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State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me Archelus Stephens the Subscribing
Wilkes County } to the within ~~Will~~ Instrument of Writing and being duly
Sworn saith that He saw the within Named Gabriel Toombs 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 and Memory -
Sworn to before me this }
25th day of Feb^y 1799 }
D^{ns} Terrell R.P.W.C. }
Archelus Stephens

Recorded April 21st 1801

In the name of God Amen this twenty second day of December
the year one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Eight I Francis Bellingslea
Senior of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being in perfect Mind and
Memory I thanks be to the Almighty God therefore calling this to mind the
Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to once
to Die do make this my last Will and Testament that is to say -
Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul to God that gave
it and my Body I Recommend to the Ground; to the Earth to be buried in a Decent
Manner at the discretion of my Executors and Worldly Estate wherewith it has
pleased God to Bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following
Manner -

I then ~~Will~~ bequeath to my son Samuel Bellingslea five hundred and ~~no~~ dollars
all ready Received -

I then Will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah ~~no~~ three hundred dollars already
Received -

I then Will and bequeath to my son ~~William~~ ^{William} Bellingslea three hundred
and forty six Dollars all ready Received -

I then Will and bequeath to my son ~~Walter~~ ^{William} Bellingslea five hundred and ~~eighty~~ ^{two} nine
Dollars already Received -

I then Will and bequeath to my son Francis Bellingslea all ready
Received -

Wilkes County

I then Will and Bequeath to my Son Cyrus Bellingslea four hundred and Eighteen Dollars already Received -

I then Will and Bequeath to my Son James Bellingslea seventy five Dollars all ready and one Negro Wench named Rachel at the Price of three hundred and fifty Dollars and one Bed and furniture at the Price of forty Dollars

I then Will and Bequeath to my Son John Bellingslea seventy five Dollars already Received one Bed and furniture at the Price of forty Dollars

I then Bequeath to my son John Bellingslea ^{County Billingslea} two Negroes of the name of Lather and Pang and their increase if any at the price of seven hundred Dollars to be Equally divided when John Bellingslea comes to twenty one years

~~old~~ I then Will and Bequeath to Clement Bellingslea one Bed and furniture at the Price of forty Dollars one horse and Saddle at the Price of seventy five Dollars -

I then Will and Bequeath to my Daughter Polly Bellingslea one Negro Boy named Harry one and a half Negro Girl named Aggy one mare a Saddle and Saddle one Bed and furniture three large Silver spoons and six small ones one Silver cream jug all at the Price of six hundred and twenty three Dollars -

I then Will and Bequeath to my son Howell Bellingslea one Negro Boy named Lawson one Negro Girl named Mile the Plantation where I now live and three hundred and thirty Acres of land to be laid off from Watts Bellingslea line that next to the Mill Pond and then running direct to Strogins line and then one horse and saddle worth seventy five Dollars to be give to him at Eighteen years old one Bed and furniture at forty Dollars the whole I leave to him at the Price of fifteen hundred Dollars & Six Silver spoons the Crockery ware and Tea Kettle -

I then Will and Bequeath to my grand Daughter Aseneth Morris three large Silver spoons -

I then leave the mill and the land to be sold

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to make my children Equal

^{his} Francis Billingslea
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Test Actor ^{his} Nash
mark

Test Cyrus Billingslea

MB I then leave Samuel

Billingslea and James Billingslea
Executors to my estate

State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me Actor Nash and
Wilkes County } Cyrus Billingslea the Witnesses to the above instrument
of Writing and being duly sworn saith that he saw the above named
Francis Billingslea sign seal publish and Declare the above Instrument
of Writing & MB to be his last Will and testament and that at the
time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory and that Cyrus
Billingslea subscribed his name as a concurring Evidence to the same in his
presence

I sworn to before me this 4th

day of January 1899

D. J. Terrell R.P.W.C.

Actor ^{his} Nash
mark

Cyrus Billingslea

Cyrus Billingslea Sworn to the Will & MB the 8th of Jan'y - 1899

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Willis County

In the name of God Amen this month day Decr 1797
I Pleasant Harper of the County of Willis State of Georgia being
in perfect health and memory thanks be to God for the same do make this
my last Will and Testament, that is to say -
I give to Wm Harper my dearly beloved Brother my land consisting of
100 Acres also all my Movable property to have and to hold after my decease
and freely to enjoy - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal the date above

Pleasant Harper

Test

Barton Landrum

Samuel ^{his} Landrum
mark

State of Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court Samuel Landrum
Willis County } one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being
duly Sworn ~~on~~ the holy Gospel of God depose and oath that he saw the
within named Pleasant Harper 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 and memory and Barton Landrum subscribed
his name as a concurring evidence to the same in his presence -

Sworn to in Open Court
this 5th July 1799 }

Samuel ^{his} Landrum
mark

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Other above oath taken by Barton Landrum the other Witness
in open Court this 28th July 1800

Barton Landrum

Test D. do Terrell Clerk

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In the name of God Amen, I Jacob McClendon of the State of Georgia & of Wilkes County being in a low State of health but in my perfect mind & memory and knowing the mortality of my Body that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this as my Last will and testament Disannulling all former ones, and as Touching such worldly Estate where with it has pleased God to bless me with, I give Bequeath and Dispose of in the following manner first I give to my loving son Francis McClendon and to his heirs and assigns all that part of my land which lies over Morrisess creek being the South east Side of said creek also my Negroe man Duck my Stud horse and one Bed and furniture

Item I give to my loving son Stephen McClendon and to his heirs and assigns all the Remainder part of my land including the plantation whereon I now live likewise my Negro man Peter my Negro woman Beck my Negro Boy Abile my Negro girl Tan & Bay horse Colt and one bed and furniture Item I give to my loving Daughter Amy Well and to her heirs and assigns my Negro girls, Nan Parcus & Sally also one Bed & furniture

Item I give to my loving Daughter Nancy McClendon and to her heirs and assigns my Negro girls Follace & Isbell Also one bed & furniture Likewise all the Money arising from the Sale of my Stock and the Balance of my household and Kitchen furniture which I leave to be sold by any Execution and if the debts due me is sufficient to discharge mine I would wish it settled what

Wilkes County

If not Every one of my Children to bear an Equal part and should there be any over I give it to my Daughter Nancy; I likewise nominate and appoint Francis McClendon Theophilus Hill and Azariah Bailey Executors of this my last will and Testament

— In witness whereof I have Signed Sealed published declared hereunto set my hand and seal this 9 day of March 1799 Testament of Jacob McClendon in presence of us this 9 day of March 1799 Jacob McClendon

Jesse Bailey
William Bailey
Samuel Bentley

Personally appeared in open court Jesse Bailey and Samuel Bentley two of the witnesses to the within Will and being duly sworn said that they saw the within named Jacob McClendon sign seal publish and declare the within testament of Writing to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory and that William Bentley subscribed his name as Concurring evidence to the same in their presents —

Sworn in Open Court
9th of July 1799

Jesse Bailey
Samuel Bentley

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Bentley

In the name of God Amen I John Wilkey of the
State of Georgia and County of Wilkes planter being very sick and
Weak in or in perfect Health of Body but or and perfect mind and memory
thanks be given unto God Calling unto mind the mortality of my Body, and
knowing that it is appointed one for all men to die do make and declare 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 of Almighty God that gave it and
my Body to be commended to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian
Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing but at the
General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power
of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it pleased God
to bestow on me in this life I give demise and bequeath I do give in the
following manner and form -

I give and bequeath to my ~~dearly~~ Ellenor my dearly beloved Wife to
have my whole Estate after the discharge of my lawfull Debts and
I do utterly Disallow and Revoke and disannul all and every other
former Testaments Wills Legacies and Bequeaths Executors by me in
any wise before named Willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th March 1799
Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by the said
John Wilkey as his last Will and Testament in the
in the of Each Other have hereunto Subscribed our names

Sevi Johnson

Merideth Catching

John Wilkey

This day personally appeared before me ~~and~~ { mark
Sevi Johnson and Merideth Catching and made oath that
they saw John Wilkey Decent Acknowledge the within to be
his last Will and Testament I sworn to before me this 15th
day of March 1799

Thos Gresham

Sevi Johnson

Merideth Catching

(turn over)

Wilkes County

If not Every one of my Children to bear an Equal part and should there be any over I give fit to my Daughter Nancy; I likewise nominate and appoint Francis McClendon Theophilus Hill and Argus Bailey Executors of this my last will and Testament

— In witness whereof I have Signed Sealed published declared hereunto set my hand and Seal this 9 day of March 1799 Testament of Jacob McClendon in presence of us this 9 day of March 1799 Jacob McClendon

Jesse Bailey
William Bailey
Samuel Bentley

Personally appeared in open court Jesse Bailey and Samuel Bentley two of the Witnesses to the within Will and being duly Sworn said that they saw the within named Jacob McClendon sign seal publish and declare the within testament of Writing to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory and that William Bentley subscribed his name as Concurring evidence to the same in their presents —

Sworn in Open Court
9th of July 1799

Jesse Bailey
Samuel Bentley

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Personally appeared in Open Court Levi Johnson and Meredith
Catching and being duly sworn I each that they saw the within
named John Welkey ~~make~~ publish and declare the within Instrument
of Writing of Writing to be his last Will and Testament and at
the time of his doing he was of sound mind and memory
to the best of their knowledge — Levi Johnson
Sworn to in Open Court } Meredith Catching

The 9th of July 1799 }

J. do Serrell Clk

Georgia

Wilkes County

} In the name of God Amen
I Moses Gordon being very sick in body but
of a sound and perfect memory do after committing my body
to the dust and my soul to God who gave it; wish to divide my
my Estate in the following manner —
I do first give and Bequeath to my Wife Nancy Gordon during
her natural life or Widowhood all my Real and personal
Estate for the Raising maintaining and Schooling my Children
and in Case my said Wife Marries it is my Will that she has
one third part of all my Estate and after her decease that
my whole Estate be Equally divided between my Children viz.
Josiah, Polley, Isaac Nancy Delila Betsey It is my will
that my Executors and Executors mentioned hereafter do
dispose of such part of my property as they may find necessary
and Educating my children before named and last of all I constitute
and Appoint my Wife Nancy as my Executor and George Hamilton
and William Cole my trusty Friends as my Lawful Executors to execute
this my last Will and Testament — I do hereby Revoke all other Will
or Wills I heretofore have made and acknowledge this to be my
last Will and Testament I in Witness Whereof

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Joel Abbot
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Witness: Personally appeared in Open Court Doer Joel Abbot
and Sear Stallings and being duly sworn saith that Saw Moses Gordon
Sign seal publish and Declare the annexed Instrument of writing to
be his to be his last Will Testament and that at the time of his so
doing he was of sound mind and memory and Mary Stallings and
her mark in their presence as a Subscribing Witness to the same
Sworn in Open Court }

9th of July 1799

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Joel Abbot
Sear Stallings

In the name of God Amen I John Bolton
of the County of Wilkes do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament
I want first and principally of all I resign my soul to Almighty God that
gave it and touching such such Worldly Goods as it has pleased God to Bless me
with I give and Bequeath Dispose of in the following manner after my lawful
Debts are paid -

I lend unto my Beloved Wife Kitty Bolton all my Real and personal
Estate during her natural life Except one hundred Dollars to be paid to
Each of My daughters Elizabeth Sarah and Mary Bolton when
they become of age -

I give unto my Sons Tho John & Charles Bolton all my lands to be
Equally divided among them the land to be laid of by my Executors

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Be it known to these and by these Presents that I John Owens of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia have made and declared my last Will and Testament in

In the name of God amen I John Owens Senr of the County of Wilkes State of Georgia do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament First and principally of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and as to such worldly goods as God has Bles'd me with I give and Dispose of in the following manner -

Item I leave unto my Beloved Wife Mary Owen all my property Both Real and personal during her natural life or widow hood -
Item after my Wifes decease or marriage I give the Lands I now live on to Denny B. Owen -

Item I give to my Beloved Son John Owen one young Boy more to be possessed of from the Present time

Item I give and Bequeath to my my Beloved Children John Gemma Saller Mary Denny B. and Fanny Owens the following Negroes Stephen Phelis Molly Noley Minty I give them and their them and their Increase to be equally divided among said Children after their mothers Death or marriage and Negroes to be fairly divided without being sold out of the Family -

Also I give unto my above named Children all and singular my household furniture and Stock of Every Kind with all the Property I am Possid of not above mentioned to be Equally divided among them at their mothers

Death or Marriage -

I do appoint constitute and Ordain my Beloved Wife Executrix John Owen Junr and Blackock Wyman Executors to this my last Will and Testament and I do utterly revoke and Disannul all former Wills legacies and Requests Ratifying and Confirming this ^{only to be} my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety Eight -

Witness my hand
John Bolton

Jemima Owens

(burn over)

John Owens Senr

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Wilkes County

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Personally appeared in Open Court James Combs one of the Witnesses to the above Will and being duly sworn saith that he saw the said John Owen 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 and memory and that John Cotton and Gemma Owens subscribed their names as concurring Evidence to the same -

Sworn to in Open Court
the 9th July 1799

James^{his} Combs
mark

D. Ferrell Clk

Be it Known to all men by these Presents that I John Owens of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia have made and Declared my last Will and Testament in Writing bearing date the twenty ninth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety Eight the said John Owens I now by this Present Codicil do ratify and confirm my last Will and Testament and do further give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughters Gemma Sarah Polly and Fanny Owens One hundred Dollars each to be paid unto them by my Executors out of my Estate before the Division takes Place as mentioned in my Will and will and meaning is that this Codicil shall be adjudged to be a part of my last Will and Testament and that all things therein mentioned and contained be faithfully performed as fully as if the same were Declared in my said Will and Testament Witness my hand this tenth day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine Signed in the Presence of us

Wm Cole
John Todd

John Owens Senior

Seal

Personally appeared in Open Court Wm Cole & John Todd the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Codicil and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named John Owens sign seal publish and Declare the within Instrument of Writing to be a Codicil to his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory

Sworn in Open Court
9th day of July 1799
D. Ferrell Clk

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In the name of God Amen I James Smith of the County of Wilkes
 & State of Georgia being of perfect mind and memory do make & ordain this
 my last Will and Testament in manner and form following To wit
 Item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Smith and to my Daughter Patty Barron
 a Tract of Land on Long Creek in the County of Oglethorpe containing two hundred
 and sixteen Acres be the same more or less granted to James Hart to be equally
 divided Between them to them and their heirs forever (Deed made to it)

Item I give Bequeath to my Son Joseph Smith the Tract of Land I now live
 on in the County of Wilkes containing two hundred Acres more or less & granted to
 James Smith to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth one Bed
 and furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Rachel Smith one Bed
 & furniture to her & her heirs forever

Item it is my Will and Desire that all the Rest of my Estate of Every kind
 whatever be sold on twelve months Credit and the money arising from
 such sale to be equally divided among my following Children or their Heirs Viz
 Nathan Smith John Smith Joseph Smith & the Children of my Son Jacob
 Smith Mary White Patsy Barron Elizabeth Smith Rachel Smith Sarah
 Thompson to them & their heirs forever

Lastly I appoint my Sons Nathan Smith & John Smith & Joseph Smith
 Executors to this my last Will & Testament utterly Revoking and Disannul-
 ling all former Wills by me heretofore made do make and Ordain this my last
 Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and Seal this 2^d day of January in the year of Our Lord 1797 and of the
 Sovereignty and Independence of America the twenty first year

Acknowledged in Presence of
 Edward Butler
 Nathaniel Rice
 Samuel Rice

The word first
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 above interlined before as signed (in the Original)

(James Smith)

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Personally appeared in Open Edward Butler Esq and Samuel Rice two of the within Witnesses and being duly Sworn both that they saw the within named James Smith Sign Seal Publish and Declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament and Samuel Rice sayeth that the other Witness Nathaniel Rice Subscribed his name as a concurring Witness to the same — July 9th - 1799

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D^a Terrill

Edward Butler

Samuel Rice

Attest of the Estate of Jas Smith Esq Charles Phelps Samuel
and Ephraim Chapman Thos Terrill Secy
of them

In the name of God Amen I Francis Edmunds
of Wilkes County being in but a low State of Health but in
Perfect mind and memory thanksgiving to God: and calling to
mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for
all men to Die Do make and Ordain this my last will and
Testament. and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith I am
Pleased God to bless me in this Life. I give devise and dispose
of in the following manner & form —
First I lend to my Dearly beloved Wife Rachel the Plantation
whereon I now live and all the Land I bought of Benjamin
Palmer that lies the South West side or same side of the
River likewise all my Personal Estate during her natural
life or widow hood —

I give to my Beloved Son Richard Edmunds and to his
heirs & assigns a tract of Land containing one hundred and
Sixty Seven and an half Acres lying on the waters of

Newford Creek.

I give to my Beloved Son William Edmunds and to his heirs and assigns the remainder Part of the Tract of land whereon I now live lying the North East side of the Creek Likewise a tract of forty eight acres which I bought of Jonas Moore I give to my beloved son John Edmunds and to his heirs and assigns the plantation and Tract of land whereon I now live as above mentioned and lent to my dearly Beloved Wife Rachel after her decease or the End of her widowhood at which time I leave the whole of my Negroes (if any to be ^{equally} divided between all my Children to wit) Ann Dixon Catharine Edmunds Richard Edmunds Sally McElerson Elizabeth Bailey Mary Edmunds William Edmund John Edmunds Dolly Edmunds Eloi Edmunds & the exact Balance of my Personal Estate to be divided between six of my Children after my just Debts is paid to wit William Edmunds, John Edmunds, Catharine Edmunds, Mary Edmunds, Dolly Edmunds and Eloi Edmunds —

I also constitute and appoint my Dearly Beloved Wife Rachel and my Beloved Son William Edmunds Executors & Executrix of this my last will and Testament I disannulling all former ones In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

Signed Sealed Published and Declared
to be the last will and Testament
of Frances Edmunds in presence of us

Azariah Bailey
Jonah Stovall

Marshall ^{mark} Jackson

(Turn Over)

Frances ^{mark} Edmunds 

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Wilkes Personally appeared in Open Court Azariah

Barlow and Hartwell Jackson to of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within will and being duly Sworn saith that they saw the within named Francis Edmunds Sign seal Publish and Declare the within

Instrument of writing to be his last will and at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory and that Josiah Stovall Subscribed his name as a concurring Evidence to the same and

Sworn in Open Court

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J. B. Barlow
Hartwell Jackson

In the name of God Amen.

I A Free white of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being weak of Body but of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and Testament in manner and form following—

First I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God my maker Beseeching his acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits of of Dear Redeemer-jesus Christ.

Secondly I give my Body to be Decently Buried by the care of my trusty friends Mary Wade and Moses Wade whom I do appoint Executors Over this my last will and Testament

Thirdly it is my Desire that all my just Debts should be paid and the rest of my worldly Goods disposed of as follows—

also I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife the third part of the Property also the third part of the Land her life time

also I give and Bequeath unto my Son Joshua the parcel of Land where I now dwell

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And lastly I desire that the rest of my Property should be equally
divided among the girls. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this first day of November 1799

Signed Sealed and
Declared by the above
named Akree Wade to
be his last will and
Testament in the
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Akree Wade
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John Lynn
Edward Oxford
Jonathan Oxford

State of Georgia } Personally appeared in Open
Wilkes County } Court John Lynn Edward Oxford
& Jonathan Oxford and being duly Sworn saith
that they saw the within named Akree Wade Sign seal and
acknowledge the within Instrument of Writing to
be his last will and Testament and at the time of
his so doing he was of sound mind and memory &
I sworn to in open Court

24 February 1801

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Edward Oxford
Jonathan Oxford
John Lynn

In the name of God, Amen I Robert 2^d Plam
 Hammock (Senior) of the County of Wilkes & State of 2^d Also
 Georgia planter; being sick and weak of Body but of 2^d Acres
 Perfect understanding; calling to mind the Mortality of Half
 My Body do make and Ordain this my last Will and Her
 Testament; First I give my Body to the Earth to be buried Also
 in a decent manner and my Soul I give into the hands and
 of Almighty God my merciful Creator and attaching 10 for
 such worldly Estate wherewith it has Pleased God to and
 bless me in this Life, I do hereby give, Bequeath, and 100
 devise in manner and form following that is to say: 100
 First I Give and Bequeath unto my Dearly Beloved Wife 100
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 Tracts I now possess during her life (that She may be able the p
 to Raise the children that are yet under age in a creditable to clea
 & Decent manner) Except such plantations that may hereafter unso
 be mentioned whereon any of my Children are settled like 100
 I leave her the whole of my live Stock, and moveable effects the m
 During life unless She sees cause hereafter to assist her Also
 Daughters; In that case I leave to her own Discretion; 10 I
 and her Death the whole of the said moveable Effects & live
 as well Live Stock of all Kinds as house hold furniture 100
 Plantation Tools & Instruments are to be equally divided among 100
 her & the only use and behoof of them & their Heirs forever 100
 Also I give and bequeath unto Milly Bentley or her heirs 100
 Sixteen Law full Dollars which is to be considered as the whole 100
 of her claim against the Estate 100
 Also I leave unto Lewis my first Son (in consideration of his 100
 paying the Estate before hand thirty silver Dollars) one hundred and 100
 of land to him and his heirs forever to Include there 100
 life

Plantation wherein he is now Living -
 Also to Robert my Second Son I leave one hundred
 Acres of Land adjoining to his Brother Lewis &
 Haifarline; to the use and Benefit of him and his
 Heirs forever
 Also I give and Bequeath unto my Third Son Joshua
 and his Heirs forever one hundred Acres of Land
 to join his Brother Robert and Perry's old Survey
 and whereas the said Joshua has at great trouble in
 clearing a plantation where and Lewis are now settled
 he is at full liberty to make another Crop in the field he has
 tilled on Lewis's Side Rent free Likewise the Land that he
 has cleared on that side of the Creek where he now lives he has
 the privilege of tending Rent free till he has it in his own power
 to clear a Plantation on his own Tract; Likewise I Bequeath
 unto my fourth and fifth Sons John & William two hundred
 Acres of land in Stewarts Survey to be Equally Divided between
 them to the only use and Benefit of them and their Heirs forever
 Also I leave to my Sixth Son Edward two hundred Acres of Land
 to Include the dwelling House and Plantation where I now
 live to him and his heirs forever; the remaining fifty eight
 Acres in my Survey including the remaining twenty five Acres
 in Stewarts Survey in all Eighty three Acres more or less.
 I give and Bequeath unto my youngest Daughter Kate; and
 her heirs forever In making a Division of said Lands as
 aforesaid it is to be observed that where any of the cleared Land
 which I now hold in my Tenure should belong to the Grants
 I have Issued out as aforesaid. yet my wife is not to be disturbed
 in the culture of the same Rent free During her natural
 life but is to Enjoy the produce of the same unmolested

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neither were any of my Sons allowed to sell or Dispose of
their Land which they may Receive of me during my life
without my leave and after my Death they are to give the
Refusal of their part to one another that it may remain
in the family. The Money arising from Debt &c. is to be
equally Divided among my wife and Daughters as well as the
whole of my moveable Effects as aforesaid at her Death as
And I do hereby Ratify and confirm this to be my last will and
Testament, ^{is all my} utterly [&] disannulling all other Wills heretofore
mentioned. In Witness whereof I have herunto set
my hand and Seal this ninth day of July One thousand
Seven hundred and ninety nine and in the twenty fourth
year of American Independance

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John Battle

Henry Le-Crop

John Hall

Robert ^{his} ~~X~~ Lammock ^{mark}

The aforesaid Will I now again declare to be my
last will and Testament and still ^{confirm} every
Bequest therein mentioned except the ~~bequest~~ Effects which
are to be left among my Daughters but finding there
may be an Opening left in the above for a misunderstanding
standing the said will. I hereby annex the Codicil or Schedule
To Will To my eldest Daughter Anna Roy I leave
one yearling likewise to Betsey Alonceif I leave one
yearling also and this is to be considered as the whole of the
claim they have against the Estate unless their mother see
cause hereafter to apportion them the rest of my moveable
Effects I Bequeath to my Daughter following Lucy
Polly Lucina and Katey to be equally Divided among
them at their mothers Death I do

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Robert ^{his} Hammock 
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Personally appeared in open Court Henry Le Gras & John
Battle two of the Subscribing witnesses to the above will
and being duly sworn saith that they saw the above named
Robert Hammock sign seal publish and declare the
above and foregoing Instrument of writing to be his
last will and Testament and that at the time of his so
doing he was of sound mind and memory and that
John Battle subscribed his name as a Concurring Evidence
to the same

I sworn to in open Court }

this 24th Feby. 1800

D^o Torrell CC Judge

John Battle
Henry Le Gras

Georgia } In the name of God Amen

Wilkes County } I John Simms of the County
& State aforesaid being in perfect Health and of
sound mind and memory do make and Cod in this
my last Will and Testament

First. I Desire to recommend my soul into the hands
of its Creator and my Body to be Buried in a Decent
Christian Manner. ~~Thus~~ so what worldly goods it has pleased
God to bless me with I give and Dispose of in the following
manner to wit,

Item It is my Will and Desire (after all my just Debts
are paid) that the whole of my Estate whosoever to be found
be Equally Divided Between my Wife Milley Sims, my
two Sons William & Frederick Sims & my Daughter
Emily Wingfield Sims or as many of these as may be
alive at the time my Son William Sims comes to the
age of twenty one years or marries at which time
it is my Will the Division should take Place & further
should my said wife & any Sims have Other Children
or be pregnant with Child previous to my Decease it
is also my Will that they be made Equal Sharers and
have one Equal part of my said Estate with my
said wife Milley Sims my two Sons William & Frederick
Sims and my Daughter Emily Wingfield Sims at the
time of Division before Mentioned I give the same to
them and to their heirs forever

Item It is my Will and Desire that all my Children
be Librally Educated out of the Profits of my Estate
to be reserved for that purpose before the above men-
tioned Division takes place at the Discretion of my

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and I do hereby appoint my wife Milly
 Sims Executrix & Benjamin Sims John Longfield Senr &
 Thomas Longfield Junr my Executors to his my last
 Will & Testament hereby - hereby I do annulling
 and Resoking all other Will or Wills heretofore by me
 at any time made In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 12th day
 of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred & ninety nine -
 Signed Seal and Delivered
 in presence of

John Sims 

Personally appeared in Open Court Littleton Harris
 Benjamin Sims & John Longfield and being duly
 sworn Saith that they are well acquainted with
 the hand writing of John Sims now Decd & that they
 Believe the whole of the Instrument of Writing hereunto
 annexed purporting to be his last will and Testament is
 the hand writing of the said Decd together with his
 therunto subscribed

Sworn to in Open Court
 this 26th day 1800

I do
 J. Terrell & Gordy

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Benth Sims

John Longfield senr

I Thomas Lesley of the County of Wilkes being
in a low Condition of Body but of a Sound memory
Blessed be God for the same & calling to mind the
uncertainty of this life and knowing it is appointed for
all men to Die & being Desirous of settling my worldly
affairs before I go hence & be no more therefore I do draw
this my Last Will and Testament —

I purp^{ose} First of all to give my Body to the Earth to be
Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter to be
named and my Soul to God that gave it my Will and
Desire is that all my just Debts be first paid out of my Estate

I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Leticia Lesley
I give to her heirs assigns forever my one Grey Horse &
her choice of the two Cows & Calves I shew one little Spotted
two years old Heifer also all my Household furniture of all
kinds further when what money I have left after funeral charges
&c. is Divided amongst all my Children I allow her the said &c.
Leticia Lesley as much as any of the other two that is to say as much
as comes to two's part also I allow her the whole of the Crop
that is my own now a growing likewise the Horse Gears & chains
inclosed with them

I give and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Lesley & his heirs
and assigns for ever my one Bay mare and Dun Colt
& one cow & calf also all my Plows and plantation tools & carpenter
tools of all kinds whatsoever.

The Remainder of my Estate Real & personal that has not
been already disposed of I give and Bequeath to my four
Children Thomas Lesley Leticia Lesley Mary McNight &
& Hannah Dear to be Equally Divided Between them or their
Heirs or assigns &c. Except the Before mentioned two

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wrote that Leda is to get ^{give} If wth the Begueth to Hannah
 was one white year old Calf to her hens & ap^oigns &
 allow give and Begueth to Mary McKnight one small black
 w^h which I allow to be fattened and killed in the fall & quarter
 fourth part to be given to my Daughter Leda Lisly
 further give and Begueth to my Son Thomas Lisly
 my Daughter Leda Lisly my whole stock of Hogs
 to be equally divided between them two

I do constitute and appoint my son Thomas Lisly Executor
 of my last will and Testament and I do renounce
 all former wills by me made and Declare them null &
 void. In Witness whereof the said Thomas Lisly did
 with hereunto set his hand and seal this twenty seventh day
 of May one thousand Eight ~~h~~ seven hundred and ninety

In the Presence of us
 William McElure
 Spencer ^{his} Douglass
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Thomas Lisly Seal

Personally appeared Spencer Douglass & being duly sworn saith
 that he saw the within named Thomas Lisly sign seal Publish
 & Declare the foregoing Instrument of Writing to be his last will
 and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was
 of sound mind and memory to the best of his knowledge
 & belief & that William McElure subscribed his name as
 a concurring Evidence to the same in his presence

Sworn in Open Court
 this 26th Feby 1800

Spencer & Douglass

D. Ferrell Clerk

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In the name of God Amen I Charles Williamson
of the County of Wilkes & State of Georgia Being then
in Health but in perfect mind and memory &
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 recom-
mend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it
and my Body to be Buried Decently by my Friends and as
to my worldly Estate I give and Dispose of in the following
manner —

first I give and Bequeath to Polly Williamson my Dearly
Beloved Wife all my house hold goods together with all
my Stock which I wish to be used alike for the support
of my Child whilst he remains with my wife the tract
of land I live on containing six hundred acres I
give & leave to be equally divided as to quantity &
quality Between my wife & Son Charles Williamson
Junr. and I also & I also give to my wife the following
Negroes To wit Mary Phelis & Ann Christman Tom Easter
Peggy & George — I do give to my Son the following Negroes
To wit Mogg, Patrick, Lydd, Joe, Ciller, Isham, Maria
Ben. Dave Lorde Lucy & Pompey; I also give to my
Son a Bounty Land as Promised & engaged me for my
Services as a late State Troop Officer and I direct &
Requ Coast that the whole of the above named Negroes be
Kept together & worked on the Plantation for the mutual
Benefit of my wife & Child at least during the widow hood
of my wife or untill my Son becomes of age in case my
Wife should remain a widow till then But on her marrying
I wish a Separation of the Property as above Directed

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Provided my Executors should think it would be more for the
^{Interest} ~~Benefit~~ of my ^{to} then keeping it together as above mentioned
 and hereby constitute make and ordain my wife Polly Williamson
 & My Brother Micajah Williamson together with John Clark my
 Executrix and Executors of this my last will and Testament
 and I do hereby ~~revoke~~ utterly revoke and disannul all and
 every other Testaments Wills Legacies Bequest Executors by me
 in any wise before named and I further Direct that a ^{part} of
 of mine be disposed of the Money arising therefrom applied
 to the Payments of my just Debts and if that should not
 be sufficient to discharge them then as I am in hopes
 that the residue can be made up out of my Present
 years crop and I further give all the Money that
 may here after be received or is due me for my
 Services as a Militia Officer on the Frontiers of this
 State to be equally divided Between my wife & Child as
 well as Monies that may be due me I wish divided in
 the same manner and I further Direct that in case
 of the Death of either my wife or Child that the property
 here left to the one deceasing Devolt to & be the Right & property
 of the one living Except at the Death of my son I direct
 that the Negro named Ben be given in that case to my
 Brother Peter Williamson and I do hereby rectify & confirm
 the whole of the foregoing to be my last will & Testament
 In Wttness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 Seal this thirty first day of July one thousand seven hundred
 and ninety nine

Signed Sealed & acknowledged } Charles Williamson
 in the Presence of }
 B. Smith
 Patey Williamson
 Wm Williamson (Turn Over)

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State of Georgia }
Wilkes County } Court of Ordinary

Personally appeared Miss Patsy Williams one
of the Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will and
being duly Sworn on the Holy Gospel of God deposeeth
and Saith that She saw Charles Williams or sign seal
Publish and Declare the the annexed Instrument
of Writing to be his last Will & Testament and that
at the time of his so doing and disposing mind and
memory and that William subscribed his name as a concurring
Evidence to the same

Patsy Williams

Sworn to in Open Court
this 27th day of Feb 1800

D^o J. J. Terrell J. C. Ordly

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In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Omeal
of the County of Wilkes & State of Georgia being weak in Body But
Perfect in mind and memory do make this my last will & Testament
hereby revoking all Others ~~in writing~~

I resign my Soul to God who give it and and my
to be Buried in a decent manner The Expenses of which
I desire to be provided for out of my Estate —

I lend to my Beloved wife Sarah Omeal all my Tract or
parcel of Land ^{that} I now live on with it appurtenances during
her natural life I gave to my Beloved wife Sarah Omeal
one gelding named Ball and my Stock of cattle and my stock
of Hogs and my Plantation Tools and ~~my~~ feather Bed and
furniture and all my house hold and kitchen furniture I gave
to my Beloved wife all my Geese I will my Crop for the present
year for the use & Support of my family

I gave to my Beloved Daughter Sarah one Negroe Boy Harry
to her & her lawful heirs forever & also one Feather Bed to her

I gave to said Daughter ~~forever~~ Sarah Forever
I gave & Bequeath to my Beloved Son Theophilus Omeal & his
heirs one Negroe Boy Sam —

I gave & Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Tabitha & her
heirs for ever one Negroe Boy Harry and one feather bed
and furniture — and whereas my said Beloved wife &

Discovers every appearance of pregnancy should the infant or
Infants live to years of Discretion I is my request that at
the Death of its Mother that the Tract or parcel of Land I now
live on my be sold with Given twelve Months Credit to the
Purchaser and the Monies arising for value of sd Land or as
much of it as is of equal value as either of the other of my children
Legacies may be of It is my Desire that the said approaching
Infant or Infants may Receive as their or its Legacy
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and if any Balances over & above said Legacies of sd land
I desire that it should be Equally Divided Between all my
Children -

Item one Negroe woman named Venus and one Wigggon
& two pair of Churns & Breachbands & haimsto be sold to pay
my just Debts Also I desire that all the Debts due to me
either on Bonds notes or Open Acc^{ts} should be collected &
put to the use of paying off my just Debts if there should
be any of the Property of the sd Property left over & above
paying my just Debts I desire that it may Equally divided
Between my wife & Each of my children it is my desire
that all my Children should live & continue with their mother
untill they Severally come of age or marry & to be clothed ran-
sed & schooled of the Profits arising on my Plantation whereon
I now live in a decent manner. Also I desire that my Negroe
Boys Sam which I have given to my Son Theophilus may
remain in my family with all Benefits & profits arising from
his labour until my Son Theophilus to whom I willed said Negroe
to years of maturity or until my Wife should marry again
If so happens before my Wife should marry before my Son comes
to years of maturity it is my desire that sd Negroe Sam should
be hired out yearly until my Son Theophilus comes to years
of maturity which wages Acc^{ts} for sd Negroe I desire would carefu-
ly be given to my Son Theophilus when he comes to years of maturity

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this ninth Day of April Eighteen hundred I do appoint
William Stephens Esq^r of Green County and William Wilson of Wilkes
County the Sole Executors of this my last will and Testament given
under my hand the day & date above written

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State of Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court
Wilkes County } Wooten Oneal & Nathl Stevens
the two Subscribing witnesses to the
within Will & being duly Sworn & att that they saw the
within named Nathan Oneal sign seal & acknowledge the
within Instrument of Writing to be his last will & testam-
ent and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind
& memory to the best of their knowledge & belief

Sworn to in open Court

This 28th July 1800

J. d. Ferrell Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Dawson Toombs
of the County of Wilkes & State of Georgia being sound
mind and Disposing memory do make this my last will
and Testament I ~~express~~ ^{express} following "I wot"
I commend my soul to God who gave it my Desire is that
first that my Body be decently buried and that my just
Debts should be punctually Paid

Item I give unto my Beloved Wife Mary Toombs my Negro
Man Charles James Sary & his Mary Winney together

with all her legacies due in Virginia or Else where all the rest of
Estate to be Divided agreeable to my fathers Will also my
Will & desire is that two hundred Dollars which I am

Indebted to my fathers Estate be paid out of my Estate not
touching their Negroes also I leave my Beloved Wife my
& executrix and my Brother Robert
Toombs my Executor of this my last
(Horn over Will)

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and Testament as Writings ~~any~~ ~~James~~ this my hand and

Seal this the 12th day of December 1799

Signed sealed and
Delivered in the Presence
of us

Dawson ^{his} Toombs Seal
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Jeffe Heard
Stephen Heard
Judith Heard
Sarah Heard

State of Georgia } Personally appeared Stephen
Wilkes County } Heard one of the Subscribing
Witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saith
that He saw the within named Dawson & Toombs sign
Seal Publish and Declare the within Instrument of
Writing to be his last will & Testament and that at
the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory
and that Jeffe Heard Judith Heard & Sarah Heard
Subscribed their names as accompanying Evidence to
the same

Sworn to in Open Court } Stephen Heard
this 31th July 1801
Dawson & Toombs

To John F.
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Robert Crawl
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June the 3^d 1800

To John Pope Esq^r I am, ~~at this time~~ ^{at this time} Exceeding Sick
and hardly expect to live much longer and as you
have been my Particular friend and Neighbour I request
you to take the charge of all my concerns my Land ^{Neighbourment}
Stock furniture &c and them safely keep untill my
lawfull Heir comes forward which is Thomas Lanor
John Lanor, Robert Crawley Lanor Lewis Lanor
Winnifred Chely & Mary Willson I have a note on
Samuel Wellbourn for \$20 some time due, and also
a note I delivered to me by ^{Ed} Saml Wellbourn for \$20
on his Brother Johnston also and ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~John~~ ^{Johnston} it
would suit to make a discount all around, I have a note
on Henry Jones for \$260 with Interest it would be well
to sue for it Immediately as I am afraid his property
is almost Exhausted I have a note on my Brother Robert Crawley Lanor
for \$13 which I wish never to come against him. I wish you to
give Saml Clark \$20 when you find it convenient
There is now in Archib^d Simsons hands in cash the sum of \$81.25
Cents which I wish part of to pay for my funeral Expenses
which I wish to be done in an Orderly manner and decent manner
I hereby Request that John Pope Esq^r take charge of all my Estate
& that it be equally divided between Thomas Lanor John Lanor
Robert Crawley Lanor Lewis Lanor Winnifred Chely & Mary
Willson first paying all my lawfull Debts and that
Ed Pope has Reasonable Expenses for his trouble
and my Desire is that the reverend James
Matthews do preach my funeral Sermon
thruover

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Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence
of us the date above written

Archibald Simpson

Samuel Wingfield

William Lenoir

Hannah Wingfield

Georgia

Wilkes County

Personally appeared Archibald Simpson
and Saml Wingfield two of the witnesses

to the within will and being duly sworn oath that saw
them within named William Lenoir 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 and memory and that Hannah
Wingfield Subscribed in their Presence as a concurring
Evidence to the same

Sworn in open Court

31st July 1800

Dr Terrell & Co. Clerks

Archibald Simpson

Samuel Wingfield

I Selma Gilbert of the County of Wilkes and State
of Georgia Merchant being far advanced in life
and considering that this Life is uncertain do hereby make
Ordain Constitute and appoint this & No Other my
Last Will & Testament

That is to say I Desire that after I am Dead my
Body may be Buried in a Christian like manner
And as touching my Worldly Goods with which it hath
Pleased Almighty God to Bless me with
I dispose of in the following Manner

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First of all I direct that all my Debts be paid and satisfied
 Then I give and Bequeath unto each of my four Daughters
 Sarah Gibson Nancy Taylor Maria Christmas and Elizabeth
 They two hundred Dollars and no more they having received
 a part of their Portion from me heretofore
 Then I give and Bequeath unto my younger Son Felix
 Heywood Gilbert four hundred Pounds. And the remain-
 der of my Estate both Real & personal after Paying
 the aforesaid Legacies to be Equally Divided Between
 my Son William Grant Gilbert and my son Felix
 Each and Every of the aforesaid Legacies to be
 Settled as money now payes in Virginia that is
 to say Six Shillings for Every Spanish Milled Dollar
 Last of all I do hereby appoint my Trusty and
 worthy Friends My Son William Grant Gilbert My Son
 Felix Heywood Gilbert the Reverend Mr John Springer
 And Mr Benjamin Tallwater Executors to this my
 Last Will & Testament -

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my Seal this Fifteenth day of March
 in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred
 and Ninety Eight

Signed Sealed and ~~Attest~~ { Felix Gilbert

in the Presence of

Abraham Tyson
 Reuben Wright
 Bedf. Brown
 Obadiah Wynn

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State of Georgia }
Wilkes County } Personally appeared in Open
Court Abraham Tyson & Reuben Wright two of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being duly
Sworn saith that they saw the within named Felix
Gilbert 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 and disposing
mind and memory and the said Reuben saith Abraham Tyson
and Gladiah Wynne subscribed the same as witnesses to the
same in his Presence

Sworn to in Open Court } Abraham Tyson
This 24th day of Feby 1801 } Reuben Wright
D^o Serrell Clerk

State of Georgia } This
Wilkes County }

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In the name of God Amen I Anne Smith of the
County State of Georgia. being weak in bodily health but of
sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God,
Do Make and Ordain this to be my Last will and Testament
I give to William Hummings Twenty five Cents also to
John Leonard and to Thomas and James Hogan, Leonard
twenty five Cents each to them their Heirs &c.

I give to Nancy Smith my son Esau's Daughter my new
saw Heifer and also an saw Stake to her Heirs &c forever
I give to Abner Smith daughter of Barshabaa Hogan
an saw Stake to her her Heirs —

I give & bequeath to my sons Esau and Anthony Smith
the sum of Eight dollars and a half & being the
Money Anthony owes me, to them their Heirs and
assigns and also ten Cents to Each of them their Heirs &c
forever —

all the remainder of my Estate I give and bequeath unto
my daughter Melina Smith to her Her Heirs and assigns
forever —

I appoint and constitute my son Esau Smith Executor
of this my last will and Testament In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day
A.D 1798: Signed &c in presence of } Anne ^{her} Smith
Jno. Abernethy Charles Fitch } mark

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State of Georgia
Wilkes County

Personally appeared before me

John Abernathie one of the Subscribing

Witnesses to the within will and being duly Sworn Said that he
Saw the within named Anne Smith Sign Seal and Acknow-
ledge within Instrument of Writing to be her last will &
Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was of
Sound Mind disposition and Memory to the best of his Knowledge
and belief and That Ch^s Trinch Subscribed his name
as a Concerning evidence

Sworn to this 25th
day of May 1798.

John Abernathie

D. Ferrell R. P. W. C.
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Recorded the 21st day of July 1806 -

I John Harder Foster of the County of Wilkes
State of Georgia do make this my Last Will -

It is my desire that first my debts be paid: It is my
Desire that the whole of my Estate both real and Person-
al be kept Together Under the direction of my Execu-
tors for the Maintenance and support of my wife and
Children and for the Education of my Children Untill
one of my children comes of age or Mary's At which time
it is my desire that my Executors make an Estimate
of my Negroes Stock and all other Property

Except the Land whereon I now live Household and Kitchen
Furniture and I give them such Part as they may Judge right
and the balance I do be kept Together for the aforementioned
purpose until the next child comes of age or Marry At which
Time he shall Receive in proportion as the first and so to continue
until the Whole of my children come of age or Marry or until
the death of my wife: at which time it is my desire that my
Estate be equally divided by my Executors between the
whole of my Children; It is my desire that my wife shall
have my Land whereon I now live household and Kitchen furni-
ture in possession for the Natural advantage of herself and
my children under the direction of my Executors during her
Life and at her death the Land house hold and Kitchen
Furniture be sold by my Executors and equally divided
among my children; And I prevent any Law suit

Respecting my will or Estate between those concerned it is my
Desire that it be determined in the following manner
that is to say the party so dissatisfied shall make choice
of Two honest discreet men my Executors of Two and
the four thus chosen shall choose one; the decision of the
five thus chosen shall be Final and conclusive:

Lastly I do hereby appoint the Reverend Hope Hull
Galland Tringfield and David Allen within Executors
To this my last will done and signed this Twentieth
Day of April One Thousand Eight hundred and one

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D Meriwether
S Meriwether

S. H. Foster

State of Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court David
 Wilkes County } Meriwether one of the subscribing witnesses
 To the foregoing will and being duly sworn & with that
 he saw saw the within named John H Foster sign
 seal Publish and declare the foregoing Instrument
 of Writing To be his last will and Testament and that
 at the time of his so doing he was of sound and dis-
 -possessing mind & memory & that he saw the within na-
 -med Fanny Meriwether subscribe as a concurring
 Evidence -

Sworn To in open Court
 This 27 of July 1801

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Recorded the 21st day of July 1806 -

In the name of God Amen;

I Mairney M Lane of
 County of Wilkes in the State of Georgia being in a
 Weak and Low State of health & of perfect Mind and
 Memory Considering the Certainty of Death and the
 Uncertainty of the time at which it may happen
 do make Ordain and Establish this my Last will and
 Testament; I commit my body To the Court for
 Decent Interment and into the hands of almighty
 God I resign my soul fully confiding in his great
 Mercy and goodness and as To the worldly goods
 which it has pleased him To bestow on me I give
 and bequeath it in the Manner and form following

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Imprimis, I Give and bequeath To my beloved *Jeff. McLane*
a balance of somewhere about thirty Dollars which he is
Indebted To me and an equal part of the Residue of my
Estate not otherwise Disposed of in this will. My younger
Children not having the advantage that he has had he
cannot think hard of my leaving them something
more than I have him in order To put them upon
an Equal Footing in Respect To Raising and Education.

Item I Give and bequeath To my dearly loved
Daughter *Sally McLane* a Negro Girl named *Celia*
a Bed furniture my large trunk and all my wearing
Apparel of every kind Together with an Equal part
of all the residue of my Estate not otherwise Disposed
of in this will -

Item I Give and bequeath To Beloved son *Lam*
McLane a Negro Boy named *Aaron* Together with
an Equal part of all the Residue of my Estate not
Already disposed of in this will -

Item The Land whereon I now Live I desire may
be sold for one fourth cash in hand the balance To
be paid in Twelve months afterwards all my other
Property I desire may be sold upon a Credit of
Twelve months after duly deducting the same from
the part which I have willed To my son *Jeff* I
wish him To get the Possession of as soon as it

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is in the Power of my Executor To ascertain the
 Amount the parts that will belong To my other
 Children Under this will I wish them To be put
 in possession of as soon as they arrive of age
 or marry: My will and desire further is that all
 my Last debts be paid out of the property under
 this will directed To be sold and distributed
 according To this my Last will and I do appoint
 my dear friend and Brother Lige Hal-
 lings Sole Executor To the same: In Te-
 stimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand
 and Seal this Twenty-second day of December
 A.D. Eighteen hundred -

Done & acknowledged
 in presence of

Marinay ^{his} + M. L. Lene
P. Mark

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Sally ^{his} + Stallings
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Lalasiah Stallings

Recorded 21st July 1806

In the Name of God Amen;

James Watkins of the
 County Wilkes and State of Georgia being old and
 infirm but of sound and perfect mind and Memory
 do make and declare this my last will and Tes-
 tament and do hereby revoke and disannul all and

Every other will or Will Testament or Testaments by me heretofore
made Inprimis I give and bequeath unto my Grand-
Daughter Sophia Manning one negro girl named
Fancy with her in crease To her and her heirs forever
and I Likewise give unto my grand daughter
Pamela one negro girl named Sally with her in-
crease To her and her heirs forever - which said two
Negro girls are given To my grand daughter Soph-
Manning and Pamela Thompson for and in lieu
of a negro man which formerly Promised my son
in Law Robert Thompson but if the said Robert
Thompson or his heirs should at any time ask, de-
mand claim or sue for the said Negro Man agree-
able To my Promise then and in that case my
will is That the aforesaid Negro girls Fancy
& Sally nor their increase be not given To my
Grand Daughters Sophia Manning
Pamela Thompson but shall be divided between
my sons Robert & Joseph. -

Item, I give and bequeath unto my grand-
daughter Eliza Watkins daughter of Samuel one negro
Girl Lucky with her Increase To her and her heirs
forever; Item, I give unto my dear wife

Martha during her natural Life Three Hundred
Acres of Land To be laid out To her in any part
of the Tract on which I now Live and in any
Manner she may choosd or Requird I also leave
my beloved wife During her natural the following

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 Negroes viz York, Jude, Abram, Phill, Harry,
 Patty, Parson, Lenny, Edith, Linny, Ben, Tom
 and ~~Patty~~ with all my household and kitchen
 furniture Plantation Tools with the Stock of
 Horses, Cattle Sheep and Hogs & and further
 it is my will after the death of beloved wife
 that the said Negroes viz York, Jude, Abram
 Phill, Harry, Patty, Parson, Linny, Edith, Lenny,
 Ben, and Tom with their increase be Equally Div-
 ided between my sons Robert & Joseph and all
 the Stock to be Equally divided between
 my sons Robert & Joseph and I have: But
 But the household and kitchen furniture with
 the plantation Tools be Equally divided between
 my sons Robert & Joseph only.

I am, I give and bequeath unto my son William
 the following Negroes viz Lerry, Pompey, and Phill
 with her increase to him and his heirs for ever.

I am, I give and bequeath unto my son James
 the following Negroes, viz Jack, Peter, Lucy,
 and Gilly with their Present and future Increase
 to him and his heirs forever.

I am, I give unto my daughter Sally Thomp-
 son the following Negroes viz Mitty & Litty
 with their Present and future Increase to her
 and her heirs forever.

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I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel
The following Negroes Viz. Hall and Dan to him
and his heirs for ever;

I give and bequeath unto my son Thompson
the following Negroes Viz. Isaac, Ben,
Boling, Fanny and Ann with their Present and
future Increase also all the upper part of the
Tract of Land where on I now Live a greater
or a new Line made in my presence by John
Landrum Surveyor to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Isham
The following Negroes Viz. Calib, Betty, Dicey, Ludy,
Matt, Charlotte, Doll and Edmund with their
Increase to him and his heirs forever - and after
the Death of my beloved wife my wife is that
the remainder of the Tract of Land where on I
now Live Viz. all below the new Line above men-
tioned I give to him his heirs and assigns -

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
Sons Robert & Joseph Executors of this my
Last will and Testaments In Testimony where of
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
Seal this 10th of February A.D. 1800. J. W.
Signed Sealed and Subscribed
to be done in Presence of J. W.
Robert Thompson James Walker
Anthony

24th of State of Georgia Personally appeared ~~before~~
Wilkes County Court Robert Thompson & Joshua
Anthony and being duly sworn on the holy gospel
of God depose and swear that they saw the
within named James Watkins sign seal Pub-
lish and Declare that the foregoing Instr-
ument of Writing To be his Last will and Tes-
tament and that at the time of his so doing
he was of sound and disposing mind and me-
mory to the best of their knowledge and
belief

Signed in open Court
this 27th of July 1801

J. Anthony
Robert Thompson

(D Turre C.C.C.) Recorded July 21st 1806

In the name of God Amen, I Absalom Thurman
of the County of Wilkes State of Georgia being
in a Low and Lingering State of Body but of
sound and Perfect Memory thanks be to the
Lord for the same and calling to mind the
Uncertainty of all Earthly things and not knowing
how soon I may be called of the Stage of this
Life; Do make ordain Constitute and appoint
this my Last will and Testament in manner and form
following Viz I give unto my daughter Betty
Lickson One Shilling To her and her heirs for ever

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Made by the Laws of the Land in cases of that nature
and thus will set you that upon the division of the
Estate I shall claim and take one Third of the Real
Estate and a Childs Part of the Personal Estate of the
same

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July 27th 1801

In the name of God. Amen,

I Humphrey Ballard being
Weak and Poorly in Body but of sound mind and memory
and knowing the Mortality of my body and that it is
appointed once for man to die do make and order
this my last will and Testament in manner and form
following Viz: ~~Item~~ I give and bequeath to my

son Nathan Ballard one Bed and furniture and a
large Pewter Dish to him and his heirs forever, that it,
the said Bed and Furniture & Dish my son Nathan
is not to have till after the decease of me and my wife

~~Item~~ I give and bequeath to my son Philip
Ballard fifty Dollars being a Part of a Note I have
on my Son Nathan of Two Hundred Dollars and
sixteen Dollars also being the Interest of the above
Two Hundred Dollars note for one year.

~~Item~~ I give and bequeath to my son
Ballard one Dish and one Pewter Dish

of the note due me by Nathaniel Ballard and one barrel
of furniture one brown felly cot and all the
of my Lawful Property after the Decease of me
my wife To him and his heirs forever.

Lastly I constitute and Appoint my son
Ballard my sole Executor of this my last will
Testament and hereby Disannul and Revoke
former wills and Testaments heretofore made hereby Ratify
and confirm this my last will and Testament; In Witness
Whereof I have unto set my hand and Seal this 19th
of September 1800.

Witness my hand and
Seal in Presence
of Josiah Gordon

Humphrey^{ds} x Ballard
Mark

In Dyson M^o Recorded July 22nd 1801

John of Georgia Personally appeared in open
Court John Dyson and being
sworn & said that he saw the within written
John Ballard sign Seal Publish and Declare
the foregoing Instruments of Writing To be his
last will and Testament and that the same of his
own doing he was of sound and disposing mind
and that he saw Josiah Gordon Subscribe as
witnessing Evidence
In open Court
July 1801

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I give unto my son John Thurman one
Shilling To him and his heirs for ever. —

I give unto my daughter (Drowsiller Will-
born One Shilling To her and her heirs for ever. —

I give unto my daughter Polly Woodrough
To her and her heirs for ever.

I give unto my son Lysa Thurman one
Shilling To him and his heirs for ever. —

I give unto my son Charles Thurman
one Shilling To him and his heirs for ever.

I give unto my Daughter Susanna
Thurman one Shilling.

I give unto my Daughter Nancy
Thurman One Sorrow Mare and one feather
Bed and furniture and all the Land I
Do Possess of I give unto my son Henry
Thurman and my sorrow mares Coll. My will
Desire is that my son Charles Thurman shall
Take my two children Nancy & Henry Thurman
with my other stock and live with them on
my plantation untill they come of age and
pay all my Last debts with my other stock
The rest of my stock to be divided betwixt

My daughter Nancy and Henry Thurman.
 Last by appointment John Thurman and
 my son Charles Thurman my Executors of this my
 Last will and Testament Witness my hand and
 seal this 3rd Day of October the Thousand
 Eight Hundred.

Sign^d and Seal^d in
 Presence of

Daniel Hicks
 Susanna Hicks

his
 Absalom x Thurman
 Mark

Georgia Wilkes? Personally appeared in open
 County Daniel Hicks and Susanna Hicks
 being duly sworn said that they saw the
 named Absalom Thurman sign Seal Publish and
 Declare the same to be his last will and Testament
 and that at the Time of his so doing he was of sound
 disposing mind and Memory.

Sworn to in Open Court

this 22nd of July 1801

Wm. C. C. O.

Daniel Hicks

Susanna Hicks

Recorded July 22nd 1806.

To the Honorable Superior Court for the County of Wilkes
 and State of Georgia: Gentlemen these are to
 certify that I shall not stand to the will of my
 deceased husband Absalom Thurman of the County
 of Wilkes aforesaid as there is no provision made in the
 will for me therefore I appeal to the provision

State of Georgia Wilkes County June the year 240
Lord One Thousand Eighteen Hundred and a year
14th day of the year and Month: John Horn of Wilkes

County aforesaid calling to mind and being of sound
in Perfect mind & memory and know this to be my last
wishes for all men to see: To make this my Last will
and Testament first of all I will and bequeath to my soul
To God that Gave it and my body for the Ground to
be Buried in a decent manner at the Discretion
Executors of my Worldly Estate

I Now I then will and bequeath To my son E.
Horn Eighty Dollars To be made To him or
Estate: I then will and bequeath To my
daughter Hannah one Choice Bed and goods
that is, Two Sheets One Blanket and Count
Botster, Bedstead and Cover first Choice.

I then will and bequeath for all my Worldly
Estate To be sold that it has Pleaseth
Gods will and the Money To be Equally
divided amongst my Children that is To wit
Hannah Horn & John Horn & Isaac
Horn, Abby Haw and Margaret Harrison, &
Horn. Edward Horn and Hannah Horn
my Lawful Heirs are To be: I then will and
bequeath To my son-in-law Isaac Whitaker To be
the Part of my Estate in full

I then will and bequeath To my son-in-law
John Hoon for his Part of my Estate in full I then
nominate and appoint for my Executors of my Estate
John Hoon & Cyrus Billingslea This from
under my hand the year one (Date of June
1801 as it above written

Test. Spencer Rumrill John ^{his} Hoon
John Sappington Mark
John Chaney
Henry McEwen

State of Georgia Personally appeared
Wilkes County Spencer Rumrill, Int.
John Chaney & Henry McEwen
the subscribing Witnesses to the within
Duly sworn to wit that they saw the within
John Hoon sign seal and acknowledge
within Instrument of Writing To be his Last
and Testament and that at the time of his do
he was of sound and disposing mind and Memory
To the best of their knowledge and belief. -

Given To in open Court
This 27th of July 1801
D Ferrill C. Clerk.

Spencer Rumrill
John Chaney
John Sappington
Henry McEwen

In the name of God Amen.

I Thomas Apppling of Wilkes
County State of Georgia being sound in body and mind
Do Declare my last will and Testament to be as follows
Viz That when Death does summon my body away my
Trustees see that I am decently Buried my Funeral
Charges Paid with all my Lawful Debts Paid out
of my Estate which I Desire to be sold and the
above mentioned Debts to be Paid the balance to
be Equally Divided Between my Children.

I Leave to my children Joel Apppling, Thomas
David Apppling, Heirs Elizabeth Lawrence
Martha Douglas Milard Green, Susan
Garris: That I have let my son Joel Apppling
in Horse Fether and Money and Every Other
give to him Never to be called upon by
of my Children this is my Will.

And I do Nominate Constitute and Appoint
Son Joel Apppling James Muckelroy Executor
and Executor of this my Last will and Testament
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
19th of March In the year of Our Lord
Eighteen Hundred.

Signed sealed and Delivered in Presence

James Spatting
Joel Apppling

Thomas Apppling

State of Georgia } Personally appeared in Open Court
Wilkes County } Thomas Appoling and James
Spratt and being duly sworn saith that they
saw the within named Thomas Appoling sign
seal Publish and Declare the within Instrument
to be his Last will and Testament and that at
the time of his so Doing he was of Sound and Dis-
-passing Mind and Memory and that Seal
Appoling subscribed as a Concurring Evidence
to the same sworn to in open Court
this 27th of July 1807 James Spratt
D. Fenell C. Clerk Thomas Appoling

In the name of God Amen;
I Thomas Wingfield of
the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being in
Perfect Health and Sound of Mind and Memory but
Conscious of the Uncertainty of Life Do on this 21st
Day of August In the year of Our Lord One
Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine make
this my Last Will & Testament and in manner and
form as follows: hereby Revoking Disannulling
and Making Void All former Wills which I
May have Executed. —

Item, I give unto my Grand Children Thomas, Lucy,
John, Lillian and ^{John} Garland ~~Griffith~~ Two Negroes
nely, Joe and Sam and all their increase

To be Equally divided them I give the same to my son John Wingfield and then theirs for ever. The said Negroes are Delivered to my son John Wingfield and I give to my son John Wingfield a House of Lying in Virginia which was Left me by Father and Feather Bed and Two Negroes To wit Hester and To him and his heirs for ever said Negroes are Delivered also the Land and Bed.

I give To my Daughter Sarah Garland One Feather Bed To her and her heirs for ever.

I give To my Daughter Mary Wood Feather Bed and the following Negroes To wit Lacy, Rose, Sabina, Stacey & Cuffee With Increase to her and her heirs forever the Bed are Delivered.

I give To my Grand Son Joseph M. One Negro Girl named Hannah with all Increase To him and his heirs for ever said Negro is Delivered.

I give To my Grand Children Henry Pierce, Thomas, Wingfield and Benjamin Dickinson ^{Benjamin} the following Negroes ^{Benjamin} and their heirs for ever said Negro is Delivered.

I give unto my Daughter Milly Smith following Negroes To wit, Ben, Sarah, Phebe and Maria With all their Future Increase for ever said Negroes are Delivered also One Feather Bed Delivered.

I give To my son Thomas Wingfield one Feather
Bed and furniture. Bedstead, and the following Negroes
viz Charles, Reuben & Raphaela with all their future
Increase To him and his heirs for ever. -

I give unto my daughter Nancy Wingfield
one Feather Bed and Furniture also the follow-
ing Negroes To wit, Ecker, Harry, Jim & Harriett
with all their future Increase To her and her heirs
for ever. I give To my Grandson William
Garland Grimes one Negro Boy To him and his heirs
for ever.

I Give To my wife Elizabeth Wingfield
for and during her Life all the Lands and Plantation
whereon I now live also two Negro Men named Minor
and Jack and at her Decease I will bequeath
Minor To my son Thomas Wingfield and Jack
To my daughter Nancy Wingfield and To their
Heirs for ever I also Give the said Land and
Plantation To my son Thomas at and after his
Mother's Decease and it is also my Will that my
two Daughters L. Q. Poulcin and Nancy Wing-
field have the Privilege of Living on the said
Plantation in my house so long as they may re-
main in an unmarried State; I also give unto
my Wife all the Stock of Horses Cattle and Hogs
and Sheep with all the Corn and Provision that
may be on the Plantation at my Decease

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And the following Negroes To wit, Charles, Hagar & Laney To, then with all the Rest of my Estate that has not been Given away To be Disposed of as she may think Proper.

I do Nominate Constitute and appoint my wife together with my Executors and my sons I shew & Thomas Wingfield my Executors To this my Last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and year above written Signed Sealed, and acknowledged in Presence

Thomas Wingfield
J. Younger

State of Georgia Personally appeared
Miller County and being duly sworn
his son Thomas Wingfield declared
Sign Seal Publish and Declared the truth
of Writing before erasures were made
and Testaments and that at the time
he was of sound and Disposing Mind
but that some time after signing of said will
he was Directed by the Testator To write a new will
which the Deponents did agreeably To the direction
of the Testator and that the Deponents
by the direction of the Testator made
To Enable him to write the new will, Last mentioned
Will was not signed by the Deceased nor was
that the Deceased was Bound or bound to

Declar'd
July 22nd 1840

Item. I give To my son Thomas Wingfield one Feather
Bed furniture. Bedstead, and the following Negroes
viz Charles, Reuben & Sophina with all their future
Increase To him and his heirs for ever. -

Item. I give unto my daughter Nancy Wingfield
one Feather Bed and Furniture also the follow-
ing Negroes To wit, Patten, Harry, Jim & Harriett
with all their future Increase To her and her heirs
for ever. Item I give To my Grandson William
Garland Grimes one Negro Boy to him and his heirs
for ever.

Item. I Lend To my wife Elizabeth Wingfield
for and during her Life all the Lands and Plantation
whereon I now live also two Negro Men named Minor
and Jack and at her Decease I will bequeath
Minor To my son Thomas Wingfield and Jack
To my daughter Nancy Wingfield and To their
Heirs for ever I also Give the said Land and
Plantation To my son Thomas at and after his
Mother's Decease and it is also my Will that my
two Daughters S. G. Poulain and Nancy Wing-
field have the Privilege of Living on the said
Plantation in my house so Long as they may re-
main in an unmarried State: I also give unto
my Wife all the Stock of Horses Cattle and Hogs
and Sheep With all the Corn and Provision that
may be on the Plantation at my Decease

And the following Negroes To wit, Charles, Hagar & Lancy To, wherewith all the Rest of my Estate that has not been Given away to be disposed of as she may think Proper.

I do Nominate Constitute and appoint my wife together with my Executors and my sons John & Thomas Wingfield my Executors To this my Last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and year at me written Signed Sealed, and acknowledged in Presence

J. Younger Thomas Wingfield

State of Georgia Personally appeared Wilkes County and being duly sworn he saith Thomas Wingfield declared Sign Seal Publish and Declared the within of Writing before erasures were made and Testament and that at the time he was of sound and Disposing Mind but that some time after signing of said will he was Directed by the Testator To write a new will which the Deponents did agreeably to the Direction of the Testator and that the Deponents by the Direction of the Testator made the new will To Enable him to write the new will; Last of which will is not signed by the Deceased nor does it appear that the Deceased was present or heard the same.

Decord July 22-1800

In the name of God Amen.

James Kelly of the State of Georgia and Wilkes County being at Present in health and sound disposing mind and Memory but calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to leave the world and to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the Manner and form following Viz -

First I Recommend my soul into the hands of God To Dispose of the Same as he shall think best and my body To the Earth To be Buried in a Christian Like Manner: 2^{ndly} and as Touching such of my worldly Estate as doth remain I Dispose of it in the following Manner To Wit, It is my will and desire that all my Last Debts and funeral Expences be first Paid and satisfied And then I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Hannah Kelly all the Land and Plantations that I now Possess with all the improvements thereon also one Negro man named Joseph and one Negro Woman named Esther as also all my Flocks of Horses, Hogs, Cattle, and Sheep and all my Household and Kitchen Furniture one side and all my Plantation working Tools and finally all and every part of my Estate in whatsoever and kind it may consist To her and her heirs and assigns forever To be enjoyed by her my said wife Hannah Kelly

In any manner as the law may require

And lastly I solemnly swear
that I am the legal executor of

Walker's estate of this my last
Disavowing and Revoking
and Testaments heretofore by me

I have heretofore signed and affixed

of my own hand and seal to the

signed seal and acknowledge

in presence of the witnesses

hereto subscribed

as Witness

Susanna

John

Georgia Wilkes

County

that he saw the

publish and

it being to be his last will and testament

at the time of his death he was of sound

disposing mind and memory and that

Burk Dur and Susanna Dur

as concurring witnesses to the same

Sworn to in open Court
This 28th Day of July 1801
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In the name of God
I Peter Huff of the State of
Long Island and Mark in Body but in my
maker do hereby give and bequeath unto
said my dear wife
and Christiana in manner and that
with the Poors

Elizabeth Huff
during her
life equally divided
between my wife and I

and constitute
my last will
and do hereby

Witness my hand
and seal this 1st day of
March 1792

Peter Huff
Mark

John Pope
Mathias Huff
Aaron Lantz

George
Walter County

John Pope Mathias Huff and Aaron Lantz
being witnesses to the within will and being

all my
every part
to her and her heirs
I do hereby give and bequeath unto
said my dear wife
and Christiana in manner and that
with the Poors