

Said Guardianship is to bear in the event of her second marriage  
and the said Wards shall each choose their Guardian who is to be  
appointed by the Court of Ordinary and security given as in other  
Cases —

Eighthly It is my will that my Executor may see the Negroes of  
the Youngest Children (of whom she is guardian and acting as  
such) if the Executors by private Contract so have desire she may  
think proper always taking at least an hourly and such as  
she thinks good; and in case such hired Negro should be taken  
etc she shall not be chargeable with the same lost by such  
means. And she is further authorized if she should proper so to do  
to mark the said Negroes on the same belonging to her Wards  
and be accountable for what may be made (after deducting  
such expenses as she may see reasonable and necessary to incur)  
of Workmen Separally; or for other Share if the said Negroes should  
be worked with those of the other Children or with her own.  
Ninthly And to the end as far as may be to avoid the  
possibility of future litigation I further direct that if any  
difference of opinion should ever arise between all or any of  
the legatees named in this will or any persons claiming in the  
right of any of them it shall be the duty of my Widow  
or whosoever <sup>may</sup> here after have the execution of this will to  
apply as soon as conveniently may be to such persons (individually)  
or a Majority of them as may then compose the Court of  
Ordinary of this County who are requested in that Case to name  
three persons to decide on the Matters in Controversy which decision  
when made in writing by them or any two of them shall be  
final and conclusive and taken as if it were an explanatory  
Claim of this will. And if any legatee as aforesaid shall proceed  
at Law or in equity without having made every reasonable exertion  
to obtain such decision; or if made shall proceed in contra-  
diction or any in opposition to it such legatee shall forfeit all  
title under this will and the Legacies and bequests shall  
forfeit all titles under them which otherwise have gone to them  
shall in that Case vest immediately in all the rest of the  
legatees then in life share and share alike —

Signed, sealed, declared, and published  
by the above named Randolph, as  
and for his last will & Testament in  
the presence of us who at his request  
and in his presence, have subscribed  
our names as witnesses thereto

Rich Randolph (P.S.)

Saml. Barnett  
James A. Groves  
Oliver H. Prince

In the Court of Ordinary, Wilkes County  
May 10th 1828.

Personally appeared in Open Court James A. Groves one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and being duly sworn  
saith that he saw Richard Randolph duly execute the same.  
that said deponent together with Oliver H. Prince and Saml.  
Barnett Subscribed their names thereto as Witnesses in presence  
of the testator and of each other and that said testator  
at the same time was of sound and disposing mind and  
memory. Sworn to in Open Court 5<sup>th</sup> May 1828.

Attest.

James A. Groves

John H. Dyson Esq.

Samuel Barnett being severally sworn saith that he saw  
Richard Randolph duly execute the foregoing will by subscribing  
his name thereto that he the deponent attested said  
Will in the presence of said Testator. Deponent further saith  
that he knows the hand writing of James A. Groves and  
Oliver H. Prince and that he believes the attestation of said  
Witnesses is in their own proper hand writing - they may  
have subscribed in presence of this deponent and of the  
testator at the same time but of this deponent does not  
distinctly recollect.

Sworn to in Open Court  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1828.

Saml. Barnett

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John H. Dyson Esq.

State of Georgia

Wilkes County & I Richard Randolph of the State and County aforesaid having heretofore made and published my last will and testament, which is in the hand writing of O H Prince without date and attested by Samuel Barnett, James Givens and Oliver H Prince and being now disposed to make material alterations therein do publish the following as a Codicil thereto and require that as such it may be annexed and taken and carried into effect as a part of my said will.—

That is to say—

After all my just debts are paid, my will & desire is that all my Negro property which I now own or may here after ~~have~~ acquire by hunting, purchase or otherwise be divided into two equal parts as near as may be, either paying to the other the difference in money so as to make each share equal—after such division my wife Dolly Randolph shall be permitted to take her share and the other to go to and be held in my daughter Maria of Randolph—This has been as aforesaid, to be held and enjoyed by said wife and daughter and their heirs forever—severally—

My further will and desire is that all the rest and residue of my estate not herein mentioned, or mentioned and disposed of in my will aforesaid real and personal or chose in action, shall go to and be held and enjoyed severally by my said wife Dolly and my daughter Maria of Randolph alike—

Lastly—I do hereby revoke and annul the fourth and fifth section of my last will aforesaid, to wit, that part which is contained between the words "Fourthly" and "Sixthly" on the second page. Heretofore affirmed and republishing the balance of said will and the Codicil as my last will and Testament—In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 29th October 1827

Lined sealed & published in presence of

D G Campbell  
Samuel Andrews  
John St. Dyson

R. Randolph (R.R.)

In Wilkes Court of Ordinary May term 1828.

Personally appeared in Open Court Duncan Campbell Garnett and Andrew John H Dyer who being duly sworn say that they saw Richard Randolph duly execute the foregoing Codicil to his last will - that they the deponents in presence of each other and of the testator subscribed their names thereto as witness and that at the time of so doing said Testator was of sound mind and memory.

Sworn to in Open Court  
5th May 1828.

Thomas Woollen J.S.C.

Duncan G. Campbell  
Garnett Andrew  
John H. Dyer

Court of Ordinary - Wilkes County, May Term 1828.  
Sam. Barnhill, James A. Graves, Duncan Campbell Garnett, Andrew and John H. Dyer, having appeared in Open Court and taken and subscribed the ~~following~~ affidavits touching the probate of the Original will and Codicil of Richard Randolph deceased. Ordend that so much of said Original will as is not revoked by the Codicil be admitted to Probate and recorded - that the Codicil be also admitted to probate and recorded and that Letters Testamentary do open to the Executrix therein named. -

Recorded the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1828.

State of Georgia Wilkes County 2<sup>nd</sup> 1822.

I James Mathews of said County and State aforesaid now in usual health of Body and Strength of Mind Contemnning the uncertainty of life - the certainty of death and also the duty I owe to my family and friends to make a disposition of my worldly goods which it has pleased God to bless me with. which now I do in the following Manner.

First I will all my just debt be first paid.

Second I will the tract of land and all the plantation I now live on, all the stock, horses, Cows, Sheep hogs and

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all the household and a Hitching furniture I have now in possession and Lucy and her Child Mahah Wofford & Ceaser. Lucy and Daniel, to my wife Rebecca to have and enjoy in full possession during her Natural life and at her death to be equally divided among my Children as  
Fifthly I will to my son Jacob Abraham two Negroes Mike a Man and Sidney a Woman, One Bed and furniture.  
Sixthly I will to my son Jacob two Negroes Spencer and Amos and One Bed and furniture.

Seventhly I will to my son James two Negroes Seaborn and William both boys and One bed and furniture.

Eighthly I will to my son Phillip two Negroes Jerry and Dudley and One Bed and furniture.

Ninthly I will to my son Isaac Newton two Negroes Henry and Creasy and One Bed and furniture.

Tenthly I will to my sons Abraham Jacob & James in trust however for my Daughters Mary, Martha and Rebecca and their Heirs the property hereafter described after their Names or that may arise from an equal Distribution of the remains of my Estate, after my decease, with power to either of them my Sons, to hire out said property and apply it to the support and maintenance of the daughters for whom the property is held or may here after by distribution be designated, and also that the said Trust or either of them have power to dispose of any the property, that my Daughters or Daughters wish and also to buy <sup>out</sup> of any funds arising from this property, any kind of property desired by ~~since~~ my Daughters or either of them.

Eleventh I will to my Daughter Mary the following Negroes Mary a Woman and Caly her Child, and Emily a Girl with all the future increase and One Bed and furniture and One house to be Valued at Seventy five Dollars.

Twelfth I will to my Daughter Martha the following Negroes (Mrs) Charity a Negro Woman and her ~~Child~~ four Children and all the future increase) Hammet

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Gilbert, Micajah and Martha and Anna and furniture and  
One Horse the same as my daughter Polly e

Eleventh I will to my Daughter Rebecca the following Negroes  
Mike a boy. Alice (and her Children and all future American),  
and One bed and furniture and One horse the same as  
My Other Daughters and a Sack saddle. e

Twelfth I will the Ballance of My property not disposed  
of to be equally divided among my Children. e

Thirteenth I will that my Children receive out of the above  
fund Three hundred dollars in Cash. <sup>only</sup> Excepting those who  
have already received. which will be seen by referring to my  
Book e.

Fourteenth I will that my Executor pay for ten years annually  
to the parson of the fishing Creek Church or to the Mission  
board of the Georgia Association five Dollars for the sole  
purpos of education and also that they pay at sumtime  
to the Parson or board a. aforesaid five dollars to promote  
the state of education in the Baptist Ministry. e

Fifteenth — I will make a appoint Abraham M. Matthews,  
Jacob G. Matthews, and James. Matthews. Executor of this  
My last will and testament. e

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand  
and affixed my Seal this second day of November  
1822.

Signed in presence of

James Armstrong

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John Slack

J. A. Matthews (Seal)

The words, "and their heirs forever", was interlined by me  
at the request of James. Matthews

James. Armstrong

The Words for ten years interlined before signed

In Chambers 26<sup>th</sup> August 1828.

Georgia Personally came before me James Armstrong  
Wilkes County & one of the subscribing witnesses to the Will  
of James Matthews who being duly sworn deposed and said that he  
saw the Testator James Matthews sign and seal the same  
as his last will and testament and at the time of his  
so doing he was of sound and disposing mind & memory  
that he subscribed the same as a witness at the request  
of the Testator and in his presence.  
Deponed before me the 26<sup>th</sup>

August 1828.

James Armstrong

W.C. Allian J.S.C.  
Thomas Woolley J.S.C.

Georgia

Wilkes County & Personally appeared in Open Court Street  
Pool a subscribing witness to the Will  
of James Matthews who being duly sworn said that James Matthews  
acknowledged in his presence the Will as an instrument  
of writing to be his last will and testament and at  
the time of his so doing he was of sound and  
disposing mind and memory that he subscribed  
the same as a witness in his presence and at his request  
and that John Clark subscribed the same as a witness  
at the same time —

Deponed before me  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 1828

Howard Pool

Allentown

J.W.A. Dyson C.R.O.

Recorded the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1828.

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Wallie Pool

September 1828.

Georgia In the name of God Amen -  
Middle County

I Thomas Prather of the County and  
State aforesaid being in sound mind, consider-  
ing the certainty of death and the uncertainty  
of the time it may happen do frame constitute  
and arraign this my last Will and Testament  
in the year of salvation A.D.

Item the 1st I wish Wallie Pells to have the  
two hundred acres of Land that I gave him  
an which he now lives and that to be his full  
portion & all my Lands & Estate. It is my wish  
that all the negroes I now let him have shall be  
Retained with this increased to either with  
every other slaves of ~~my~~ <sup>his</sup> personal property  
Estate which he has had from me.

Item I give it is my desire for the negroes to be  
distributed by Totalty, so that no two <sup>or</sup> more  
equal as they can be fixed without dividing the  
families to any extent and drawing or by my  
four legatees or their executors Repudiations

(W. J. P.) Wallie Pells (as I Prather Delibet  
Brother Anderson & Prather Thomas & Prather

Should one Legatee draw a lot of less value  
than another it must be made equal to the most  
valuable by an addition of money which money  
must be paid when the Legatees marry or arrive  
to the age of Twenty one years old.

Item 3. It is my desire for my son Elias  
Prather to have a two year balance of ~~of~~ <sup>at</sup> a  
Chest.

Item 4. It is my desire that all the remain-  
der of my <sup>Personal</sup> Estate shall be exposed for a sale agree-  
able to the common form of Executrix Sales  
and the proceeds equally divided between my four

*Sigalus abbas nascitur*

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my desire to sell my Real Estate except, the Two hundred Acres which I have given to my wife to be distributed between my four youngest children. Elias & his brother O<sup>b</sup> C. L. & his brother S<sup>r</sup> Evans & his brother S<sup>r</sup> Thomas P<sup>r</sup>ather or the second third,

Item 6<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that the Land  
may not be divided or sold but the negroes that  
belong to her four youngest children shall remain  
upon it, until one of them attaineth the age of  
one & twenty years, then if they marrie & have  
children their land shall be divided among  
them & the executors shall proportion the  
same & with the whole of the Land & him and  
the negroes of the minors and let the negroes  
of age have his proportion of the part of  
the Land, &

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my Executals do many interffreath this day last  
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In witness whereof I have affixed my  
hand & seal in the presence of *John*  
this 4<sup>th</sup> November 1838.

This 9<sup>th</sup>  
July 1840  
W<sup>m</sup> B<sup>r</sup> Smith  
W<sup>m</sup> Franklin  
Break fast

Thomas Brathwaite

Georgia Personally appear'd before me as a  
Wilkes County & witness of the subscriber, Count-  
for a summary of his pasts in that said County -  
John Moss and Vincent K. Dow who being just  
and clear say that they saw Thomas <sup>Bro</sup> Dow  
that sign date & execute the within instrument  
of writing as his last Will and Testament, and that  
at the time of his so doing he was of sound <sup>ed</sup>

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desposing Mind & Memory & that they signed their names without the presence of said Thomas P. Gathen as Subscribing Witnesses and also saw William H. Franklin & Thomas Jackson sign their names unto as Subscribing Witnesses in the presence of said Testator ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Executive.

Sworn to & Subscribed before  
us this 15<sup>th</sup> November 1838. E. Thos. M. S.

John 1<sup>st</sup> Leonard ~~Stor~~ 3 W<sup>3</sup> Lawe  
W<sup>m</sup> C. Hanson ~~Stor~~

Recorded December 10th 1899

State of Georgia & October 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1821.  
Wilton County No 3 In the name of God I do now  
mind and remember and declare that it is  
appointed unto all men to die I have thought  
proper to make this my Last Will & Testament  
And first I do command my soul to  
Almighty God who gaveth me this day of Grace  
to my Friends hoping may be it decently  
Informed as to the distribution goods etc  
which has pleased God to bestow upon me I make  
the following Disposition.

Item 14<sup>th</sup> It is my Will that all my just  
Debts be paid out of the Crop which I may have  
growing or growing the proceeds of the sale  
of Land wherout I live, sugar & starch  
plantation Tools and engraving which I may  
have bequeath.

Then I wd. I give a ~~big~~ walk unto my  
beloved wife Mary one third of that pincen-  
tation wherow Elliott G Harris stow lies includ-  
ing the house and as much of the cleared  
Land as she may think fit John to Take.

as many of the plantation Tools as she may need  
 Stack of all Kinds at her own Will. So take what-  
 ever may think necessary for her use of my House  
 and all Kitchen Furniture, what she may  
 think will be necessary for her comfort & convenience  
 also the following Negroes. viz. Moses, Nelson  
 Charles, & Nancy. Minerva & Permenter also my  
 aunc and Carl, at her death or my wife that my  
 Daughter Emily Stans to be my Coffield, son  
 James and take care of him, for her trouble  
 she shall be intitled to the use of Charles and  
 Minerva so long as he may live & in case  
 the said negroes ar either of them dying  
 before James she shall draw there or the sum  
 reasonable board for James.

I give \$300.00 to my son James W. May, also \$100.00 besides what I have already  
 given him which is fifteen hundred & Thirty  
 Dollars.

I give \$100.00 to my son James W. May  
 and share of the residue of my  
 property after making my other children each an  
 amt of Permenter hundred and fifty Dollars I  
 give him my bed boards extra, for services done  
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I give \$100.00 to my Daughter Amanda  
 Bailey Sylora & her four children Perry -  
 Mildred, Lucy and Nancy and their increase  
 at Sixty Dollars & Two Brds & con-  
 tinue at Eighty Dollars —

I give \$100.00 to my Daughter Emily  
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The conditions on which I have given this prop-  
erty to my Daughter are these, That I should ultim-  
ately die before the property shall descend  
to my other children Jane Perry & William to  
Bailey and Simon & Martha & Harry to Harris  
and as soon thereafter should descend this, whereupon  
the said property to revert to ~~Edward~~ them, unless

I am left. It is my Will that my grand  
son John & Ray have an equal part with  
my other children of the deducting ~~Edward~~ him and  
Harris which I have given to his Father &

It is further my Will that my affuec Son  
James have an equal portion of my Estate  
to be managed for his use by my Executors  
and at his death to be equally divided by his  
surviving Brothers & Sisters.

Wherefore it is my Will that my Son  
Samuel W. Ray & wife Elizabeth Bailey & C.  
Harris be my Executors to this my Last Will  
& Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand & seal this third day of October one  
Thousand Eight hundred & Twenty Eight  
Signed Sealed Published &  
deemed sufficient & valid

Thomas H. Weston

Thomas Harris

Henry P. Weston

Edgar J. Davis

Personally appeared in open  
Court in the County of Court Thomas Weston and  
Henry P. Weston two of the subscribers wit-  
nessed to the annexed Will who being sworn saith  
that they saw John Ray the Testator sign &  
seal the same as his Last Will & Testament  
and at the time of his so doing he was of sound

and disposing mind & memory that they subscribe the same as it appears in the presence of the Testator and at his request together with Thamas Harris.

Be it known to an open court } Thamas Moolten  
5<sup>th</sup> January 1829. }  
Charles Mills Esqlo 3 Henry P. Moolten

Recorded Decr 16<sup>th</sup> 1829 -

White Plains West County State of New York the  
28<sup>th</sup> August one thousand eight hundred  
and Sixty four -

By the blessing of Providence I am now in health  
and in confidence anxious of my judgment having  
resolved to settle all that concerns of thine and to  
the satisfaction of my conscience Despise of my  
property according to have made out a will in my  
Last will and Testament in the following words

In consideration of the gentle services you  
have rendered me and the burden of the expenses  
necessarily bestowed on me in sickness & in health  
I beseech her for her to enjoy all my effects  
without let or molestation the following Provisions  
privileges as follows.

Item. Negro Stere & Mangata or at her own  
choice if she prefer it, one hundred Dollars &  
said negro or that, to enjoy during her natural  
life, if she prefer the aforesaid Negro after a year  
to return in full property to my said Daughters  
Eunice & Fairisa as their issue -

Item. all the Beds Furniture which are in  
my Bed room at my decease for her to enjoy  
during her natural life & at her decease the

return as aforesaid -

Item. Walnut Table as aforesaid or

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die while alive some other mard or ha. w. of the same  
value, to return as aforesaid unless out of use when  
alive -

Item. Two cows & calver of her own chace

Item. one cow & figs -

She shall have the use of the house where Mr.  
Limpson lives together with the other buildings  
appertaining thereto. Privilege of the yard  
Pastur. for her cattle also the use of the orchard  
The use of one square of the garden & if she per-  
mit it my Executors are bound to build her a  
small garage Eufference since the deceas of  
my wife having regard with shade in hot weather  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 1838 they and their children are an July 1<sup>st</sup> bound  
Louisa to return her affection & withdraw from her  
in her self and the same affection her solicitation  
may arise as in gratitude for her services  
she is entitell to -

Item. To Emily I confirm the gift I made her in  
full property of the old Hill & Chaplin without  
disadvantage the her right of inheritance in  
Equal share with her sister of the balance of  
my Estate -

Item. One Bay mare Filly Six years old two cows &  
calver my cherry cupboard & the Maple Tableding  
besides the Bed & Furniture she has in her Bed  
Room all these without prejudice to her right of  
Inheritance as aforesaid or

Item. I confirm to Louisa Lucy & her children  
another named Sally I gave her in full property  
without prejudice to her right of an Equal Share  
of the Balance of my property with her Sister  
& the exec of the above not adveresable to my  
Estate but equally to be her property &  
I appoint Mrs Cabot Limpson to be Executor

to this my last Will & Testament. & Adjourn Mr Alexander Hupson to him on the performance of this last office Mr Hupson being a particular friend of mine I recommended him to the attention of all my children Mr Simpson in particular so that he might the same usage from which he has received from me & be considered in the family as the friend of those deceased parents.

Item. The Plantation Gregors slaves cattle, stock of hogs & plantation tools. The obligation of the present testament being duly fulfilled shall not be divided nor sold but distributed in the following manner. The plantation shall be cultivated as usual with the hands and horses not camped behind in the Legacies to the Benefits of Emily and Mr Simpson in right of his wife Lavinia under his immediate control & the rest proceeds shall be divided among both slaves. if Mr Simpson attains personalty he is entitled to the customary remuneration & as Executor to what the Law determines. or he will appoint, and oversee under his direction the increase of stock exceeding the necessary support of the plantation may be equally divided & should Emily, Mary the present disposition may remain the same or the amount and value of her share may be paid to her.

Mr Hupson as long as he lives or chooses will leave the plantation his food & raiment he always had with me. and I wish him to have as though I was living.

And in the event that such an arrangement should take place between Mr Simpson & Emily as above mentioned the whole devolving there to Mr Simpson changing nothing to the D.

Present his position offering the natural age of  
Euphrasine —

Test-

Alex Hupson

Joseph S Foster

William S <sup>his</sup> Foster

mark

• No <sup>and</sup> Lipsowtre ~~say~~

P.S. Moreover I give to Euphrasine my  
Dear Board the whole of my Kitchen Furniture &  
one half of my Bed & Table cloths. The other half  
of the Bed & cloths I give to Emma Lipsowtre.

I desire Mr. Robert Simpson to have a  
smoke house & a hen Roost built for Euphrasine.

I give to Emily Lipsowtre my clock with  
its case —

I give to Rabb. Simpson my gold Watch

Alex Hupson

Joseph S Foster

William S <sup>his</sup> Foster

mark

• No <sup>a</sup> Lipsowtre

Court of Oranary January Term 1839.

Personally appeared in open Court Joseph S  
Foster and William S Foster Subscribing witness  
to the within Will and Codicil who after having  
been sworn in due form of Law did attest  
say that Nicholas Lipsowtre acknowledged in  
their presence that he signed the within Will & that  
at the time of so doing he was of sound and  
disposing mind & memory & that they subscribed  
the same as witnesses thereto and that they saw  
Alexander Hupson also attest the same & that they  
do subscribe as witnesses in the presence of the  
testator.

Learn to open Court

January 1839.

John S Dyer bbo

Joseph S Foster

his

William S Foster

About to commence a journey of few weeks there are  
certainty of life makes it prudent that I should leave  
with my family a sum a random in form of a  
will with regard to the distribution of my property

I therefore this 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1825 execute this instru-  
ment, as my last Will my wish is that my just debts  
be all paid, so soon as it can be done without too  
much sacrifice, I then leave and bequeath unto my  
wife Mary Shepherd one dwelling house & different  
Lots in the Town of Washington or adjoining to  
the Town - I also leave her Dangerfield his wife  
& all their children, being at this time eight in number  
in addition to the above legacy it is my desire  
that my wife should have an equal proportion  
of all my other property with that of our children that  
is to say that she is to draw a share part of all  
my property besides the house. Let it moreover be  
known the whole of the property will to her is  
to be entirely at her disposition. It is my particular  
wish and desire that Mrs Hillhouse my Mother in Law  
should always be a member of our house hold & in  
the event of her not living my wife I beg that she  
will care for with her children, and that my executors  
would hire some female of her situation to assist her  
in the management of the Family. I desire that  
all my children be liberally educated. This I beg  
may not be neglected as it is one of my just wishes  
I leave to all my children an equal proportion  
of my property after paying my debts & contingent  
this, making proportion as above. Just and  
unpartially being my object I think it right that  
should my Family get any property by their  
grand Mother Mrs Hillhouse that that  
should be taken into consideration in the division  
of my property in as much as the children by my  
present wife draws an equal proportion off

all my Estates upon reflection it would perhaps be  
 wrong that Elizabeth Maria Should have an interest in  
 any Property which might fall to the family through  
 Mrs Hillhouse her having a Legacy left of Two  
 Thousand Dollars by her uncle Peter Gilbert  
 that with an equal part of my Estate with the  
 other children would make her Estate fully equal  
 to thins. I therefore revoke this clause in my will  
 relating to the property of Mrs Hillhouse. In the  
 event of my dwelling house being burnt or dis-  
 trayed in any way whatever it is to be rebuilt  
 if my wife Should wish it out of my Estate  
 at a comfortable one purchased if she should  
 prefer it anywhere else. all improvements nece-  
 ssary to be made to be done at the expence of my  
 Estate until a general division Should take place  
 It is my desire that my children be kept altogether  
 with their mother & grandfather except it Should  
 be necessary to put them out to educate. all expen-  
 ces which may accrue in raising & supporting my  
 Family are to come out of my Estate until they  
 are and a part or all that they may be entitled to  
 it is my wish that my Executors do give off to  
 my children as they come of age as many as  
 much of my Estate as they may think advisable  
 remaining at the same time the interest of the  
 other children. I also leave to my wife the whole  
 of the furniture on the Lot as it may stand at the  
 time of death. It is my sincere wish & desire that  
 my negroes Should all be treated with the greatest  
 humanity, my old man Daniel I leave to my  
 wife also his wife Piggy Nursing She will treat them  
 with the greatest kindness. Should they survive their  
 master it is my wish that in consequence of their  
 extraordinary good conduct that they Should be freed  
 from labor & supported comfortably out of my Estate

it is my sincere desire that my Family <sup>be</sup> all satisfied with  
this my last Will fulfilling a wish I do, give justice  
to all and that the greatest harmony may prevail.

I take the liberty of nominating Mr George Gilmore  
atty of Lexington Mr. William A Grant. of the neigh-  
bourhood Mr. Alexander Pope atty & my wife  
as whole and sole managers of my Estate as  
Witness my hand & dated as above this thirty  
first October 1828

Attest,

John O'Leary

John Shepherd —

Wm F Gray

John O'Leary

Seared Court of Ordinary

Wilkes County regular Term ~~1828~~

fifth day of January 1829,

Petitionally appeared in open Court John O'Leary  
who after being sworn in form of Law an oath  
saith that the above signature of John O'Leary  
is his and is genuine —

Sworn to me before me

5<sup>th</sup> January 1829,

John O'Leary

John O'Leary

Georgia Personally appeared before us  
Baldwin County Lewis H Brown & Tharaw Woolver  
In Chambers Justices of the Superior Court  
of the County of Wilkes Phillip C Grier a Subscript  
being witness to the within Will who after being sworn  
in form of Law an oath saith that he saw  
Andrew Shepherd the Testator sign the within  
Will & that at the time of so doing he was of sound  
disposing Mind & Memory & that he the subscriber  
subscribed the same as a witness in the presence of  
the Testator and that he saw William F Gray &  
John O'Leary subscribe his name as attorney

in presence of the Testator —  
 Lewis S Brown A. B. } — PL Givens  
 Thomas W Dutton A. B. } —

Received December 15<sup>th</sup> 1829.

In the name of God Amen.

I Woodsow Hubbard of Wilkes County  
 and State of Georgia being up bound in set by  
 mind but living in Bad health I do therefore  
 make out and date this my Last Will and Testa-  
 much no farm, &caviles. I am my wife is as  
 soon as possible that all my just debts be paid  
 I give to my beloved wife Mary  
 Hubbard all my house hold & Utensils  
 together with my stock of cattle & my horses  
 and Cart.

I give to my beloved wife  
 Mary Hubbard & my servants to wit Harry  
 Lucy Sappia Hartt & me.

I leave my wife Mary Hubbard  
 my servant Simon during her life and at her  
 death is to be the property of my Brother Jacob  
 Hubbard and his heirs forever. Signed this 1<sup>st</sup>  
 April 1829.

Test, James Mathews  
 Richard Hoff  
 Winsow Hubbard

Woodsow Hubbard

Georgia Es. Personally appeared before  
 Wilkes County Prob. Court Richard Hoff one of  
 the witnesses to the within Will who then fully  
 sworn saith he saw the Testator sign & seal  
 and heard him publish the same as his last  
 Will and Testament & at the time of his so  
 doing he was of sound disposing mind and

memory and that he subscribed the same as a  
 witness in his presence, & at his request together with  
 James Mathews & William Hubbard  
 bearing to an open court,  
 Novr 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829. Richard Hoff  
 I A Dwyer to C. J.

Received Decr. 11<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Georgia In the name of God Amen  
 Wilkes County I

I declare & recollect of the  
 County and State aforesaid being of sound and  
 disposing mind and memory do make & ordain  
 this my last Will and Testament in manner  
 and fashion following:

First, I require that my just Debts be  
 paid out of my Estate,

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife  
 Mary Ann Barracott now Mrs. Dwyer a pair  
 of Sheets & Coverlets.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my two children  
 Frances Barracott, and Rebecca Barracott, jointly  
 the Balance of my Estate both real & personal say  
 Lands, making but one Stock House held furnished  
 of all descriptions to be taken charge of by my  
 Executors hereafter appointed here immediately  
 after my death and by them managed to the best  
 possible Benefit, and interest of my two children  
 maintenance and Education which I leave to  
 the entire management of my Executors.—

And my further request is that when my children  
 come of age my Property or avails of Property  
 as they may sell and convey and do what  
 they may think is for the Best. May be equal

divided between my two children & not before -  
and lastly I do appoint Thomas Son of Elbert  
County Horbert Barracott of South Carolina  
James Wingfield and Thomas Cornell of this  
County my Executors to this my last Will &  
Testament, revoking all wills or parts of wills  
hitherto made by me.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June  
by 1829.

Test. Thomas Cornell } G W Barracott  
Edward Ballard }  
Jas. Wingfield }

Georgia Wilkes County

In Chambers June 10<sup>th</sup> 1829

Personally appeared before us Lewis Brown &  
William C. Allison Two of the Justices of the  
Inferior Court for said County, Thomas  
Cornell and James Wingfield Two of the subscribers  
being Ministers to the within Will and being duly  
sworn deposed & say that they saw the Testator  
Barracott & W. C. Allison sign & seal the within  
instrument of writing as his last Will & Testa-  
ment, and at the time of his so doing he was  
of sound disposing mind & memory That they  
subscribed the same in his presence and at  
his request and in the presence of each other  
Signed with Edward Ballard

Witnessed & subscribed  
before us this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1829 -

Lewis Brown J. S. } Jas. Wingfield  
Wm. C. Allison J. S. }

Georgia } Personally appeared before  
Wilkes County } Court Edward Ballard

the other subscribing witness to the within will who  
being first duly sworn saith that he saw Garland  
W. Barratt sign & seal the foregoing instrument  
and that at the time of his so doing he was of  
sound and disposing mind & memory that he  
signed his name thereto as a subscribing witness in  
the presence of and by the request of the testator  
and that he saw James Wingfield & Maria  
Turner also sign their names thereto as subscribing  
witnesses.

Swear to & subscribed in } Edward Wingfield  
open court this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1829. }  
John N. Dyer, Clerk }  
John N. Dyer, Clerk }  
Edward Wingfield }

Ricard Decr. 1<sup>st</sup> 1829

In the name of God Amen

I Edward B. Wingfield of Wilkes  
County Georgia being in a sound state of  
health but fearing in mind do make this  
my last Will & Testament informing all among  
me. I give to Charles Anna Wingfield  
one plowshare of land of sixty acres now  
Charles Wingfield.

Item the second. I give unto Saphia  
W. Wingfield Elizabeth B. Wingfield. Mary  
J. Wingfield Palley W. Wingfield & Charles  
Ann W. Wingfield an Interest of Land in  
Covington County No. unknown

I truly appoint and constitute Charles  
Wingfield Executor to my Will —

Signed & sealed in  
the presence of  
Jabes Adams  
Charles Wingfield  
Elizabeth Wingfield  
H. M. B. Turner

Edward B. Wingfield

Georgia - Persumably appeared in open court  
 Meriwether County } Charles Wingfield one of the  
 Subscribing Witnesses to the within will witness  
 having sworn saith he saw the Testator Edward  
 B. Wingfield sign seal & publish and declare  
 the within instrument of writing as his last  
 Will & Testament and at the time of their so  
 doing he was of sound disposing mind &  
 memory that he subscribed the same as a will  
 and his presence and at his request together  
 with Elizabeth Wingfield & Lazarus Adams  
 Swore to in open  
 Court Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1839 } Chas Wingfield  
 Notary Public  
 I A Dugayon Clio }

Georgia - Persumably appearing in  
 Meriwether County } open court John W  
 Butler one of the Subscribing Witnesses  
 to the aforesaid Will & being sworn saith  
 that he saw the Testator acknowledging the  
 aforesaid instrument of writing to be his  
 last Will and Testament and at the time  
 of his so doing he was of sound & dispor-  
 sing mind and memory & that he signs  
 the same as a Witness in his  
 presence and at his request  
 Swore to in open  
 Court Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1839 } John W. Butler  
 I A Dugayon Clio }

Received Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1839

In the name of God Amen —

I John Jackson of the state of Georgia and County of Miller being sick but of sound mind and memory do make this and ordain this my last Will & Testament after my funeral expenses & just debts are paid, my will is that the whole of my Estate both Real and Personal be at the disposal of my Executrix to be by them managed as they may think most convenient — during my wife's widowhood or until of my childrens marrying or leave of age & then to be equally divided among my wife and children. I my Will further is that my wife Corinthia goeth out with my Father Mykele Jackson and my friend John Drayton to be Executors to this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke and disallow of all other Wills or Testaments hereof made by me —

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1829  
Signed sealed & delivered  
In presence of { John Jackson  
John Jackson  
Abraham Danmer  
James Ware }

Court of Ordinary January Term 1829—  
Came in person into office Court of John Danmer & Abraham Danmer who after having been sworn in due form of Law and hath saith that they saw John Jackson sign the within Will and that at the time of so doing he was

In the name of God & man -

I John Jackson of the state of Georgia and County of Miller being sick but of sound mind and memory do make this and ordain this my last Will & Testament after my funeral expenses & just debts are paid, my will is that the whole of my Estate both Real and Personal be at the disposal of my Executrix to be by them managed as they may think most convenient - during my wife's widowhood or until of my childrens marrying or leave of age & then to be equally divided among my wife and children. I my Will further is that my wife Corinthia goeth out with my Father Mykele Jackson and my friend John Drayton to be Executrix to this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke and disallow of all other Wills or Testaments hereof made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1829  
Signed sealed & delivered  
In presence of { John Jackson  
John Taylor  
Abraham Danmer  
James Ware }

Court of Ordinary January Term 1829-  
Came in person into office Court of John Danmer & Abraham Danmer who after having been sworn in due form of Law and hath saith that they saw John Jackson sign the within Will and that at the time of so doing he was

of said and despairing their memory  
and that they saw James Ward & his son  
the same as a witness and that they also subscribed  
as witnesses and that they all subscribe as witnesses  
in the presence of the testator & in the presence  
of each other.

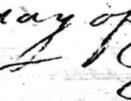
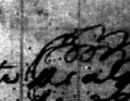
Bear to the open road, Abraham Danvers  
25th January 1829.

John St. Wyson test 3 John Danvers  
Recorded Decr 18th 1829,

I in the name of God Amen  
I Thomas S. Tate of the County of Belknap  
and State of New Hampshire Considering the im-  
mortality of mortal life do make & subscribe and  
establish this my Last Will & Testament hereby  
mentioning all others by me made. In the first place  
my last debts funeral & funeral expenses  
to be paid by my Executor hereafter named.

Secondly. I give my Sister Catherine P. Tate and  
her husband Danvers. Thirdly I give to my brother Law-  
rence P. P. Tate and his husband Danvers, fourthly  
all the residue of my Estate both real & personal of  
whatsoever kind or description whether consisting of  
Land negroes bonds instruments of writing or  
any kind whatsoever I give to my Eldest Brother  
(to wit Finsay W. Tate) to have and his heirs  
forever, and Lastly I nominate consolidate and  
appoint Finsay P. P. Tate sole Executor to this my  
Last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal to affix my seal  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1823.

Test Enos Tate junior  Thomas S. Tate   
A. Hamblen d.

Wellies Inferior Court sitting for aramary pumpers,  
or ovelmbe Sirys 1839.

Persumably appeared in open Court - Enos  
Gate and Richard Rich Two of the said subscribing  
Witnesses to the within Will and after being sworn  
say that they saw the Testator ~~that~~ Gate sign  
the within Will & at the time of so doing he  
was of sound and disposing mind & memory  
and that they signed the same as Witnesses at the  
presence of the Testator Together with Alfred  
Hammond and in the presence of each  
other —

Sworn to in open Court,  
et sworn in D<sup>r</sup> 1829.

Mo St Dyson 665 E Richland Rich

Rearad Dier 31<sup>st</sup> 1829.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> of June of the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred & Twenty one - - -

This my Last-Will & Testament I John Lawson  
servt. at present Low in body but sound in mind  
and memory

I do will & bequeath unto John Willbourn  
Son of my Daughter Elizabeth Willbourn the  
Balance of her part of my Estate. But should  
John Willbourn die before he comes to the age of  
Twenty one years I do allow the above said Balance  
to come back to my own children -

I do write and bequeath unto Garrison Haw  
Lawsow my grand son an small negro worth  
Two hundred and Twenty five Dollars and have  
worth Eighty Dollars and Twenty Pounds of feathers  
and Blw. Pick - But should Garrison Haw  
die before he becomes Twenty one years of age

I do allow the above said property to come back  
to my own children —

I hereunto set my hand & seal on  
Test. John & Daniel Thomas Daniel his  
Pleasant Lawson John + Lawson son <sup>mark</sup>  
Pleasant Lawson mark

Nover Term of the Court of ordinary of  
Wilkes County 1829. —

Personally appeared in open Court  
Pleasant Lawson & John & Daniel who after  
being duly sworn deposed that they saw other  
Lawson the Testator sign & seal the within  
Last Will and that at the time of so doing  
he was of sound and disposing mind & memory  
and that they signed the same in the presence of  
the Testator and also saw Thomas Daniel  
sign the same in the presence of the Testator  
Swear to in open Court — John & Daniel  
Nover 3<sup>rd</sup> 1829. Pleasant Lawson

Most Duly Obediently

Pleasant Lawson

Received Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1829.

In the name of God Amen —

I now all men by these presents that I  
William S. Foster of the County of Wilkes State of  
Georgia taking unto me the most lately of my  
days and knowing it is appointed unto me to die  
to die who am good health and of sound  
disposing mind & memory do make & ordain  
this my Last Will & Testament in form to  
manner following —

By first of all I will that all my just debts  
be paid out of any money or crop that I may  
be possessed of at the time of my decease

or otherwise by the sale of property as may remain  
concurrent with the view of my Executrix.

I now bind I give and bequeath to my beloved  
wife Susanna Foster four of her own choice of  
negroes that I may now possesse of at my death  
together with any increase that may arise from said  
negroes during her natural life & and should she  
not be desirous to keep the increase of these four  
negroes if any, my Executrix shall make sale of  
such increased and make an equal division of  
the money among all my heirs Specified in this  
my last Will and Testament also her choice  
of two horses from my stock three cows & calves  
one with calf as she may think proper twenty  
head of hogs six head of sheep three bedsteads  
& furniture and household and kitchen furniture  
such as she may make choice of if any & keep  
possession of my house & land upon which I  
reside during her natural life exclusive of  
my other lands that I am now possessed of at my  
death. Provided nevertheless that my  
son Joseph Foster shall not be debared the sum  
of living on the said tract of Land - And  
after my debts are all paid & my wife has made  
election of her legacy my Executrix shall sell  
all the balance of my property both personal &  
real on a twelve months credit to the highest  
bidder and when collected make an equal division  
between all my lawful heirs with this exception that  
my Daughter Eliza shall only draw out of her  
contribution her Due proportion of the sum  
of children she has now or may have here after  
including herself as one the balance of said  
distributed & shall be put in possession of James  
Gus children or their guardians for their own

proprie and benefit during life — And Mitchell  
 Henderson having all ready received Two negroes —  
 Nancy & Mary & two little girls with other articles  
 of property and horses &c. And my daughter  
 wife of said Henderson being dead & the Relation  
 ship being dissolved I therefore give no more of  
 my Estate to said Henderson. I therefore give unto  
 my two grand children provided they should  
 now live to the years of age Miss Joseph Hen-  
 derson and Thomas Henderson the children of the  
 said before mentioned Mitchell Henderson an  
 equal part with the rest of my lawful heirs —  
 which said distribution share of they both only draw-  
 ing one share shall be kept in the hands of my  
 Executrix at interest until the said Joseph and  
Joseph Henderson shall arrive to the age of  
 Twenty one years — Should either die before they  
 come of age the other to draw his part, and if  
 both should die before they come of age the Crea-  
 tors shall receive the said Legacy to be divided  
 equally among any heirs as herein purgated out —  
 And after the death of my wife Susanna all  
 the property she may die possessed with shall be sold  
 and divided in like manner as before stated in  
 as the Land wherow I now live and which I have  
 in the possession of my wife during life. That after  
 her death the said David and James with all  
 the appurtenances therunto belonging. I give  
 unto Joseph S Foster his heirs and assigns forever  
 exclusive and over & above what has before been given  
 him — Taking into view the former conduct of any  
 son or Lacot Lemuel Fletcher. I think proper to  
 exclude him from any more property whatsoever  
 But in case there should any thing left of his  
 distributive share after deducting the same already

paid or may be paid him after by me for his use,  
the balance of said distribution shall be any  
shall be left in the hands of my Executors to dispose  
of for the use of Patsy & her children as  
necessity may require. I do hereby nominate and  
appoint Joseph S. Foster and Robert Simpson  
my lawful Executors to execute this my last Will  
and Testament and I do declare this my last  
Will and Testament revoking all others.

In witness whereof I have set my hand  
and seal this 1st day of September 1838.

Signed in presence of

Alex. Stupson  
Robert Simpson

John Rice Surr

P.S.

Ed

William F. S. Foster  
mark

In case the above named Executors should  
not have an opportunity of placing at interest the  
many belonging to Thomas & Joseph Stevenson  
or should they consider all I do hereby  
execute them from that obligation

Signed in presence of

Alex. Stupson

Robert Simpson

John Rice Surr

William F. S. Foster  
mark

mark

Not. I am of the Court of Ordinary Middle County, 1838.

Persuaded upon open Court Alexander  
Stupson and Robert Simpson who after being duly  
warned sawd they said William F. Foster the  
testator signs the within foregoing Will & that at  
the time of so doing he was of sound & disposing  
mind and memory and that they signed the same  
in the presence of the testator and also saw  
John Rice Surr sign the same in the presence of

the testator

Sear to an open court over 2<sup>d</sup> 1838. { Alex. Stupson  
Rabb. Simpson  
John Rice Surr

In the name of God Amen,

I Edward Echols Esq<sup>r</sup> of the County of Wilkes  
and State of Georgia do make and declare this  
my last Will & Testament in manner of form  
following - First, I resign my soul to into  
the hands of almighty God, hoping and believing  
in the remission of my sins by the merits of  
and mediation of Jesus Christ. And my  
body I commit to the earth, and my worldly  
estate I give and devise as follows -

First, I devise and give the tract of land  
or parcel of Land wherow<sup>d</sup> now lie, containing  
in four hundred acres more or less, to be sold by  
my Executors herein after to be named, or such  
a time or Credit as he may see cause or  
think best for the devisess - for the doing,  
accepting and performing, and finishing whereof I  
do by these presents give to my said Executor  
power and authority to grant alien, bargain  
and convey and apue all the said Lands  
wherow<sup>d</sup> I now lie to any person or persons  
and their heirs forever in fee simple, either at  
public or private sale, by all and every such  
lawfull ways & means in the law, as to my  
said Executor or his Council board in the  
law shall seem fit or necessary and divide  
the nett proceeds into four equal parts - one  
equal part thereof I give unto my daughter  
Mary Morgan Childress or their heirs one  
equal part thereof I give unto my daughter  
Fancy Coedew one equal part thid of  
I give unto my daughter Virginia Wheathy's  
those Daughters Esophy Wheathy, Polly Ann  
Wheathy & Esther Wheathy whenever they  
shall arrive at the age of twenty one  
years or marry, one equal part thinf of I  
give unto my daughter Rebecca Carrell

his uss,  
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to dispose  
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testity and  
A. Simpson  
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my said  
in 1838.

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George  
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to them & their heirs forever —

Secondly my will is that my Executor herein after mentioned pay over to the Children of my son Thomas Eckles dec'd the sum of Twenty five Dollars out of the proceeds of my personal property Estate to be equally divided between them, to be paid whenever they shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or marry for their alone use & benefit —

Thirdly — My will is that the whole of the residue of my Estate not heretofore disposed of what kind or quality lands it may the same may consist be, or what quantity or whencesover the same may be — be sold on such time or terms as my Executor herein after mentioned may think proper and the net proceeds thereof divided into four equal parts one equal part thereof give unto my son Nathaniel Eckles one equal part thereof I give unto my daughter Mary Morgan Chickamoo and their heirs — and one equal part thereof I give unto my Daughter Rebecca Carolina for their above proper use and benefit absolutely — and I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty Son Nathan Eckles Executor to this my last will & testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred & forty nine

Signed Sealed published  
and declared by the said  
testator to be his last  
will & Testament in presence of

Edward X Eckles  
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John F. Faver  
John Moore  
Nathan Eckles

Georgia & in Chambers November 17 1829.

Willis County & personally appeared before us  
Thomas Audinson & William C. Allison Justices of  
the Inferior Court for said County - Thomas  
Faver & Gibron Moore who being sworn saith  
that they saw the Testator Edward Estell sign  
his Seal & that he published and declared the  
aforementioned instrument of writing as his last will  
and Testament and that they subscribed the  
same as Testimony in his presence & at his  
request & in the presence of each other together  
with Nathan E. Ruff and that at the  
time of his so doing he was of sound and  
disposing mind & memory.

Thomas Faver  
Born to & Subscribed Gibron Moore  
before us this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
Nov 1829.

W<sup>m</sup> C. Audinson J. C.  
Thos. Audinson J. C.  
Attest

John Alyson Esq —

Recorded 5<sup>th</sup> May 1830 —

Owing to the uncertainty of life and  
being in bad health but of sound and disposing  
mind & memory I do constitute and make this  
my last will and Testament

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath unto my brother  
John Wise A note of hand which I held  
against him dated June 1826 for the sum of  
three hundred <sup>and</sup> ~~one~~ dollars & 50 Cts —

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my sister

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Jane Jackson the his and all the furniture  
that I have had at my Brother John Wise,  
also My Chest and spinning Wheel —

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my brother  
Joseph Wise twenty acres of Land being  
My Share of the tract of Land wherein my  
father did and left to me as part of his estate  
as will more fully appear by reference to  
the Deed as recorded in the Clerks office  
also a note of hand which I held against  
him for the sum of fifty five dollars also  
the bed and furniture which is at his  
house —

4<sup>th</sup> I appoint my brother John Wise  
my Executor — July 3<sup>d</sup> 1827 Ruth & Wise

Signed & Sealed in the  
presence of us  
A. M. Matthews  
John Nickles  
Early Jackson

Georgia Personally appeared in  
Wise County in open Court Abram M  
Matthews a Notcheting Notary to the within  
Will who being sworn saith he saw Ruth  
Wise sign the within Will by making her  
Mark and heard her acknowledge the same  
as her last Will & Testament and that at  
the time of his so doing she was of sound  
disposing Mind & Memory and that John  
Nickles and Early Jackson Subscribed the  
same as Witnesses with deposition in the  
presence of the Testator & at her request  
Brooke to in open Court A. M. Matthews  
January 4<sup>d</sup> 1830 John Dugan C. W. Recorded May 1830.

in the name of God Amen -  
 In the name of God Amen -  
 I Ashorn Abbott of the State of  
 Georgia County 3<sup>d</sup> I Ashorn Abbott of the State of  
 Georgia aforesaid, being in a law state of body  
 but of sound mind & memory and knowing it  
 is appointed for all men once to die, that my  
 surviving relatives and friends may know  
 how to dispose of what good & better it has  
 pleased the Lord to come to my charge in this  
 life I make Ordain & establish the following  
 as my last Will and Testament in the words  
 following to wit -

Item 1<sup>st</sup> After the payment of my just Debts  
 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
 Nancy all the and singular my property both  
 real and personal to be kept together and freely used  
 by her for the raising and education of the children  
 & such that which may be born hereafter, as  
 those now living - which education I wish to be  
 good and sufficient for any business as my executors  
 may judge proper during her natural life and at  
 her death to be equally divided among all my  
 surviving children and the legal representa-  
 tives of such as may be deceased -

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and desire, that as my  
 any of my children may come of age or marry  
 they may receive such portions of my property  
 as my executors may all things considered  
 think proper

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby appoint John W Butler  
 Stephen G. Butler, Samuel Dagnell & F. P.  
 Mercer to be the executors of this my last  
 will and Testament - In witness whereof  
 revoking all others, I have hereunto set  
 my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1829

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Georgia Personally appeared in open  
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 he was of sound disposing mind & memory  
 and that they subscribed the same as witness  
 to his presence and at his request  
 wrote to me open  
 Count this 4<sup>th</sup>  
 day of January 1830.

Chas Wm Field  
 Stephen G. Potts  
 William Jones

John H. Tyson Esq.

Recorded 5 May 1830.

State of Georgia In the name of God  
 Wilkes County I John Johns of the State &  
 County aforesaid being of sound disposing mind  
 & memory, but knowing that it is appointed  
 for all Men Once to die, do make & ordain  
 This my last will & Testament revoking all  
 former wills by me made —  
 Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath my soul to God who  
 gave it and my body to be buried in a decent  
 Christian Manner agreeable to the will of  
 my friends and to such worldly effects as  
 it has pleased God to bless me with I will  
 dispose of in the following manner —  
 Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I will that my just debts be paid

out of my Estate as soon as my Executors can do so -  
 Item 3 - I bind to my wife beloved wife Ann Johnson during of her natural life or widowhood the following property viz the tract of Land wherein I now live containing two hundred and thirty five acres with all the appurtenances, also all my stock of Cattle & hogs sheep & horses all my household and kitchen furniture also all the plantation tools also ~~all~~ including six negroes - Ellick Stephen and Dennis May and Lucy & Eliza also one tract of land containing two hundred two & one half acres in Creek County formerly Hurry if my wife should think proper to move to the last named tract my will is that my Executors sell the tract wherein I now live and appropriate the money to the best of their judgement -

Item 4th I will at the death of my wife or after marriage all the property both real & personal be sold and the nett amount of the sale be equally divided among my children viz I leave to my three daughters Abby G Johnson & Nancy G Johnson and Elizabeth M Johnson an equal share of my Estate during their natural life and after their decease I give to the lawfull heirs of this body

Item 5th I give to my two sons John B Johnson and Gustavus G Johnson an equal share of all my property -

Item 6th It is my will and desire that the tract of land described by me in this faculty be sold by my Executors as soon as convenient after my decease and appropriate the proceeds of the sale to the best of their judgement - Lastly I do hereby constitute

and appaint to this my last Will & Testament  
 John B. Johns and Isaiah J. Irvin & Lewis  
 L. David as Executors hereby severally exec  
 former Wills made by me - I have hereunto  
 set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> March  
 eighteen hundred and thirty five in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 eight hundred and forty five John Johns B.  
 Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of  
 John Chaney  
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 Action his Cash  
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Georgia personally appeared in  
 Wm McRae family before Count John Chaney  
 and action Cash subscribing witness  
 to the within Will, who being duly sworn saith  
 that they saw John Johns sign & seal & heard  
 him acknowledge the within instrument of  
 writing as his last will & Testament and  
 that at the time of his so doing he was of  
 sound disposing mind & memory and that  
 they did subscribe the same as witness in  
 his presence and at his request together with  
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Brown to me upon  
 Count this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
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Georgia     By the name of God Amen  
 in the County of Berrien of the County  
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 declining state of health but of sound disposing  
 mind & memory, do make & constitute a will &  
 appoint this my last Will & Testament in man-  
 ner and form following to wit

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that first out of  
 my Estate all my just debts be paid

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> After the payment of all my just debts it is  
 my desire that the remainder of the property both real  
 and personal, be divided into three equal portions  
 or shares as near as practicable to be distributed  
 by my trustee or Testamentary guardian herein  
 after appointed between my three daughters Virginia  
 McRae wife of William L McRae  
 Frances Wilkerson wife of John G Wilkerson and  
 Eleanor Walton - On account of the danger  
 to which property of legatees especially female  
 is frequently exposed in consequence of the  
 embarkments & mismanagement of their  
 husbands thereby not infrequently depriving  
 them of support and leaving them in a helpless  
 and forlorn condition - I have thought it  
 proper to prevent such sad consequences so  
 far as can be affected by my own provision  
 or the true and faithful agency of  
 friends - To this end therefore and for this purpose  
 I hereby constitute and appoint Augustus H.  
 Gibson my trusty friend as Trustee and  
 Testamentary Guardian of my before named  
 three Daughters Virginia McRae, Frances  
 Wilkerson and Eleanor Corbett Walton  
 respecting in his special trust whatever prop-  
 erty may fall to all or each of them after  
 my decease - It is further my Will & desire

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that my said Trustee receive as early as possible after my death the entire amount of my Estate and after complying with the requisitions of the first Trustee managing the remainder in such way as he may deem to the best advantage of my aforsaid three daughters - in order that they may have no trouble with their husbands or others, or with the Court of Probate. It is my further will, that my said Trustee resends to himself the sum of fifty Dollars annually out of the proceeds of my Estate as a Compensation for his trouble and services.

And here let it be distinctly explained understood - that the property thus devised to the Trustee & Testamentary guardian is exclusively intended for the use & benefit of my three daughters aforsaid and their increase if any - And whereas I have a claim now pending in the Superior Court of this County against the Guardian of Thomas C. Pontif for a Considerable sum, it is my will and desire that in the event of recovery, the amount whatever it may be be turned into my General Estate and distributed as above pointed out.

I am 3<sup>o</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint Augustus Gilson, the trustee of my Testamentary guardian of my said Executor also to this my last will & Testament complying with full confidence on his worth, and fully satisfied that he will not betray his trust hereby removing all others by one ~~means~~ heretofore made on which wherof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal This fourteenth day of January

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Signed Sealed and attested before

the presence of us —

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John Ballard

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Cecilia Porter

Georgia I Cecilia Porter of the  
Willis family, family and state aforesaid  
do publish and declare this Codicil to my  
last Will & Testament —

I am on the event of the death of either of  
my three daughters mentioned in the preceding  
foregoing will without issue — It is my  
will and desire, that this proportion of  
the property therein conveyed, be divided and  
in case the female property of the survivor  
or survivors, if the two share ~~and~~ share alike  
if one here exclusively ~~and~~ shared all three  
of my daughters depart this life without  
issue — It is my will that the Trustee and  
Testamentary Guardian appointed in the  
foregoing will deliver over to Caroline  
Eckols wife of Simeon Eckols the entire  
amount of the property devised in this  
will to her & her issue forever —

Descriptionary power is hereby given to  
the Trustee & Testamentary Guardian, when  
to work all thy hand faithfully upon the  
plantation where I now reside, and divide  
the proceeds among my children in just and  
equal proportion among them as to sell  
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with the property that in his wisdom may seem best - This I have inserted in this Codicil, in order that him ~~and~~ all concerned may discover it is my will and intention that he shall have absolute power and sole control, over all & every thing relative to or in any way appertaining to the provisions of this instrument.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed to my seal this fourteenth day of January eighteen hundred and thirty eight A.D. 1838 Cecilia Parker

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged

in presence of us }  
James Allison }  
John Ballard }  
Walter A. Wrems }

Georgia Chambers April 6 1830  
McRae County, Georgia, personally appeared before us  
Thomas Rader, Thomas McRae & H. Lewis  
I do now swear three of the Justices of the inferior  
Court of said County Walter A. Wrems and  
William C. Allison, for of the subscribers  
Witnesses to the within Will - who being duly  
questioned with that they saw Cecilia Parker  
Sign ~~and~~ publish and heard her acknowledge  
the annexed instrument of uniting to be  
her last will & Testament and at the time  
of her so doing she was of sound & disposing  
mind & memory & that they subscribed the same  
as Witnesses in her presence at her request &  
in the presence of each other together  
with John Ballard - Walter A. Wrems  
doth subscribe before us this 6th day of April  
A.D. 1838 to Thomas McRae  
I do now & Thomas McRae  
doth subscribe this 6th day of April 1838

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George Wm Chambers April 6, 1830  
 of Wilkes County of Georgia appeared before  
 us the said Wm C. Chambers Thomas Audinson  
 & Lewis S Brown Justices of the Superior  
 Court for said County - Walter H Neens and  
 William C Allison do of the subscribing  
 witness to the Codicil of the Will of Cecilia  
 Porter do who being duly sworn say  
 that saw Cecilia Porter sign her a know  
 - valid the same as a Codicil to her last  
 Will & Testament and that at the time  
 of her so doing she was of sound and  
 disposing mind memory and that they  
 subscribed the same as witness in  
 her presence and at her request & in the  
 presence of each other together with  
 John Bedard  
 sworn to before  
 us this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1830

Walter H Neens

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 Thomas Wootten J.G.

Recorded May 6<sup>th</sup> 1830

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In the name of God Amen I John Al West of the County of Walker and State of Georgia being of sound mind and despatching memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all others what so ever Item the first I give and bequeath unto my beloved son William West the following negroes Neg, the negro woman Filly the Negro boy Aristead and one negro boy Rast also the sum of Six hundred and sixty nine dollars in cash which the said William West has received and receipted from the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1825 also one Bed and Furniture and two Cows & Calves which has also been delivered Item the second I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Jane Harris the following negroes one negro man by the name of George one negro woman Barbary the negro Gibellaria a boy Joshua one Bed andstead furniture and two Cows & Calves which has been delivered and receipted for on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1825 Item the third I give and bequeath to my beloved son John West the following negroes Jack a man Sina a woman Easter a woman and Ceasey a girl one bed and furniture two Cows and Calves delivered and receipted for 27<sup>th</sup> December 1827 I also give him the other negro girl by the name Melinda at two hundred dollars after the said John West pays up thirty five dollars Item fourth I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann West one hundred and fifty acres of land including the houses sprung off of the tract of land that I purchased of James W. Jack the line to run from the line running between that tract and P. J. Barrett's land to George McHump or the factory land the said one hundred and fifty acres of land to be taken off the west side of said tract at her death to belong my son Charles P. West the the balance of land which I give and bequeath to my beloved son Charles P. West to be run off and happen given him when he becomes twenty one years

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be used for the support of my family  
Item the fifth It is my will and desire that the tract of  
land I now live on be sold on a credit of twelve  
months and the proceeds to go to the payment of my debts  
Item the sixth I give and bequeath unto my beloved  
wife, Mary Ann West my Negroe, her choice of all  
my negroes and after she takes the two out of my  
estate the balance of my negroes to be equally divided  
between my wife and my four children Lucy West  
Eliza West Nancy C West and Charles P West  
Item severall It is my will and desire that the rest  
and residue of my estate belong to my wife and my  
four last named children also my daughter Jane Jane  
after retaining a sufficiency for the use of my wife  
and the said Lucy West, Eliza West Nancy C West  
and Charles P West

Item eight I appoint my beloved wife and my  
son Williams West and John West my executors  
to this my last will and testament, witness my  
and seal this the twelfth day of October one thousand  
eight hundred and twenty seven  
Signed and sealed

John C West Seal

in the presence of  
Dr Webster  
George McHenry  
Patrick J Barnett

Georgia Personally appeared in open  
Miller County Court Richmon Webster George  
McHenry and Patrick J Barnett who being  
first duly sworn say that they saw John C West  
late execute sign and publish the above and  
foregoing instrument as his last will and testament  
and the time of his so doing he was of sound and  
disposing mind and memory and that they

Signed their names, Charles as subscriber witness,  
in the present of the testator and each other,  
dawn to and subscribed  
in open Court July 5<sup>th</sup> 1820      R S Croker  
George A. Cheney  
Frank Dyer Esq.  
Patrick J. Barnett  
Recorder 17<sup>th</sup> December 1820

In the name of God Amen I John Stargely  
of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being of sound  
mind and memory thank be to God for this blessing I  
calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the  
certainty of death it being appointed for all men  
to die and after death to judgment do make and  
constitute this my last will and testament in the  
manner and forms as followeth first I commend  
my soul to God who gave it and my body to the  
Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in  
Christian like manners at the discretion of my  
trusty friends and as for what worldly good it has  
pleased God to bless me with in this life I give  
and bequeath in the manner and form as follo  
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I give and bequeath to my dear and loving wife Rebecca Hargrave my negroes Edmond, Jane David Lewis and Stephen and also my land containing four hundred and twelve acres and also give to my wife all my stock of horses and cattle sheep and hogs and also my crop of corn and wheat and fodder and all my household and kitchen furniture except what I shall hereafter mention to some of my children which prospectly my wife is to hold during her life time

Item the 2. I have given to my daughter Rachael after  
when she first married and left me four hundred  
dollars and a bed and furniture and cow and calf and  
she is to have more during her mothers life

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Item the 3<sup>d</sup> I have gave my daughter Nancy Walter when  
she married and left me a negro girl by the name of  
Hans and bed and furniture and she is to have no more  
during her mothers life time

Item the 4<sup>d</sup> I have gave my daughter Elizabeth Hogan  
a negro boy by the name of Charles and bed and furniture  
and Cow and Calf and she is to have no more during her  
mothers life time

Item the 5<sup>d</sup> I gave to my son William Hancey a negro  
boy by the name of Jack and Horse and Saddle and  
hindle a bed and furniture and Cow and Calf and he is to have  
no more till after his mothers death.

Item the 6<sup>d</sup> I gave to my son John Hancey a negro  
boy by the name of Jim and a horse and Saddle and hindle  
bed and furniture and Cow and Calf and he is to have  
no more during his mothers life time

Item the 7<sup>d</sup> I have gave to my daughter Rebecca Thornton  
when she married and left a negro by the name of Tom  
and a bed and furniture Cow and Calf and she is to  
have no more during her mothers life time

Sixty after my wifes death my son William and John  
Hancey & two have Two hundred and sixty two acres  
of land leaving of My ch<sup>r</sup> Jackson land and Robin  
Latter and my old tract of land that I purchased  
when I first came Georgia containing one hundred  
and fifty acres of land which the old tract containing  
one hundred and fifty acres is to be sold after my wifes  
death and also the negroes that I have left my wife  
and all my stock and all my household and kitchen  
furniture and all that is remaining of what I have  
left to my wife is to be equally divided between all  
my children that is to say my daughter Rachael my  
daughter Nancy my daughter Polly my daughter Elizabeth  
my son William and my son John and my daughter  
Rebecca I leave son William and John Hancey  
each of them my last will and testament in witness

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hereof I have set my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1828

Peter Gallatt Sen.  
William Gallatt  
Catherine <sup>our</sup> Malat  
Mark

John Hugelley Seal

Georgia Personally appeared in open Court Peter  
McKey County Gallatt and William Gallatt two of the  
Subscribing witnesses to the written will who being sworn in  
due forms of law doth that they saw the testator John  
Hugelley sign and seal and heard him acknowledge the  
same to be his last will and testament at the time  
of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and  
memory and that they subscribed the same as  
witnesses in his presence and at his request together  
with Catharine Malat

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July 13<sup>th</sup> 1828.

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Peter Gallatt Sen.  
William Gallatt

Recorded 17<sup>th</sup> December 1828.

Georgia In the name of God Amen I Owen  
McKey County Griffen being of perfect mind but weak  
body do make and ordain this my last will and testament  
in manner and form following This day and bequeath  
the whole of my property both real and personal to my  
beloved wife Elizabeth Griffen as long as she remains  
my widow and if she should marry it is my wish the  
whole of my estate both real and personal shall be equally  
divided between my loving wife Elizabeth Griffen and  
my two children John W Griffen and Sarah Ann  
Frances Griffen at my wifes death it is my desire  
that the whole of my estate that she has received  
by marriage or otherwise shall return back to my  
two children a son named John W Griffen and  
Sarah Ann Frances Griffen it is my further

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Wish if my Executrix and my Executor think best they  
 can dispose of the land and place wheron I now have  
 and lay out the money at another place or any other  
 way that will be for the advantage of my estate I  
 appoint and constitute my loving wife Elizabeth  
 Griffis and Thomas Blakely my Executrix and  
 Executor of this my last will and testament hereby  
 revoking all others and former wills by me at any  
 time made heretofore, in witness whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December  
 one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight  
 signed and acknowledged

in the presence of

John S. Walker

Amos Chamber Jr.

W. Anderson J.P.

Drew Griffis Seal

George [illegible] personally appeared in open Court John J.  
 Miller County Walker and Thomas Anderson two of the  
 subscribers witnesses to the written will who being duly  
 sworn say that they saw the testator Drew Griffis  
 sign and seal the said will and acknowledge the written  
 instrument of writing as his last will and testament  
 and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and  
 disposing mind and memory and that they subscribe  
 the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request  
 together with Amos Chamber Jr.

Born to an open Court

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1870

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W. Anderson

John S. Walker

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