make this my last will and Testament, and desire it may be received by all persons as such and as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I do give and dispose of the same in the manner & form following to wit.

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First I give and bequeath to my beloved son Stephen Turner one hundred and one quarters Acre of land on Sandy Creek Morgan County, also one likely young Negro woman named Sarah, also different sums of money lent & obligations taken up, also one valuable Saddle Horse Saddle & Bridle, also one Cow & Calf, also two Sows & fourteen Sheeps, also one feather Bed & furniture.

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Item I give and bequeath to my beloved grand Daughter, Martha Rebecca Coleman one Negro Girl named Esther and her issue also one Negro boy named Abraham. And if my grand Daughter should die the said two Negroes Esther & Abraham to return to my two youngest daughters Eliza & Martha for their benefit & to be equally divided between them.

The last Will
approved of: and
signed by James

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son, James S Turner my beloved son John Turner my beloved Daughter Eliza M Turner my beloved son D Coleman Turner & my beloved son William H Turner my beloved Daughter Martha Turner, and my dearly beloved Wife Patsy Turner, all my personal Estate not already disposed of I do be equally ~~and~~ ^{and} impartially divided amongst my before mentioned Children, James S Turner, John Turner, Eliza M Turner, D, Coleman Turner, William H Turner, Martha Turner and my beloved Wife Patsy Turner; and it is my will and desire that my beloved Wife have a complete and sufficient maintenance out of my ^{and} estate during her natural life.

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and H Turner, Martha Turner, and my wife Patsy Turner and it is
my request that my hereafter named Executors see that equal part
and distribution justice be done in the division of the land, as also in
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have no cause to murmur or complain.
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James Turner and my beloved son in Law Francis Billingsplew
Executors of this my last Will & Testament ratifying & confirming
this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness
whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal the fourth day of
November eighteen hundred & twenty
Signed, Sealed pronounced & delivered John Turner
in presence of us

Thos. White.
John Parks
Robt. Johns.

Monday Morning January 3rd 1825
Court met according to adjournment
Present Hon^{ble} William Jones
Arthur Foster
John Bartledge

The last Will and Testament of John Turner dec. was proved
approved of; and ordered to be recorded & letters of Testamentary to
issue to James Turner & Francis Billingsplew

Extra d from Minutes. S. Crauford Clerk
George W } Thomas White one of the Witnesses to the foregoing
Columbia County } Instrument of writing after being duly sworn
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John Turner sign, seal & deliver the within instrument as his last Will
and Testament, and that he was of sound mind at the time of
signing the same and that he signed the same as a Witness in the
presence of the Testator and that John Parks & Robert Johns signed
the same as Witnesses in his presence and in the presence of the Testator
and in open Court
tho 3rd January 1825
S. Crauford Clerk

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Columbia County } By their Honors the Judges of the Court

of Ordinary for said County.

To whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Know Ye, that on the third day of January one thousand eight hundred & twenty five, the last Will and Testament of John Turner late of the County aforesaid, deceased, approved & allowed of, the said deceased having whilst he lived and at the time of his death divers goods, rights, and credits, within the County aforesaid by means whereof the approbation & allowing Testament, & the power of granting administration of all and singular the goods and Chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased to us is manifestly known to belong & that the goods & Chattels, rights & Credits of the said deceased, and his Testament if or anyway concerning was granted and committed to Francis B. Billingslee & James S. Turner, named in the last Will and Testament, being first sworn according to law, to make a true & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods & Chattels, rights, and credits of the said deceased, and to exhibit the same into the Clerk's office of the Court of Ordinary, to be recorded within three months from the date hereof; and render a just & true account, calculation and reckoning thereof when thereunto required.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand Seal of office this 3rd day of January 1825.

Wm. Jones, Clerk

Wm. Jones, Clerk

Recorded The 24th October 1825.

Georgia

This Indenture made this the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty five Between William S. Crawford of the County of Columbia & State aforesaid attorney in fact of Owen Williams of Leveston County in the State of Alabama (which power of Attorney from the said Owen Williams to the said William S. Crawford is dated on the 10th day of September 1823) of the one part and John Elliott of the State and County first aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said William S. Crawford attorney in fact aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand well & truly paid by the said John Elliott at or before

the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged, have granted bargained sold & conveyed & by these presents
and by virtue of the powers vested in him by the power of Attorney
said do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said John Lett his
him and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of Land situate
lying and being in the County of Wilkes in the Waters of Kemps
River containing sixty two Acres (more or less) beginning at a black oak
corner & running thence to a white oak corner thence to a Black Jack
corner thence to a pine corner & from thence to the Beginning adjoining
lands of Hammock Levi Parkinson & William Steel which said tract
of Land was sold and conveyed by William Steel to the said Owen Williams
on the twentieth day of May Eighteen hundred & six together with all &
singular the rights members & appurtenances thereof whatsoever
the said tracts of Land being belonging or in any way appertaining
and the Remainder reversions rents issues & profits thereof and of every
part thereof To Have & to Hold the said tract of Land and all &
singular the premises and appurtenances thereto belonging as
aforesaid and every part thereof unto the said John Lett his heirs & assigns
to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said John Lett his heirs
and assigns forever and the said William & Crawford Attorney in
fact as aforesaid & his heirs and the heirs of the said Owen Williams
tract of Land and premises aforesaid and every part thereof unto the
said John Lett his heirs and assigns against him the said William
& Crawford Attorney in fact aforesaid and the said Owen Williams
and his heirs and all & every other person or persons whatsoever shall
and will Warrant & forever defend by these presents. In Witness
whereof the said William & Crawford Attorney in fact aforesaid
hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day & year above
written

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presence of
Isaiah Littleberry Stanton
Jo. Wain.

Wm & Crawford

Georgia } Personally came Joseph Wain before me in
Columbia County } after being duly sworn saith that he saw
William & Crawford sign the within instrument of writing
for the within mentioned purposes and that he saw & attested

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Clanton sign his name as a subscribing Witness to the same

Suorn to before me this 11th

February 1826

Joseph Ware

Charles T Beall J.O.

Recorded the 6th March 1826.

In the name of God Amen I Archibald Hays of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes. Knowing the infirmity of human Nature and being in Right Mind do make the following distribution of my property, (D.V.), after my Just debts are paid I give my affectionate Wife (Louisa Hays) One half of my Estate Both Real and personal, and the half to my son Archibald Simpson Hays Infant (D.V.), my lands and tenements in the State of Kentucky also all the Rights, titles and Credits in the above mentioned State of Kentucky Together with all the lands, tenements, Rights, titles and Credits in the State of Georgia. In Case my son Archibald Hays should not live untilt Mature age or die intotalt then and in that case I will the above mentioned Estate to my beloved wife Louisa Hays In Case my wife and son Both should dye without Issue then and in that case my Brother John Hays will his my Lands and tenements in the State of Kentucky and No more the ballance is at my wife Louisa Hays disposal. In Witness whereof I Set my hand and affixed my Seal this 15th day of February 1822. And also appoint my wife as acting Executor to my above will and Testament

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Robert Simpson
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Arch^d Hays (Seal)

Georgia

Wilkes County } Personally appeared in Open Court Robert
Simpson One of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the within will who being duly Sworn saith he
Saw the testator sign seal and acknowledge the within

will and at the time of his being his wife found disposing
 mind and memory and that he subscribed the same as a witness
 of his presence of the Testator and at his Request Together
 with William C. Wines and Hester Simpson

Sworn to in Open Court 2nd

July 1825

John Sykes C.C.

Robert Simpson

Recorded 22nd June 1827-

In the Name of God Amen
 I Verlander Gardner of the County of Wilkes in the State
 of Georgia being of Sound Mind and disposing Memory
 Do Make and Ordain this My Last will and Testament
 And Do dispose of the property with which the almighty
 has blessed me with in manner and form following to wit
 Item It is my Will and desire that all my Just debts
 should be paid by Executors herein after mentioned as soon
 as the same can be conveniently done after my death.
 Item I give and bequeath to my friends Garaway Davis
 and Peter Crawford and Robert W. William, my Executors
 herein after named Two hundred two and one half acres
 of Land Lot Number Eleven in the Eleventh District
 of Houston County and Granted in my own name, also
 the following Negroes to wit, Jack London, Glasgow, Sarah and
 her son Mary, Nancy and her six children, Mary, Antoinette,
 London, Abraham Poley and Fanny and a Girl Adeline;
 Five feather beds and furniture, two Horses, one Mule, Hinder
 head of Cattle, stock of Hogs, four hogs and a Kitchen
 furniture, plantations tools together with all the rest and
 residue of my Estate whatsoever the same may consist
 of at the time of my death together with all the issue &
 Increase of the female Negroes aforesaid in Trust for
 the following uses and purposes to wit, the whole of my
 Estate Real and personal I desire may be equally divided
 amongst the heirs of the body of my Daughter Rachel

A Slave, as they may severally arrive at Lawfull age or
 many or their legal representatives share and share alike to them
 and their heirs forever. It is also my will and desire
 that my daughter Rachel A Davis if she should be reduced
 in her Circumstances, should receive a gentle support
 out of my Estate during life; and in the event of
 her becoming a widow It is my will and desire
 that she should receive an equal portion of my Estate
 with her Children, to her and her heirs forever.

I gave some time to enable my son in Law William
 Davis to pay for the tract of Land whereon he now lives
 in the County aforesaid loaned him the sum of Eleven hun-
 dred and twenty five Dollars and given bonds up to him
 the Negroes labour of my Negroes &c and the said William
 Davis has for the purpose of securing me for the money
 loaned and the hire of the Negroes aforesaid executed a
 Bill of Sale to me and delivered the following Negroes
 to wit Samuel Mcगत. Milley, Burton, Anderson & Peggy
 with the future issue and increase of the family
 It is my will and desire that the said Negroes
 shall be divided in the same manner as is pointed
 out in the second Clause of this will and
 if my said Son-in-law should at any time find it
 convenient to redeem the said Negroes last aforesaid
 by paying the money that he owes me; It is my will
 and desire that my Executors may permit him to do so
 and It is my will and desire that the money received
 from the said William Davis shall be divided among
 the Children of my Daughter Rachel A Davis and
 their Mother in the same manner that is pointed out in
 the second section of this Will share and share
 alike to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my friends Bayaway
 Davis & Peter Crawford and Robert McWilliam of Columbia
 Executors of this my last will and Testament, and I do
 hereby revoke and disannul all Wills or Wills heretofore

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Made by me duly ratifying and Confirming this to be my last will and testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 8th day of May 1824.

Signed & sealed by the Testator
in our presence & pronounced by
her as her last Will & Testament

Verlinda Gardner (Seal)

(Interlined before signed)

Shewell Evans Junr

Ann E. O. Harris

Shewell Evans Junr

In Chambers 6th March 1826.

Georgia } Personally appeared before us two of the Justices
Wilkes County } of the Superior Court for said County, ~~Shewell~~
Shewell Evans Junr and Shewell Evans Junr two of
the subscribing Witnesses to the within will and being
duly sworn deposed and said that the Testament was
Verlinda Gardner in their presence, did sign seal and
publish the within Instrument in writing to be her last
will and testament; and at the same time she was
of sound and disposing mind and memory, that
they signed their names as Witnesses in her presence &
at her request and that Ann E. O. Harris did sign her
name as a Witness with them to same.

Sworn to before us this
6th March 1826.

Thomas Wooten J. C.

John B. Lennard J. C.

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Shewell Evans Junr

Recorded 22nd June 1827.

In the name of God Amen.

I Walter Simpson of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia knowing the infirmity of human nature and being in my right reason and mind do make and constitute this my last will and testament that is to say

After the payment of my just debt I give to the Presbyterian Dispensary Society to which the Hopewell Society is a member eighty dollars -

I also give thirty dollars to the support of the theological Seminary at Princeton N Jersey -

Also give thirty dollars to the American Bible Society the Balance of my property I wish to be disposed distributed as follows - To George Hays I give one half of the remainder and the other half to be divided equally between William Simpson Robert Simpson and James Simpson all of the County and one that informed

And I do hereby constitute and appoint William Simpson Robert Simpson and Archibald Hays my lawful Executors to this my last will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 23rd of July 1822.

In presence of

John Lee

Walter L Campbell

Walter Simpson

George

Personally appeared at Open Court John Wilkes County, Ga and after being sworn that he saw the Testator Walter Simpson sign the last instrument of Writing as his last will and testament at the time of his being the Son of George and disposing of his Memory and that he introduced the same as a Witness Together with Walter L Campbell a Justice of the Peace and at his request sworn to for the Court this 23rd of July 1822. John Lee

In the Name of God Amen I Dudley Pool of the County
of Wilkes and State of Georgia Being in a low and languishing
State of health though in perfect mind & memory and Calling
unto mind the Mortality of My Body and knowing that
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 be Buried in a decent Christian
Burial after My death Nothing doubting but that at
the general Resurrection I shall Rise the same by the
almighty power of God to bless me in this life. I give and
dispon of in the following manner and form.

First I give unto My beloved wife Elizabeth. An plantation
whereon I now live during her natural life or widow hood
after which It is to be equally divided between the legal
Representatives, —

Also I give unto Judith Heid Three hundred and
fifty Dollars a Demand I have against William
Pool. I also Constitute and request that William Pool be
Guardian for the said Judith Heid I also give her
one feather bed and furniture — which is the part
of My Estate. I also give unto My beloved grand child
John I Pool. William J. Pool. Alfred C Pool.

My four draws in the approaching land calling if fortune
shall to be equally divided with them — which is the
part of My Estate also the Balance of My property
to be Equitably divided with the Legates after My death
or intermarriage of My wife Elizabeth Pool —

In Witness I have here with set My hand and
seal this 17th day of February in the year of our
Lords eight hundred and twenty six

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in presence of
Samford Puller
Thos. Reeves
Simpson M. London J.P.

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In the name of God Amen.

I Hester Simpson of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia knowing the infirmity of human nature and being in my right reason and mind do make and constitute this my last will and testament that is to say

After the payment of my just debt I give to the Presbyterian Missionary Society to which the Hopewell Presbytery is a member eighty Dollars -

I also give thirty Dollars to the support of the Theological Seminary at Princeton N Jersey -

Also give thirty Dollars to the American Babel Society the Balance of my property I wish to be disposed distributed as follows - To George Hays I give one half of the remainder and the other half to be divided equally between William Simpson Robert Simpson and James Simpson all of the County and State aforesaid

And I do hereby constitute and appoint William Simpson Robert Simpson and Archibald Hays my Lawfull Executors to this my last will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 23rd of July 1822.

In presence of

John Lee
Walter L Campbell

Hester Simpson

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Wilkes County } Personally appeared in Open Court John Lee and after being sworn saith that he saw the Testator Hester Simpson sign & seal the within instrument of Writing as her last will and testament & at the time of her so doing she was of sound and disposing mind & memory and that he subscribed the same as a witness Together with Walter L Campbell in presence of the Testator and at her request sworn to in Open Court this 1st May 1826 John Lee
J. H. Dixon C. C. O. Recorded 22 June 1827

In the Name of God Amen I Dudley Pool of the County
of Wilkes and State of Georgia Being in a low and lingering
State of health though in perfect mind & memory and 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
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Burial after my decease Nothing doubting but that at
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almighty power of God to bless me in this life. I give and
despon of in the following manner and form.

First I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth. the plantation
whereon I now live during her natural life or as long as she
after which it is to be equally divided between the legal
Representatives. —

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fifty Dollars a Demand I have against William
Pool. I also Constitute and request that William Pool be
Guardean for the saids Judith Hider I also give to
our feather bed and furniture — which is the part
of my Estate. I also give unto my beloved grand child
John I Pool William G. Pool. Alfred G. Pool.

My four draws in the approaching land calling of forty
to be equally divided with them — which is the
part of my Estate also the Balance of my property
to be Equitably divided with the Legats after my death
as intermarry of my wife Elizabeth Pool —

In Witness I have here unto set my hand and
seal this 17th day of February in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two

Signed Sealed and Delivered
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Wilkes County } Personally appeared in Open Court.
Sanford Pullen and Simpson W. London
two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and
being duly sworn say that they saw Dudley Pool sign
and seal the within Instrument of Writing as his
last Will and testament and that at the time of his
saying he was of sound and disposing mind &
Memory and that Thomas Rivers signed the same as a
Witness and that they signed the same as Witnesses
in the presence of the Testator
Sworn to in Open Court } Simpson W. London
May 1st 1826 - } Sanford Pullen
Jno H. Oyster, Clerk

Recorded the 22nd day of June 1827.

Georgia
Wilkes County } In the Name of God Amen I,
Gally Low of the State and County aforesaid being
in a declining State of health but of sound and
disposing mind and Memory and Calling to mind the
& Uncertainty of this mortal life and the Certainty
of death; Do make this my last Will and testam-
ent (W^{ill}),
I am 1st I desire that all my just debts be paid.
I am 2^d To my Grand Children the sons and Daughters
of my son Vincent B. Low I give and bequeath the
Land and plantation whereon I now live with all
its appurtenances, and also the following Negroes, W^{ill}
Sammy, Elor, Dick, Luns, Bill, and Gilbert to them and
their heirs forever, with this Express Condition that
their father my said son shall maintain and
support them during his life out of the above property
herein devised to his Children -
I am 3^d To my Grand Daughter Barthineas W. London
wife of Simpson W. London I give and bequeath the

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her husband Simpson McLendon shall in no manner whatsoever
dispon of the said Negroes nor they shall not be subject to
any of his debt, but shall be and remain the exclusive property
and right of my said Grand Daughter and the heirs of
her body.

I am 1st To my Daughter Judith Simpson and the heirs
of her body, I give the following Negroes viz. Doctor &
Simpson.

I am 2nd I give and bequeath to my Daughter Judith Simp-
son and Sam Douglass the following Negroes viz. Kelly
Leason Billy Lydia, Mon. Mariah. Sam Willis, Lucy
Buckner, Deliah Buck and Harry to be equally divided
between them, by Valuation of some Disinterested person for
that purpose, and the said Negroes to left to my said
Daughters are given to them and the heirs of their body
forever,

I am 3rd To my Daughter Sam Douglass and the heirs of
her body I give the following Negroes in addition to an
equal share of those mentioned in the last Item viz.
Lucy, Polly, and Martha, and upon the same Conditions
as is intended, and expressed in last Item before; and be
it expressly and further understood that Peter Harris son
of my Daughter Jane Douglass shall in no manner whatever
have any property so Willed to my said Daughter
Jane Douglass and the heirs of her body as is expressed
in the fifth and Sixth Item of this Will.

I am 4th To my Grand son Peter Harris I give the follow-
ing Negroes viz, Milbourn, Elbert and little Billy &
Should my said grand son die before he arrives at age
my Will and desire is that the property I have herein
left him should be divided equally between my Daughter
Jane Douglass and the heirs of her body and upon
the same principles of the property bequeathed my

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Said Daughter Jane Douglass as expressed before in the terms of this will.

Item 8th. It is my will and desire that that the residue of my property, of whatever it may consist may be disposed of for the purpose of paying my debts; and what ever balance is remaining after the payment thereof should be equally divided amongst the children of Vincent B. Law. Barbara M. Lendon, Lucinda, Simpson and Jane Douglass or the heirs of their bodies and my further desire is as as I have paid large sum of money for my son Vincent B. Law and for which I have in my possession the obligations for the same I do hereby freely give him the said amounts that I have paid him in full of his part of my Estate.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends John Lyson, John T. Graves and Robert M. Collier Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of November 1822,

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged by the testator as her last will & testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our

Names as Witnesses —

Robert M. Collier

James Curray

James Sherman

George

Personally appeared in Open Court at Chambersburg Wilkes County, On of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within will and being sworn said that in his presence, Sally Law did sign the same as her last will and testament, and that at the time thereof she was of sound disposing mind and memory and that he signed the same as a witness in her presence and at her request together

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of My property in fiction be divided between My wife and all My Children; And in Case of the death of either of My Children herein named; before they arrive at age or Marry, in that Case the surviving Children shall share his or her Share that I have given them equally and also all that part of My Estate which I have given to My wife at her Death My will and desire is that the same be equally divided among all My surviving Children And in Case also that of Any of My Children herein named should die without lawful issue; then their part of My Estate herein given shall be equally divided among all My surviving Children.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint My wife Polly Triplett Executrix and My son William Triplett & My friend Matthew Talbot Senr Executors of this My last will and Testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former wills by me made and declaring this to be My last will & Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand and Seal this fourteenth day of April in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty two

Signed Sealed published & declared by the Testator as his last will and Testament the word help being interposed before the signing in presence of

John Dyson.

Wm Triplett

Georgia Personally appeared in Open Court John Dyson Wilkes County a Subscribing Witness to the within instrument of Writing and being duly sworn on his Oath to wit that in his presence the Testator William Triplett did sign and acknowledge the within instrument as his last will and testament, and at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing Mind & Memory and that he subscribed the same as a Witness in the presence of the testator and at his request sworn to & subscribed in Open Court. John Dyson
this 14th day of September 1826. Attest Wm H. Dyson C.C. Recorded 23rd June 1827.

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aforesaid being well advanced in years, and knowing the
uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being
of sound disposing mind and memory. Thanks be to God
for the same do make, ordain and deliver the following to be
my last will and testament. That is to say.

1st And principally I recommend my soul to God who
gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian
like decent manner trusting in the ^{atonement} of an all suffi-
cient and merciful Saviour for a glorious resurrection and touching
my worldly property that I do give and dispose of the same
in the following manner Viz.

I have I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Lockhart
a Negro Woman named Nanny and her servants during
her Natural life and at her death to be divided equally am-
ong my four Children Viz John N Simpson, Lucy Murphy
Tabetha Foushe and Ester Booker and their heirs forever.
I give and bequeath to my son John Simpson Christmas
a Negro Man; and a Negro Child named Lebia and
at the death of my said son I give the Negro Child
Lebia to his son Charles.

I have I give to the Children of Elizabeth Booker and a
Negro Boy named Daniel to them and their heirs forever.
I have I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lucy Murphy
a Negro Girl named Mary and a Negro named
Jack to her & her heirs forever.

I have I give and bequeath to my Daughter Tabetha Foushe
a Negro Girl named Rose during her Natural life;
and at the death of my said Daughter Tabetha I give
the said Negro Girl Rose and her increase to Simpson
Foushe; son of my said Daughter and Jonathan Foushe
to the said Simpson Foushe and his heirs forever.

I have I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ester Booker
wife of Richardson Booker a Negro Girl named Ann
to her and her heirs forever.

Stand my will and desire is that the land I Own and wherein I now live Together with every description and species of property that I may possess after my death be sold; and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided amongst the several legacies or heirs as before expressed.

And lastly, I hereby Nominate Ordain and Appoint my Son John N. Simpson and my Son in Law Richardson Bookin Executors of this My last will and Testament hereby ratifying and Confirming them as such; and declaring this to be my Only, last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty five.

Signed, sealed & Acknowledged
by the Testator as her last will
and Testament in the presence of
us who have subscribed our names
as Witnesses in her presence and
presence of each other.

Lucy + Simpson
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Geo. W. Hammett
James Cooper

As decided to their last will and testament of Lucy Simpson made this 22nd day of March 1826. in addition of the above Will made & executed by me this 15th of June 1825 In the first Item of said Will I have given to my son John N. Simpson during his life a Negro Child named Delia and at his death the said Girl Delia I give to his son Charles. I hereby revoke that part of said Item which divides the said Negro Child Delia as aforesaid And in the fourth Item of my said Will I have given to my daughter Tabetha Fouché during her natural life a Negro Girl named Rosi; and at the death of my said daughter I have given the said Negro Girl Rosi and her increase to Simpson Fouché. My last and desire now is that I hereby give

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The said Negro Girl Rose and her increase and the Child
 sold in Trust to my son John N. Simpson for the use of my
 said Daughter Tabetha during his Natural life to be by him
 managed to the best advantage as trustee for my said Daughter
 Tabetha for her own use and advantage which property is not
 by any means to be under the Control of her husband
 Jonathan Hauke but to be alone the property of my said
 Daughter in trust as aforesaid and after her death all
 the property that I have herein given in trust for her I
 give to Simpson Hauke her son and his heirs forever And
 should my son John N. Simpson die before my said
 Daughter Tabetha my will and desire is that he appoint
 a Trustee in room of himself with the same power that
 I have herein given to him to take Charge of the property
 herein given in Trust to him for the use and purpose and
 for the benefit of my said Daughter Tabetha In the 6th
 Item of my said last Will that part of all the Real &
 residue of my property of every description which I have
 to be sold and the money arising from such sale to be
 equally divided amongst the several legates I hereby revoke
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 Tabetha and no further and my will and desire is
 that an equal share of the sale of said Property be
 taken in Trust by my Trustee here in before named for the
 use of my said Daughter Tabetha.

In testimony of which I hereby declare this to be
 a Codicil to my foregoing will and have hereunto set
 my hand & seal the day and date hereof in the
 beginning of this Codicil written

In testimony of which I hereby declare this to be a
 Codicil to my foregoing will and have hereunto set my
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 last will & Testament in Presence of
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 Lucy + Simpson
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Do Subscribe our Names as

Witnesses

Wm. Pesters

William Hopkins

John Dyson

Georgia

Personally appeared before us in Chambers
W. M. County } John Dyson a Subscribing Witness to the
Annexa will of Lucy Simpson dec'd and being duly
sworn deposed and said that the Testatrix, in her
presence did sign publish and declare the same as her
last will and testament that at the time of her so doing
she was of sound disposing mind and memory that he
subscribed the same as a Witness in her presence and at
her request and that George W. Hammett & James Cooper
did subscribe the same as Witnesses in her presence
and at the same time

Sworn to & subscribed before John Dyson.

us this 24th day of October 1826

Thomas Wootten J. C. C.

Charles C. Mills J. C. C.

Georgia

Personally appeared before us in Chambers
W. M. County } Wm. Pesters and John Dyson two of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the within Codicil to the will of
Lucy Simpson dec'd and being duly sworn deposed & said
that in their presence Lucy Simpson did sign seal and
declare the within Codicil as a Codicil to her last will &
Testament and at the time of her so doing she was
of sound disposing mind and memory that they
subscribed the same in her presence and at her
request as Witnesses and that William Hopkins subscribed
the same in their presence as Witnesses to the same
Sworn to and subscribed before us this 24th day of
October 1826.

Thomas Wootten J. C. C.

Charles C. Mills J. C. C.

Wm. Pesters

John Dyson

Recorded 28th June 1827.

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