

# Wilkes County, Registers Office.

In the name of God amen, To all Christian people to whom this may come, Know ye that I William Wilborn of the State of Georgia of the County of Wilkes, being sick and weak, (but of a sound mind) and knowing that it is one appointed for all men to die, think it necessary to give and dispose of my Estate as follows. —

First I give my soul to the hands of Jesus Christ and God that gave it, and my body to the Priest from whence it came to be buried in Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, and all my worldly property I dispose of as follows. —

First that all my lawful debts be paid, and the residue I give to my well beloved Wife Aephzelet namely the plantation where I now live and all the lands thereunto belonging, and all my Negro, Stock, together with my household Furniture, and monies due me, to her proper use during her natural life, or widowhood for the use of raising and schooling my five youngest children namely, Johnson, Aba Nancy, Wilkes, and Shapely, and for the raising of them and at her decease, to be equally divided among them, — having given the rest of my children something to exclude them from any other part of the Estate. —

And lastly I do constitute my well beloved Son Isaac Wilborn and James Mathews, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do disannul all Wills and Testaments by me made, In Witness whereunto I have set my hand, and Seal this

Wilkes County.

22<sup>th</sup> of August 1791.

Wm. Wilborn Seal

John Brubaker  
James Denman  
John Markers

The words Sphystat and among them were interlined before signed, (in the original).

The foregoing will and Testament was proved and approved by the the oath of James Denman, one of the subscribing Witnesses the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February Ad 1792. — before me

Sister Testamentary granted unto Isaac Wilborn & James Matthew

Do Terrill, P. P. M.

In the name of God Amen, I William Young of Wilkes County being sick and weak in Body but being of perfect mind and memory makes this my last will and Testament, — my Estate and Effects I bequeath and dispose of in the following manner and form —

First, my Just debts to be paid. — Item I give unto my son in Law William Jains, two hundred Acres of Land, to be taken of the Land I now live on, the lower part joining Fresham and Turner, for ever. —

Item, the rest of my Land, and all the rest of my Estate I lend unto my loving wife Fannier Young during her life, and at her death, the Land to be equally to be divided between my two sons John Young

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Young, and Sherwood Young, and the rest of my estate  
not mentioned, I leave with my loving wife, to give and  
divide as she pleases among my children (Wid) John, Francis,  
Betsey, Sherwood, and Lucy Young.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my loving wife  
Fanny Young, William Jains, and Edward Graham  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament. I make  
and give unto her in full and sole my hand and seal  
this eighth day of September, one thousand seven hun-  
-dred and ninety-One. Signed Sealed and deliv-  
-ed by the within William Young, to be his last Will  
and Testament.

In presence of -  
Philemon Bird  
Robert Bird  
Wm Ogilvie

William Young

The foregoing Will and Testament of William  
Young was proved by the Oath of Philemon Bird  
and Robert <sup>bird</sup> two of the subscribing Witnesses, before  
Jesse Talbot J.P. Edw. Graham J.P.

Recorded the 29<sup>th</sup> February 1793.

Letter Testamentary granted  
unto Fanny Young, &c.

D. as  
D. Ferrell. R.P.M.

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In the name of God, Amen,

I Abraham Hill Son of the County of Wilkes, and State of Georgia, being weak in body health, but of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, First. —

I leave unto my wife Christian for and during the term of her natural life, my Negroe fellows Ben Dick, & my Negroe Wenches N. de. Seam Hall, all my Stock of Horses, Cattle (except the young Steers which are to be disposed of hereafter) Hogs, Sheep and Poultry, likewise one of my best feather Beds and Furniture (her choice) and all the remainder of my Household and Kitchen furniture; (my other Beds and Furniture Excepted, It is my Will & desire that my wife have the use of all my Land lying on Long Creek, on the South side including my manor plantation, except two hundred acres — including the plantation whereon my son Henry now lives — for and during the term of her natural life, likewise four acres of my Land lying on the North side of S. Creek, opposit to the upper end of my manor plantation, including my old plant beds during the term of her natural life. —

I give and bequeath unto my Son Abraham Hill my Land lying on the North side of Long Creek, the said Creek to be the dividing line between said Land and my Manor plantation land, to him his Heirs and assigns for ever, the four acres above mentioned Excepted. —

I give and bequeath unto my sons Theophilus and Noah, my Tract of Land lying on the south side of Broad River, on said River, in Wilkes County con-

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Conf. two hundred Acres. — As also my Tract of Land lying on the Appatachee River, North side, in Greene County, containing four hundred and Sixty Acres, to them their Heirs and assigns for ever. —

I give and bequeath unto my son Myler, two hundred and one acre of my Land lying on the South side of Long Creek (it being part of the tract I now live on) including the plantation whereon my Son Henry now lives, and also some land of the low grounds belonging to the tract I now live on to him his Heirs and assigns for ever. —

I give and bequeath unto my Thomas all the remainder of my Land lying on the South side of Long Creek including the plantation whereon I now live after the death of my Wife then to be his his Heirs and assigns for ever, as also the four acres above mentioned, including my Plant Beds.

I likewise give and bequeath unto my Son Phosphorus my Negroe Fellow Job, and my Wench Phillis, and all her future increase, to him his Heirs and assigns for ever, and also one feather Bed and furniture to him his Heirs and assigns for ever. —

I give and bequeath unto my son Myler my Negroe Fellow Jacob, my boy Lee, and my Negroe Wenchs Rose and Lenthia and all their future increase, and also one feather Bed and furniture when he comes of age, to him his Heirs and assigns for ever. —

I give and bequeath unto my son Noah my Negroe Fellow Jupiter and my wench China and all her future increase to him his Heirs and assigns for ever, and also one feather Bed and furniture when he comes of age. —

I give and bequeath unto my son Myler my

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my negro boy Ned and my girl Dinah, and after my wife  
deceaseth, my negro felloe Tom, and my wench Jean, and all the  
future increase of S. Jean & Dinah, likewise one feather bed and  
furniture when he comes of age to him his heirs and assigns for  
ever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas my Negro  
boy Ned, and my Negro wench Kate, and all her future  
increase, when he comes of age & after the death of my wife  
my negro felloe Dick, to him his heirs and assigns for ever,  
and likewise the feather bed and furniture (lent to his mo-  
ther) after her decease, to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary, my Negro  
boy Peg other Children Jew and Nancy, and all their future  
increase, likewise the feather bed & furniture, to her her  
heirs and assigns for ever, when she comes of age.

My will and desire is that after the death of my wife Chri-  
stian, my Ex<sup>ors</sup> here after named, do sell my Negro Wench  
Jane and Bobb, to which ever of my children will give the most for  
them and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided  
amongst all my children to be for the use of them their heirs and  
assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Henry Blake  
one young Nipper and all the future increase, to him his heirs  
and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary  
Blake, one young Nipper and all the future increase of said  
Nippers to said Mary her heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my grand son John Lipe, one young  
Nipper and all her future increase, to him his heirs and assigns  
for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Sarah Lipe

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I give, one young Heifer, and all the future increase of said Heifer, to said Sarah her Heirs and assigns for ever.  
I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Polly, one young Heifer, and all the future increase of P. Heifer, to said Polly, her Heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Whitman Locke, one young Heifer, of all the future increase, to him his Heirs and assigns for ever.

And of the money due to me from Edward [unclear] and desire that my Exor. and Ador. hereafter named, shall give one young wench, (likely negro) which said Negroe shall have all the future increase she may have, it is my will and desire that my son Isaac [unclear] shall have five shillings to be to the use of my [unclear] and assigns for ever.

It is my will and desire that my Exor. and Ador. hereafter named, as soon as they can collect in the balance of the [unclear] due to me by sundry persons, that they discharge all the [unclear] owing by me, and if there should be any money remaining after my just debts [unclear] are discharged, and the [unclear] of my house.

It is my Will and desire that my Exor. hereafter named do purchase a Horse for my son Noah, of to be to his use of his Heirs and assigns for ever, but in case there should not be money enough, my Exor. after the death of my wife must sell enough of the stock to purchase my son Noah a horse.

It is my will and desire that after the death of my wife, my stock of Cattel, be equally divided amongst my children, Theophilus, Noah, Miles, Thomas, Wylie & Mary, and the stock of Horses, Hogs, Sheep, and poultry that may be at the death of my wife, be equally divided amongst my children.

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My wife, Myrie Thomas, & Mary, to be to the sole use and profit  
 of them their heirs and assigns for ever; likewise all the increase &c  
 after my wifes death. It is my will and desire that the Negroes  
 I have given to my Children, Noah, Myles, Myrie, Thomas and  
 Mary all work on the plantation where I now live under the  
 direction of my Wife and my Son Abraham, untill my said  
 Children Noah, Myles, Myrie, Thomas and Mary, comes of age or  
 marries, and the use and profit of said Negroes be for the support  
 & maintenance of my wife and said Children, and for settling  
 and my Sons Abraham and Henry Executors of the  
 last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof, I have  
 signed these presents this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November a.d. 1790

Abraham Hill son. (Signature)

The following Words, <sup>in the original</sup> written before signed  
 Two hundred acres, when he comes of age, to be  
 for the use of them, and all the increase she  
 may have.

I Abraham Hill, son of Wilkes County, State of Georgia  
 my last Will and Testament, dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
 Nov. 1790, omitted leaving part of my property to my  
 Son Isaac and my sons in Law Benjamin Blake and Henry  
 Pope of the County and State aforesaid. It is my will and desire  
 that my Executors and Executors as soon as they possibly can, give or  
 pay unto my son Henry Hill, the sum of five Shillings, to be for the  
 sole use of him his heirs and assigns for ever; and likewise  
 the sum of five Shillings to each of my S<sup>ons</sup> in Law Benjamin  
 Blake and Henry Pope to be to the use of them their heirs  
 and assigns for ever.

These presents I the said Abraham Hill son do acknowledge

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acknowledge to be a cordice to my last will and Testament, and  
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and Seal this 23<sup>d</sup> day of November 1790.

Signed sealed Acknowledged  
In the presence of

Abraham Hill Sen. 

his  
Joshua Johnston

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I Aburnethie

State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me John Aburnethie  
Wilkes County } one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will  
and cordice who being by me duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists  
of Almighty God, does depose and say that he saw the within named  
Abraham Hill Sen. sign, seal, publish and declare the within in-  
strument of writing to be his last Will and Testament, and Cordice  
and at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind,  
memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge - And at  
his request and in his presence subscribed his name as a  
Witness thereto. - and that he saw Joshua Johnston make  
his marks as a concurring evidence thereto. -

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Proved before me, and approved  
and allowed of the 29<sup>th</sup> day of -  
February 1792.

D<sup>y</sup> Terrill Reg<sup>r</sup> P. M. C.

The foregoing is a true copy from the Original and  
Recorded the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1792.

Litters Testamentary  
granted unto Henry  
Abraham Hill Sen.

D<sup>do</sup> Terrill R. M. C.

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In the name of God Amen. — I Simon Kearney of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia planter being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, and calling to mind the mortality of the humane body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last will & Testament (Viz)

First I most humbly bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God the giver. Secondly I give my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, —

And as touching my worldly estate I give and bequeath unto my beloved grandson John Kearney three negroe men, (to wit) Ephraim, Ben, and Dave to him and his heirs for ever. I also give unto the said John Kearney all the rest of my <sup>personal</sup> Estate. Horses, Hogs, Plantation Tools and House hold Furniture, and lastly I do make and constitute my said Grand son John Kearney my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1789.

Test Samuel Davis  
John Black  
William Brasley

Simon Kearney

State of Georgia } Appeared before me John Black, and  
Wilkes County } William Brasley, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, who by me being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, do depose and say, that they see the within named Simon Kearney sign seal Publish and declare, the within to be

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his last Will and Testament, and at the time of his  
so doing he was of sound disposing mind and memory  
and understanding to the best of their knowledge  
that at his request in his presence in the presence  
each other they subscribed their names as witnesses to  
the same. —

JOHN JOHNSON

Mr Beasley

Servant to the above of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1792 before me

The foregoing is a true copy from the original  
and Recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1792

In the name of God Amen, I John Johnson of  
the State of Georgia, and County of Wilkes, being poorly  
in body, and of a sound mind and memory, thanks  
be given to God, calling unto mind the mortality of my  
body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once  
to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and  
Testament, that is to say principally and first of all  
I give and recommend my soul to God through the merits  
of Jesus Christ, and my body I recommend to the Earth  
to be buried in a decent manner, at the direction of my  
Executors. And as touch worldly Estate where with it has  
pleased God, to bless me in this life I give demise and  
dispose of the same in the following manner and form  
First I give and bequeath unto my Son<sup>ly</sup> Johnson, one Negro  
Girl Jenny, Secondly two my daughter presues least one  
negroe Girl Pat, — thirdly to my wife Sarah Johnson all  
that I have in my possession during the time which she  
continues to be my widow that is to say all my moveable  
property and afterwards to be <sup>equally</sup> divided amongst my other

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Children (to wit) Elizabeth, Sarah, Walter, Isaiah, Darcus  
Upton, and one now conceived and not born if it should live  
with is that it should share equally with the rest, my will  
that my Land lying on Shoals Creek of the Oconee in Fran-  
-lin County to be sold and the money received and ~~the~~  
~~the money~~ which is due to me recovered and added to it to  
purchase more Land, after my just debts are paid the  
Land that shall be purchased with the said money, my  
will is that it shall be equally divided amongst my the  
children to wit, Walter, & Isaiah and Upton, and one unborn  
of a son, lastly I nominate and appoint my beloved wife  
Sarah Johnson, and Joseph Johnson my son, Executors of the  
my last Will and Testament. — In Witness whereof I have  
here unto set my hand and Seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in  
the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and  
ninety-one.

John Johnson Seal

Signed Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us

James Speatlem

John Holmes

State of Georgia

Wilkes County

I personally appeared before me John  
Holmes, and being by me duly sworn on  
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith that he sees  
the within named John Johnson, Seign Seal published and  
declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last  
Will and Testament, and that at the time of his

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doing, he was of sound mind, disposition, memory and understanding, and that he subscribed his name as a witness to the same, and that James Stratton subscribed his name as a concurring witness thereto.

June the 30<sup>th</sup> 1793

John Holmes

Proved and Approved. — And Letters Testamentary

granted to the said **David Ferrell** Esq. W. C. Clerk

In the name of God, Amen, I Benjamin Petet of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being sick and weak in body but of a good and sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, and knowing that it is a day appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (Wit.)

First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned. —

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Jane Petet, all my Estate both real and personal during her life or widowhood, and at her decease or marriage my Will is that my Estate be divided among my children at her own direction and I do appoint the said Jane Petet my

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wife, the sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all other Wills heretofore by me made, acknowledging this to be my last Will and Testament, signed, sealed and delivered as such this eight day of July 1790.

Witness Present

Benjamin Pitel (Seal)

Daniel Swindel

Morgan Richardson

Benjamin Pitel

State of Georgia

Wilkes County

Person ally appeared before me Daniel Swindel, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being by me duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, do depose and say, that he saw the within named Benjamin Pitel, sign seal publish and declare the within to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposition mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge, and that Morgan Richardson and Benj. Elliott subscribed their names as concurring Witnesses thereto.

Read before me and allowed of 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1790 and Letters Testamentary of Warrent of Appraisement granted unto Jean Pitel Executor.

D. Swindel, J. P. M.

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In the name of God Amen, I William Pearly  
of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia, being in a  
Low and declining State, which greatly reminds me of the  
Mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament.

I commit my soul to God hoping for Mercy and  
acceptance for the sake of Jesus Christ, and my body  
I recommend to the dust, to be buried in a decent  
manner at the discretion of my friends and Executors.

2. And as for such worldly property as the Lord has  
blessed me with, I dispose of it in the following manner  
I give to my beloved Wife Jane, during her natural  
life, the free and full use of the Plantation and tract  
of Land, on which we now live, - also the use of all the  
Stock, Riding and House-hold furniture together with  
all farming utensils, for her own support and the  
bringing up of my children.

3. I give and bequeath unto my two youngest Sons  
Balaam, and Joshua, the tract of Land buildings and  
Instruments, whereon we now live, to be divided to them ac-  
cording to equal Shares, and possessed by them after the  
death of their Mother, or their coming to the years of 21.  
but if either of them should die the said younger  
shall have his part.

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3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my dear children John Lewis  
Susannah James and Catherine an equal share of all my pro-  
perty after the death of their Mother, or their coming of age  
but their Mother may divide to any of them, any thing she  
wishes to give them in her life time, so that an account be  
taken of such gift, with the valuation to be extracted from  
her book of - - - - -  
all these my children may have equal shares - for if one  
of them should die before the part first mentioned his share  
shall be divided among these last.

I<sup>thly</sup> I appoint my well beloved wife Jane Keenly and my  
trusty friends Benjamin Ballard and Peter Smith Executors  
of this my last will and Testament here signed and  
declared, in the presence of us and dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1791.

William Keenly  
Peter Smith  
John Chandler  
William Hammock test.  
Sarah Thornton

State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me John  
Wilkes County } Chandler and William Hammock test-  
two of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will and  
being first sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty  
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Land, near the Beaver dam creek, whereon I have settled and  
lived, with all my stock and furniture, and at the death  
of my said wife to be equally divided between all my  
daughters them and their heirs and assigns, I do ap-  
-point my beloved wife Executrix and Benjamin Elsbury  
Jr. Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby  
revoaking all others heretofore made by me. I Witness where-  
-of I have hereunto set my hand, Seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven  
hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed Sealed and  
Acknowledged in the presence of

Benjamin Elsbury Seal

John Moore

Rich<sup>d</sup> Haroce

State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me Rich<sup>d</sup> Haroce  
Wilkes County } and being by me duly sworn, depose  
and testify that he saw the within named Benjamin sign  
Seal publish and 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 mind dispo-  
-tion and memory to the best of his belief or know-  
-ledge and that John Moore subscribed his name  
as a concurring evidence to the same.

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August the 29<sup>th</sup> 1792. Proved and Approved  
and Letters Testamentary and Warrent of Appraisement granted unto the Exec<sup>rs</sup>

James Loy

State of Georgia Wilkes County =

In the name of God Amen, I James Loy of the County and State aforesaid planter &c being sick in body, but of a sound and perfect memory and mind do make constitute and appoint this and no other to be my last will and Testament, first of all I will that my body be buried in a Christian manner, and my soul do recommend to God that gave it. — My Estate I dispose of in the following manner, I will that my wife Sarah, shall have my living fully till my children shall come of age, and then to be equally divided between my Wife Sarah, my son James and Sarah, and my daughter Lucy. — ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament and do hereby utterly revoke all other Wills by me made, and have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this thirteenth of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety

Signed

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Signed, Sealed and delivered

In the presence of  
Elisha Pruitt

James L. Loyally



Jesse Armstrong  
Maurice Hall

N.B. I do hereby make constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Sarah Loyally, my sole Executrix of my above Will &c.

State of Georgia,

Apparued before me Jesse Armstrong one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within mentioned Will, who by me being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God does depose and say, that he saw the within mentioned James Loyally sign Seal publish and declare the within to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was of sound disposition, Mind, Memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge, and that at his request in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing Witnesses, they subscribed their names as Witnesses to the same.

Proved Apparued, and Exhibited the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1792. And Letters Testamentary and Warrent of Appraisement granted unto Sarah (Loyally) now Burkhalter.

D. Terrell, R.D.M.C.

Recorded the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1792.

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In the name of God Amen. I Bartley Cox of Wilkes County  
State of Georgia, being weak in body, but through the mercy  
of God, having the perfect use of my reason, and understanding  
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and  
wishing to settle my temporal concerns in the best manner  
I am able, do make and constitute this my last Will  
& Testament in manner and form following. — First it is  
my Will and desire that all my just and lawful debts  
which I have personally contracted, be paid out of my  
Estate. —

I give devise and bequeath unto my son Pleasant Cox  
my negro boy named Cit also my negro boy called Jim  
also one hundred pounds due me from Richard Brown  
of Virginia, besides for which are in the hand of my  
friend James Poling, to him and his heirs for ever  
but in case my said son, should die without lawful issue  
then and in that case, it is my Will that the property  
left to him be equally divided between his two sisters Ann  
black Cox and Mary Coleman Cox. —

I give devise and bequeath unto my two daughters Ann black  
Cox, and Mary Coleman Cox, my two Negroes, to wit Edmond  
and Increase, and their increase, to them and their heirs for  
ever also my Stage Wagon, and two Horses, one Horse by the  
name of the big bay, and a bay Mare called Porter which  
property my said daughters shall equally divide between  
themselves in the best manner they can but in case  
my said daughters or either of them shall die without  
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Lawful, If, then their part shall be divided between the surviving children already mentioned, all the rest of my Estate both real and personal, as Lands Negroes, Stock and House hold furniture, &c. I give to my will beloved Wife Susanna Coxe during my natural life, or Widowhood, but in case of her marriage it is my Will and desire after my said Wife have taken her third part, of my Estate, that the remainder be equally divided between her seven children, but should my Wife remain single after my death untill my son Henry Coxe comes of the age of twenty One years it is my will and desire that she keep possession of my Estate till that time and improve it in the best manner, to raise maintain and Educate the said children and then the division to be made. —

It is also my Will and desire that all my sons when they arrive at the age of ~~about~~ sixteen years be bound to good tradesmen as they may choose in order to learn some useful occupation of life. — I also give my two daughters Ann Black Coxe and Mary Colman Coxe, also my son Pleasant Coxe, liberty if they choose it to remove to Virginia and to take possession of their property given them, and carry it with them, and that my said daughter Ann Black Coxe shall have the care of my son Pleasant Coxe and his property untill he comes of age. —

And whereas I expect I have a right to part of my

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father's estate, after my mother's death, and now have a  
 negro woman named Hannah and her child, in possession  
 of being part of said Estate, I lend unto my wife Susanna  
 in the same manner and during the same time as  
 the other of my Estate mentioned to her above and to be  
 divided in the same way. —

Lastly, I appoint my well beloved wife and my trusty friend  
 David Elington, Executor and Executrix, of this my last Will  
 and Testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills  
 or Wills, this only to be in force — as I have here unto  
 set my hand and affixed my seal, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July  
 1792.

signed sealed & acknowledged  
 In Presence of — }  
 Henry barnton  
 Dan<sup>l</sup>. Grant  
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Bartley Cox. 

State of Georgia }  
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 and Gabriel barnton, two of the subscribing  
 Witnesses to the within mentioned Will, and being by me duly  
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and understanding, and at his request and in his presence they subscribed their names as Witnesses to the same and that they seen the within mentea Dan Grant subscribe his name as a concurring Evidence thereto -

Henry Carlton  
Geo Carlton

Proved and approved and Exhibited the first day of November 1792.

Recorded the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1792.

J. Ferrell

Letter Testamentary and Warrant of Appraisement granted unto David Elington and Susanna Coe Executor and Executrix of the said Bartley Coe deceased. the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1792

In the name of God amen, I Benjamin Daves being very sick and low, tho of a perfect understanding do constitute and ordain these lines to be my last Will and Testament. I then I give to my dear and loving Wife my bay Horse, and the Red Snow Lyon also I lend to my wife all my House hold furniture and toattle as long as she remains my Widdow

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also when ever she marries, I desire that she may have  
two cows and calves, and the third part of the house  
hold furniture, also I desire the other part of my  
~~estate~~, and ~~my~~ household furniture, should be equally  
divided betwixt my daughter Luse, and the child  
that my wife is now big with. Item, I give to my  
son William Davis, four hundred acres of Land  
lying in Franklin County, on Trail Creek, also one  
bay Horse Colt, and all my working tools, also if  
my wife should happen to bring forth a Son, the  
place I now live on I give to him, If it should be  
a Girl then to be equally divided betwixt the two  
Girls, also I desire that the Plantation that I now  
live on and my negroe Girl to be hired out to the  
best advantage for sixteen years, and the money  
to be laid out to support my children and to give  
them learning and also to support my wife so long as she  
remains my Widdow, and at the end of sixteen years  
the Negroe Girl and her increase to be equally divided  
amongst my children. — also I desire that my bay mare  
and her increase may be divided between my two youngest  
children. — Also I desire that Burdbocker Tindell and  
my wife should my Executors. Signed and sealed  
in the presence of — August 5<sup>th</sup> 1792.

Benjamin Davis 

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William Tindell

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State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me William  
Wilkes County } Tindell one of the subscribing Witnesses  
to the annexed Will, and being by me duly sworn on  
the holy Evangelists of almighty God, deposeth and swears  
that he saw Benjamin Davis Signe seal publish and declare  
the annexed instrument of Writing to be his last Will and  
Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was of  
sound mind, disposition memory and understanding to the  
best of his knowledge, and that John Davis subscribed his  
name as a Concurring evidence to the same. -

William Tindell

Proved approved and Exhibited the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1792. and Letters Testamentary and Warrent of app<sup>r</sup>.  
granted unto Birdbooker Tindell, nominated named  
Executor, of the said deceased, sworn. -

Recorded the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1792.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Terrell. R. J. W. C.

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In the name of God Amen. Know all men by these presents, that I James Johnson, of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being in a low State of health, but perfect in mind and memory, calling to mind the certainty of death and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last Will and Testament. — First full I recommend my soul to God its giver, and my body to its Mother clay to be decently interred in a Christian manner, at the discretion of my Executors. — As to my worldly Goods I give and devise as follows Viz. —

First, — I give to my beloved wife Rebecca Johnson, the four following Negroes (viz) Sam Patt, Bobb Hiddy, and the fourth part of my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, One feather bed and furniture my house hold and Kitching furniture (her life) and after her death, to be equally divided amongst my three children Viz Daniel, Elizabeth and James, and also I lend her my land whicon we now live during her widowhood or till my son Daniel comes of age, for the purpose of Raising cloathing and Educating my children and then to be divided as follows. — First I give to my daughter Elizabeth One hundred acres of Land, to be taken off the upper end of the Tract; and the balance I give to be equally divided between my two sons Daniel & James, so as to give a Spring

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Spring on both tracts, to them and their heirs for ever. —

Item, I give to my son Daniel, one Negroe boy named Jacob, to him and his heirs for ever. —

Item. — I give to my daughter Elizabeth, one Negroe girl, named Nancy to her, and her heirs for ever. —

Item. — I give to my son James one Negroe boy named Peter to him and his heirs for ever. —

The balance of my Estate after my just debts are paid it is my Will and desire that it may be Equally divided amongst my three children Daniel, Elizabeth, and James when they come of age or marry. —

And lastly I constitute and Appoint to be my Executors Joseph Echols, George Owen and James Rutledge senr.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged }  
In the presence of

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William Duke

John Rutledge

George Owen —

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Personally appeared before me, William Duke and John Rutledge two of the subscribing Witnesses to the Annexed Will and being by me duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God, depose and Saith that they seen

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James Johnson, signe seal publish and declare, the annexed instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind disposition memory and understanding, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that George Owen subscribed his name thereto as a concurring evidence to the same.

William Duke  
John Rutledge

Proved Approved and Exhibited the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1792. and Letters Testamentary and Warrant of Appraisement granted unto, Joseph Echols, Glenn Owen, and James Rutledge, Executors nominated of the said deceased in his said last Will and Testament.

Recorded the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1792.

D. Turrell. D.P.M.C.

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin W. Usher of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto the almighty, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that its 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 unto the hand of God, that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in a decent Christian Burial, at the discretion of my Executors -

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First I give and bequeath, unto my beloved Wife Mary Welsh, all the improved Land, Houses, and all privileges therein, as house hold furniture, and moveables, and six cows and calves, and some Beef cattle, and one mare and two more Cotts, then and during her lifetime then after her decease, all the household Goods and moveable property, Cattle and Horses, or Horse Beasts as above mentioned and their increase, divided Equally among my <sup>four</sup> children one that is not born is to receive its share Equally which makes five Shares, names is as follows. William Welsh, Elizabeth Welsh, Sarah Welsh, Ann Welsh, also I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son William Welsh two or three hundred Acres of Land, which includes the Plantation and in case the child that my wife bears should be a Boy, he is to Receive his Equal part, of Land that is above mentioned. I also give and bequeath, unto my five children already described, one not born, William Welsh, Elizabeth Welsh, Sarah Welsh, Ann Welsh, nine head of Cattle, divided among the five children as the come of age each to have their equal part, and now I do hereby constitute make and ordain my beloved Wife Mary

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Welshire and my beloved brother William Welshire my  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament. and I do  
hereby disallow, revoke, and disannul all and Every the  
former Testaments, legacies and bequests, — which as  
I have here unto set my hand and Seal this seven-  
teenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thou-  
sand seven hundred and ninety-one, signed sealed  
and pronounced, and by the said Benjamin Welshire  
as his Testament and last Will, in the presence of  
us who in his presence and in presence of each other  
have hereto subscribed our names. —

Joseph W. Math

Allen Brown

Joseph <sup>his</sup> Dupoy  
mark.

Benjamin <sup>his</sup> Welshire   
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State of Georgia } Appeared before me Joseph W. Math, one of the  
Welsh County } subscribing Witnesses, to the within mentioned Will  
and being by me duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty  
God, doth and saith, that he seen the within named Benj.  
Welshire sign seal publish and 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 disposition mind memory and  
understanding to the best of their know ledge and belief and that  
he seen Allen Brown and Joseph Dupoy, subscribe their names  
as concurring Evidence to the same. — J. W. Math.

Proved approved and Exhibited the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1792. —

Recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1792. —

January. 14<sup>th</sup> 1793 Letters testamentary and ad interim of appointment  
granted unto Mary Welshire, nominated Executrix of the last will  
of Benj. Welshire dec. — B. J. Turrell. R. 1793

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In the name of God, Amen, I Joseph Moore of the County of Wilkes, and State of Georgia, being sickly and weak of body, but of sound memory of mind, yet considering the brevity of this painful and transitory life, doth this second day of August in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis). First I give my soul, to God who gave, and as my burial, I desire it may be decent at the discretion of my dear Wife and Executors, hereafter mentioned, who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son William Moore, his choice of either my Mare, or Coll immediately after my decease, to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item, I lend to my dear Wife Elizabeth Moore, my whole Estate both real and personal, during his life, to raise dear little children on.

Item. - I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Jesse Moore, my Mill and Plantation wherein I now live, containing twenty three Acres by Estimation be the same more or less, to receive the same immediately after his mothers death, all to him and his Heirs for ever,

Item, And as to my Estate not mentioned, my will and desire is that at my Wifes decease, it may be equ

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ally divided among all my children, viz. Abidnego Moore  
Benjamin Moore, John Moore, William Moore and Jephthah  
Sarah Bradford, Nancy Bantston, Anaps Moore, Sararner  
Moore and Mary Moore, to them and their heirs for ever;

Item. And lastly, I nominate, constitute ordain and Appoint  
my well beloved wife Elizabeth Moore; and William Moore  
to be the whole and sole Executors, of this my last will  
and Testament, In acknowledgement whereof I have  
here unto set my hand and Seal, the day and date first  
above written.

Joseph Moore.



Signed Seal & Delivered & Acknowledged  
In presence of

David Kerr,  
Alle Kerr.  
James Scott.

State of Georgia Appeared before me James Scott, and  
Wilkes County & being by me duly sworn, on the Holy Evangelis-  
tish of almighty God, deponeth and saith that he saw Joseph  
Moore, signe seal publish and declare, the annexed instrument  
of writing to be his last will and Testament and that at the  
time of his so doing he was of sound mind disposition and  
memory, and that David Kerr and Alle Kerr subscribed their  
names as concurring Evidence to the same — and that the  
side of the Annexed paper where the said Moore signed his  
name, is his said last will and testament; and moreover.  
James Scott.

Proved approved and Exhibited the 26th day of January 1793

Recorded the 28th January 1793.

James Scott  
D. Farrell, C. M.

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A Will, In the name of God Amen. I Valentine Mays of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes Planter being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God, and as touching such worldly property wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, VIZ,

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann a thirds part of all my goods and chattels which shall remain after all my just debts are discharged to wile the same during her natural life and at her decease to be equally divided among my five children mentioned Valentine Elizabeth Martha Nancy and James Mays. —

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary Williams, and the Heirs of her body, one shilling Sterling to be paid to the them at my decease. —

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Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Thomas Mays one Shilling Sterling at my decease. —

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my <sup>beloved</sup> daughter Ruth Barnett one Shilling Sterling at my decease. —

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Burnett, one Shilling Sterling

Sixthly, I likewise Will that the Land whereon I now live with all my personal property, after my just debts are discharged be sold and equally divided amongst my five children above mentioned Valentine Mays, Elizabeth Mays, Martha Mays Nancy Mays, and James Mays to be and remain with them and their heirs forever and I do by these presents constitute make and ordain my son Valentine Mays, and my Wife Ann Mays, as my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament

and I do hereby utterly disallow, Revoke and Disannul all and every other Testament Will Legacies, Bequests and Executors by me in any way before named Will'd or bequeath'd Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1792 —

Valentine <sup>his</sup> Mays   
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Signed Sealed and Delivered }  
In the presence of us — }  
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John Lachey

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publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his  
last will and Testament, and that at the time of his so do-  
ing he was of sound mind disposition and memory and  
that James Scott, subscribed his name there unto as a concei-  
ving evidence to the same.

Proved approved and Exhibited the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1793  
and Letters Testamentary and Warrent of appraisement  
granted unto Valentine Mayo and Ann Mayo Executors  
in and by said Will and Testament nominated and  
appointed.

David Surrell, R. J. M. C.

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In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Jones of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes farmed, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth from whence it came nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God. — And as touching such worldly ~~goods~~ wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. —

First I give and bequeath to Darius my dearly beloved wife two hundred acres of Land, it being part of the tract I now reside on, to be laid off according to the directions of my Executors likewise the Beds and furniture thereof on which I now lie, and all other my Household and Kitchen furniture except two beds and one furniture; and likewise all my stock of Horses Cattle and Hogs. —

Also I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Thomas a negro boy named Jerry, and one feather Bed and furniture to be put in possession thereof at <sup>the age of</sup> twenty years. —

Also to my beloved daughter Catharine, I give and bequeath a negro girl named Henrietta, likewise one old feather

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Be to be put in possession thereof at the age of Sixteen years. —

Likewise to the one <sup>with which</sup> my wife is now pregnant the remaining two hundred acres of Land pertaining to the tract above mentioned — to be possessed thereof at the age of twenty if a son, and if a daughter at the age of Sixteen years, —

Likewise it is my Will and Pleasure that my beloved wife shall have the free use of the whole of the above property willed to my children, untill they come to the age above mentioned to receive their respective portions; It is also my Will and pleasure that my Executors take all prudent care to Educate my children, especially Tommy, that he be taught to Read, Write and Cast Accounts, also I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas two Books, Viz, Gutthrees Geographical Grammar, and Scotts, Spelling Dictionary. —

It is also my Will and Pleasure that Phillis a negroe Woman be sold to the highest bidder on twelve months Credit for Tobacco, also two Shot Guns, as soon as can conveniently be after my decease, and the produce thereof with Thomas Leslie's Note, be appropriated to the discharging my lawful debts, and whatever may remain thereof after my debts are paid to be equally divided among my wife and children — It is also my Will and Pleasure that a negroe girl named Nann serve my wife till the age of Sixteen years, and then have her

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this nineteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred  
and ninety-three. —

Samuel Jones Seal

Sealed and Signed }  
In Presence }

John Chandler  
Francis Gatrell

State of Georgia }  
Wilkes County } Appeared before me John Chandler and  
Francis Gatrell the two subscribing Clerks  
as to the within Will and being by me duly sworn, on the  
holy Evangelists of Almighty God, depose and swear that they  
saw the within named Samuel Jones, signe seal pub-  
lish and 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 mind disposition and memory to  
the best of their knowledge. —

Proved approved and Exhibited the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1793. And Letters Testamentary and Warrant of Appraisement  
granted unto Joseph Prather and Pares Jones —  
Executrix and Executor in and by said Will and Testament  
nominated. —

D<sup>o</sup> of  
D. Ferrell R. M.

Recorded 17<sup>th</sup> March 1793.

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State of Georgia }  
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 State aforesaid, deceased, did in and by his last Will and Testament  
 (as it is said) appoint us the subscribers, ~~two~~ his Executors of his said  
 Will; and whereas it has been inconvenient, and it still is  
 inconvenient for us or either of us to qualify and act as Executors  
 of the last Will and Testament of the said John Heard. And  
 to remove all doubts on this head, and that no damages may  
 arise from its not being known, we have declined acting, ~~we~~  
 and each of us by these presents doth relinquish and renounce  
 all right, title or claim to the Executorship of the last Will &  
 Testament, of the aforesaid John Heard, deceased. In  
 testimony whereof we have severally here unto set our hands  
 and seals, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord  
 1792.

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William Aughs

} Proved before A. Mousinger C. by the oath  
 of Wm. Aughs.

John Heard Seal

Stephen Heard Seal

Recorded the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1793.

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In the name of God amen, I Jubelle  
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 me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same  
 in the following manner and form.

First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Isaac Mc Clendon  
 one negroe boy named Ben, which is his part of my Estate.

Also I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Mc Clendon  
 a tract of Land beginning at a Corner Authority, Lower main  
 line above Westrooks Clearing, thence a direct line to a Station  
 poplar near the head of the Reddy branch, containing five hun-  
 dred Acres, more or less, including his own Plantation where  
 he now lieth, also one Negroe man named Nere which is  
 his part of my Estate.

Also, I give unto my beloved son Francis Mc Clendon, one  
 negroe man named Primas, which is his part of my Estate.

Also I give unto my beloved son Dennis Mc Clendon a tract  
 and Plantation formerly belonging to John Westbrook, dead  
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together with part of some of my own tract, beginning at a white oak, on Fishing Creek, bank a little above the Fishtrap Ford, thence a direct line through the plantation to a marked Red Oak, on the branch that runs through said plantation, thence up said branch, to the head, thence a direct course, to Jacob McClendon Junr. Line, thence along said line to the said Westbrooks Land before mentioned being two hundred and fifty Acres more or less, Also a Negro boy named Adam, Also one Negro Woman named Dinah, also one set of Blacksmiths Tools, also a Lot of Cattle that I have out in Washington County, which is his part of my Estate.

Also I give unto my beloved Son Amos McClendon, all the rest of my Improvements wherupon I now live, with all the Land between the lines before mentioned, between Samuel and Dennis McClendons, lines, including sea hundred Acres more or less, also one Negro Man named Harry one Negro Woman named Jinney, one Negro boy named Nathan, one Negro boy named Jerry, one Negro boy named Peter, also all my Stock of Cattle that I have at my home house, Also all my Stock of Horses & Hogs, which is his part of my Estate, after his Mothers decease, and not before - Also all the House furniture left to her own disposal. -

Also I give unto Jimmima my beloved daughter twenty five pounds, paid in Tobacco at Market price to be raised out of Amos McClendons part of my Estate. -

Also I give unto my beloved daughter Sanny twenty five pounds to be paid in Tobacco at Market price to be

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raised out of Amos part of my Estate, which is her part of my Estate, —

Also I give unto Penelope my beloved daughter twenty five pounds, to be paid in Tobacco at Market price to be paid out of Amos part of my Estate, which is her part of my Estate. —

Also I give unto Nancy my beloved daughter twenty five pounds, to be paid in Tobacco at Market price to be paid out of Amos part of my Estate, which is her part of my Estate, — Each Legacy to be paid yearly, beginning at the Eldes and continew while each is paid which makes it four payments. —

Also I give unto my beloved daughter Pathany one negroe Girl named Sall, which is her part of my Estate.

I also Constitute and Appoint Isaac M Clendon and Martha M Clendon my beloved Wife to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament, ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

In presence of us. —

Joseph Bailey

Henry McKie

Sarah McKie

Jacob M Clendon

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State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me Joseph Bailey  
Wilkes County } one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within  
Will and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty  
God, deposed and saith that he saw the within named Jacob  
McLendon sign seal publish and 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  
mind disposition and Memory, to the best of his knowledge  
and that he saw Amy McKee and Sarah McKee sub-  
scribe their names as Concurring evidence to the same  
Joseph Bailey

Proved approved and Exhibited the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1793

D. J. Ferrell, R. J. M. C.

Recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1793.

D. J. Ferrell, R. J. M. C.

Liters Testamentary of Warr. given to Martha McLendon Executrix

State of Georgia } This is to Certify that I do hereby renounce  
Wilkes County } and quit claim to the trust reposed in  
me as Executor of the last Will and Testament of Jacob  
McLendon late of this County, deceased, and do hereby  
quit & renounce any title I have to said Executorship.  
Given under my hands and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April  
AD 1793. Isaac McLendon

Acknowledged before me the day and date above written  
D. J. Ferrell, R. J. M. C.

Recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Apr. 1793. D. J. Ferrell R. J. M. C.

Testamentary Papers

In the name of God Amen, I Ebenezer Starnes of  
 Wilkes County, being of sound and perfect mind thank  
 be Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this  
 my last Will and Testament to which first my Will and  
 desire is my daughter Elizabeth Starnes, whom I give  
 and bequeath to her and her Heirs and Assignes for ever  
 one more called pleasure, and she receiving her portion  
 Will to her by her grand father David Callahan if not  
 then to have a equal part with all my other children  
 whom I give and bequeath unto my Wife Elizabeth Starnes  
 the third part of my Estate for lifetime and then equ-  
 ally divided with the children after mentioned.  
 whom I give and bequeath my Estate real and Personal  
 within doors and without, to be equally divided between  
 Moses Starnes, Samuel Starnes, Daniel Starnes, John  
 Starnes, Ebenezer Starnes, Mary Starnes, Joseph Starnes  
 the whole to be kept together till the youngest cometh of  
 age. — I nominate constitute and appoint  
 my two friends William Franklin and George Franklin my  
 whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and  
 Testament, hereby revoking all other and former  
 Wills by me heretofore made either by Word or  
 Writing Ratifying and Confirming this my last  
 Will and Testament. — In Witness whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this  
 twenty fifth day of March in the year of our

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Will of Ebenezer Starnes

Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three  
Seventeenth of American Independence, Signed, Sealed  
Published and Delivered by the Testator within mentioned  
to be his last Will and Testament

In the presence of  
Ebenezer Starnes  
Parsons Poe  
Anthony Carrott  
Wm Franklin

State of Georgia }  
Wilkes County } Personally appeared before me  
Parsons Poe and William Franklin two of the said  
writing witnesses to the within Will and being by me  
duly sworn on the whole Evangelist of almighty  
God depaith and scith that they saw the within  
named Ebenezer Starnes signe seal Publish and  
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 mind disposition  
and memory to the best of their knowledge  
and that Anthony Carrott subscribed his Name  
as a concurring Evidence to the same.

Provid approved and Exhibited the  
13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1793. and recorded  
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State of Virginia }  
Within County } On the thirtyeth day of May in the  
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety  
three came Martha McLendon, the Widdow of Jacob  
McLendon, late of this County deceased, and quitting  
her claim to the several bequests and devises made  
to her in the will of her said Husband, deceased,  
and Elected in lieu thereof a Childs part of the  
said deceaseds Estate, both real and personal

Martha <sup>Jun</sup> McLendon  
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Prova me David Turrell, Register of probate for the  
County aforesaid and day aforesaid.

Recorded the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
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In the name of God amen, I Moses Potts of the State of Georgia County of Wilkes being aged and infirm of body but in perfect senses and memory doth constitute and appoint this my last Will & Testament that is to say I give my soul to God beseeching his acceptance and my Body to the Earth to be decently entered at the direction of my Executor hereafter mentioned.

Respecting my worldly estate.

Item I give unto my four married daughters to wit Margret Stuart and Mary Spring Jean Potts and Rebeckah Simonton ten pounds Cash a piece or in property at the Value

Item I give unto my two sons William and Stephen Potts four hundred and fifty acres of Land on the south side of the North fork of the Oconee River in Franklin County, and in case the <sup>above</sup> four hundred and fifty acres given to William and Stephen should be lost then in that case I give them fifty pounds a piece in property at Valuation.

Item I give unto my son James Potts two hundred and forty acres of Land, part of a six hundred & forty acre Survey lying on the Middle fork of the Oconee River the balance of the six hundred & forty acre Survey, I give to my five sons William Potts, Amory Potts, Moses Potts, Stephen Potts, and Samuel Potts to be equally divided among them.

Item, I give unto my two sons Moses Potts and Samuel Potts the tract of Land whereon I now live to be equally divided between them so as for Samuel have the dwelling House. I wish the dividing line between them to run East and West then Moses can have the benefit of water.

Item, It is my will and desire that my beloved Wife Elizabeth Potts, should have full power & possession of  
Samuel

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Samuel's part of the said Tract of Land with my dwelling House, and my Negroe Woman Patience and all her Issues and my Negroe boy March & George during her widowhood and in case she never marries to her during her life and after Marriage or death the said Negroe Patience and her increase with the children she now has and the Negroe boy March, to be equally divided between my four sons Henry Potts, Moses Potts, Stephen Potts, and Samuel Potts, and my daughter Elizabeth Potts. —

Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Potts a feather bed & furniture a Flax wheel and three cows and calves, two Ewes and Lambs and a Horse and Saddle the Horse to be worth fourteen pounds and as much pewter and other House hold Furniture as any of the rest of my daughters got and ten pounds cash. —

Item I give to my two sons after the death or Marriage of my Wife James Potts and William my Negroe boy Goose so as each to have an equal Right, it is my wish for one to sell to the other, that which suits them best. —

Item I give to my sons, Henry Potts, Moses Potts and Samuel Potts the Horse beasts they now claim and my son Stephen Potts, a bay Horse that is called Buck.

Item, I give to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Potts my Horse called Snip and lend her during her Widowhood my Horse called Colley, and a Mare called bonney Grace and if she never Marries to her during her life.

Item I give all the balance of my stock after my Just debts are paid and Still and Wagon except three

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Three Cows and Calves and two Ewes and Lambs to my four sons Henry Potts, Moses Potts, Stephen Potts and Samuel Potts. —

Item. the three Cows & Calves and three Ewes & Lambs above excepted I give to my Wife, the brog and Hogs to be kept together for the use of my family, the hundred pounds above mentioned given to William Potts and Stephen Potts in case their four hundred and fifty acres of Land should be lost, It is to be paid in property by all the rest of my sons, an equal part apiece to wit James Potts, Henry Potts, Moses Potts and Samuel Potts and William Potts and Stephen Potts to lose in proportion with the rest, in case their Land should be lost. —

Item I give my four Sons Henry, Moses, Stephen and Samuel Potts, a feather bed and Furniture apiece and the balance of the House hold and Kitching Furniture I give to my Wife, all money Money due me by bond or open Account is to be equally divided between all my sons James Potts, Henry Potts, Moses Potts, Stephen Potts and Samuel Potts, Except five pounds apiece to my three daughters Jane Potts, Rebekah Simonton and Elizabeth Potts and as much as will purchase a saddle and bridle apiece for Stephen and Samuel Potts, and Samuel Potts as soon as the lot

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