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The within named M^{rs} Fluke. Legally Published and
Declares the within Instrument of Writing to be his last
Will and Testament and at the time of This in doing he
was of sound and disposing Mind Memory

Sound in Open Court
This 7th of March 1803

D. Perrell C. Condo

Owen Fluke
Bartholomew & Johnson

Recorded July 25th 1806

In the name of God Amen, I Jesse Head of
Wilkes County Planter being in Perfect Understanding
do make and Declare this to be my last Will and Tes-
tament that is to say. First it is my will and desire
that Every thing I got by my Present Wife Elizabeth
that may be remaining at my death shall remain on the
Plantation for the use of my said Wife so long as she
may live but after her Death all the Estate and
Lands that I have Purchased or may Purchase
off the Different Legates mentioned in the last
Will and Testament of Jacob Early Deceased
shall Return to and be Considered as forming a
part of my Estate with the Exceptions that the
Two Hundred Acres of Land sold by order of
Court adjoining Carr and Doombs Land shall
not go to my said Wife but Immediately to my
Heirs or Heirs.

Secondly. As a mark of my love and Respect to my
said Wife I do hereby give her the Choice of my
Two Best Horses or Mares to keep on the Place

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For her use so Long as she may live further I give and
bequeath unto my said wife the Choice of four Cows and
Colours also Twenty hives of Hogs also Ten Head of Sheep
Also two plows and two 1/2 of my best Gears Two best
Trunks the best Wagon I may have at my death also
provisions that may be on the Plantation together
with one fourth part of every thing that may be
growing on the Plantation at my Death this Legacy
is Expressly Intended to be in Liew of any Dowry
or dower she may Claim or be entitled to in my
Estate & to be paid her Instead of and in full of the
same. Thirdly. It is my will and Desire that all the
Real and residue of my Estate as well real as personal
shall be Equally divided Amongst my Children
Stephen, Lucy, Polly, Lucretia and Lefoe Polly
Betsey and Lecky their Heirs and assigns for ever.
They and their Heirs shall hold the same to them
and their Heirs for ever as tenants in Common
4th As I have given Property to several of my
Children in my Life. It is my Intention that
the Property so given to them shall be con-
sidered and Taken as forming a part of their respec-
tive Portion When ever all my Estate is divided
Among my Children.

Fifth. It is my will in case I should die while
Whitst living to Partition or divide my Land and
Negroes that when my friends Ebenezer Smith
Jonathan Webster Peter Parrell David Turner
Spencer Branham and Benjamin Branham
or any three or more of them be and they are
truly and honestly agreed to divide my said
Estate real and Personal in Equal Parts or divisions

Among my said Children Except my Negro boy Lack
 which I have heretofore given to my son Japhet for reasons
 I have not expensed as much upon him as the other Chil-
 -dren which Negro boy is not to be taken into consideration
 which is agreeable to the Intent of this Will and my
 Executors herein after named are requested and di-
 -rected to deliver to my Children who may be of Law-
 -ful age or married their Respective Shares or propor-
 -tions shall be delivered to them and so also to the
 younger Children on their coming of Lawful age
 or being married. I do appoint my son Stephen
 Heard & my friends Peter Early, Ebenezer Smith,
 and Leburn Jones Executors of this my last will and
 Testament. & the It is further my will in case I should
 die, having my former Wifes Green Brickies
 in them I request and it is my will that my Execu-
 -tors take the Green yard nicely walled in.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and Seal this 30th day of December in
 the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hun-
 dred and One.

Signed sealed and Delivered by the said Japhet
 Heard as his last Will and Testament in
 our Presence who witnessed the same in
 Presence of each other

Robert Hughes
 Nathaniel Hally
 Francis Patterson

Japhet Heard

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We the under signed do solemnly swear before Almighty God
that we were two of the subscribing witnesses to the last
Will & Testament of Japhet Heard and saw & appear from an
Inspection of the within will that we saw the said
Deceased sign and acknowledge it to be his last will
& Testament that we believe the said deceased at the
time of his signing was of sound Mind and Memory
that we signed the same in his Presence and in
the Presence of each other this 7th March 1803
Sworn to in Open Court
7th March 1803. Robert Hughes

D^a Purcell C^odg Nathan Holzclaw -
Recorded July 25th 1800

In the name of God Amen. I John
W Burnes of the County of Wilkes and
State of Georgia being Perfect in sound-
ness of mind memory Thanks unto God.
Calling to mind the mortality of my body and
that it is appointed for all men to die do
make or doin and constitute this my last will
and Testament. Viz. principally and first of
all I give and recommend my soul to God
who gave it and my body to the earth.
And as touching my worldly Estate which
He has pleased God to bless me with
I give devise and dispose of in the manner
following. Viz. First I will that all my

Lawful debts be paid. I will that all
the Lands and Negroes Goods and Chattels I
do possess of be left to the proper use and
 behoof of my beloved wife Jusannah Burns
during her natural life or widowhood and
then to be disposed of in the manner and
form following. Viz.

I Give and bequeath to my beloved
son James M Burns one negro boy named
Bedwell one Feather bed and Furniture and
one half of my plantation utensils and one
third Part of my stock to him and his law-
full begotten Heirs of his own body forever:
and in case he should die without a law-
full begotten Heir the said property to
return and to be Equally divided between
his Brother and sisters with all increase as
they shall see cause.

I Give and bequeath to my beloved son
Samuel T Burns one negro boy named red
one Feather Bed and Furniture and one half
my Plantation Utensils and one third part
of my Stock one Horse known by the name
of Ready and one saddle to him and his law-
full begotten Heirs of his own body forever and
in case he should die without a Lawfull
begotten Heir then the same property to
return and be Equally divided between his

brother and sister together with all increase
they shall see cause.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter
Nancy Burns one negro Girl named Daphne
one Feather Bed which she has now in Poss.
-ession to her and her lawfull Heirs of her own
body forever and in case she should die without
a Lawful begotten Heir then the above mention-
ed Property to return and be divided between
her Brothers and her sisters as they shall see
Cause. Item. I give and bequeath to my

beloved Daughter Julia M. Burns one
negro girl named Celia one Feather Bed
and Furniture one Horse and Saddle one third
part of my stock to her and her lawfull
Heirs of her own body and in case she should
die without a lawfully begotten Heir
then the said Property above mentioned to
return and be divided between her Brothers
and sisters together with all Increase.

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint
my beloved wife Susanna Burns Executrix
together with my beloved sons James M.
Burns and Samuel T. Burns Joint Execu-
-tors with her to this my last will and Tes-
-tament and do hereby disannul all and
disallow and revoke all and every former
Wills Testaments Legacies and bequests and
Executors by me in any wise before named
Ratifying this to be my last will and Tes-
-tament in witness whereof I have hereunto set

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on the
25th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and one I was present at the execution of the
last will and testament of John M. Burns
in presence of the undersigned witnesses.

Benjamin Phillips Subscribed in the
John Phillips Original before signed
Mary X Philip in John M. Burns
Mark

Personally appeared in open court Benjamin
Phillips and John Phillips two of the subscri-
bing witnesses to the above will and being
duly sworn said that they saw John M. Burns
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 disposing mind and memory
sworn to in Open Court Benjamin Phillips
this 1st March 1803 John Phillips

D. Purcell C. C. and Record 25 July 1806

State of Georgia & On the name of God Am
Wilkes County & Nathaniel Ballard of
the county aforesaid being infirm in body
but of sound and disposing mind do make

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This my last will and testament in manner and form
following After paying all my Just debts by my Ex-
-Cutors herein after mentioned I do lend unto my
beloved wife Mary Ballard the house and Land
whereon I do now live during her widowhood
and if she should inter marry during her widow-
hood and if she should inter marry the said Land
and Premises shall be sold by my Executors and
the Money Equally divided between my wife and
four Children To wit, John Ballard, James
Edme and Nancy Also I do give and bequeath
to my wife One Bay mare saddle and bridle
two Leather Bags and Furniture the first Choice
with the flock of and Two Choice cows and
Calves five head of sheep Two sows and Twelve
Pigs One pine Chest and case Two Choice
Tables One pine cupboard and Furniture Two
Choice Pots skillett and frying pan and all
the Pewter I have also one Bar-Shan Pot
and two shod Ploughs and the best Pair of
Gears One Grubbing Wheel and cards one
axe and looking Glass also all the residue of
my also the residue of my Estate shall be sold and
Equally distributed amongst my four Children
above mentioned also that it shall be under-
-stood by my Executors that the Child afore-
-named Edme is to be maintained and support-
-ed by my Present wife during her widowhood I
do further appoint and constitute my Trusty
Friends John Dyson, Boling Anthony, and
John Cooper Esqrs. Executors of this my last

Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 9 day of February 1803 Witness by

Phillip Ballard

Nathan Ballard

Josiah Gaudin.

Personally appeared in open Court Phillip Ballard and Josiah Gaudin Two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saw that they saw Nathan Ballard sign seal Publish and declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last will and Testament & that at the time of his so doing he was of sound Disposing mind and memory

Sworn to before me

this 9th of March 1803

Phillip Ballard

L^a Percell C Cong Josiah Gaudin

Recorded 25 July 1806

In the name of God Amen, I Frankie Atkins of Wilkes County state of Georgia being sickly and weakly in body but of perfect mind and memory and being informed that it is appointed for all mankind to die do ordain this my last will and Testament Disannulling all others made by me in the following manner.

First, I give to my Daughter Lucy Atkins one dollar in money to her and her heirs forever.

Secondly I give unto my son Asa Atkins one Dollar
in money to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly I give unto my son Asa Atkins one Dollar
to him and his heirs forever.

4thly I give unto my son Ransom Atkins one Dollar
in money to him and his heirs forever.

5thly I give unto my son Lea Atkins one Dollar
to him and his heirs forever.

6thly I give to my son Jerry Atkins one Dollar
in money to him and his heirs forever.

7thly I give unto my son Willis one Dollar in
money to him and to his heirs forever.

8thly I give unto my two daughters Nancy & Lou-
-ey all the Balance of my Estate to be Equally
Divided between them to them and their heirs
forever. Lastly I appoint John Hendrick

and Samuel Billingslea my Executors to this
my last will and Testament In Witness where-
of I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this
10th of June 1801

Hirom Buckley

John Langdon Secy

Franky Atkins Seal

Hirom Buckley appeared in open court and being
duly sworn saith that he saw the within named
Franky Atkins sign seal Publish and Declare the
within Instrument of writing to be his last will
and at the time of his so doing and that at the time
of his so doing he of sound mind and memory
sworn to in open Court Do True Oath Hirom Buckley

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I, John M. Burns, do hereby certify that on this Twenty first day of Decem-
ber in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and one
Signed, sealed and delivered by John M. Burns
in Presence of the under
Signatories.

Benjamin Phillips Testator in the
John Phillips Original before sign-
Mary X Philip ing John M Burns
Mark

Personally appeared in open Court Benjamin
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Testament and that at the time of his so doing
he was of sound disposing mind and memory
Sworn to in Open Court Benjamin Phillips
this 7th March 1803 John Phillips

D. Purcell C. C. and Records 25 24/1800

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Wilkes County }
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hood and if she should inter marry the said Land
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the Money Equally divided between my wife and
four Children To wit, John Ballard, James
Edme and Nancy Also I do give and bequeath
to my wife One Bay mare saddle and bridle
two Leather Beds and Furniture the first Choice
with the flock of and Two Choice cows and
Calves five head of sheep Two sows and Twelve
Pigs One pine Chest and case Two Choice
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and two shovel Ploughs and the best Pair of
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Sworn to before me

this 7th of March 1803

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dollar in money to her and Her Heirs for ever.

Secondly I give unto my son ~~Atkins~~ ^{Atkins} one Dollar
in money to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly I give unto my son Asa Atkins one Dollar
to him and his heirs forever.

4th I give unto my son Ransom Atkins one Dollar
in money to him and his heirs forever.

5th I give unto my son Lea Atkins one Dollar
to him and his heirs forever.

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in money to him and his heirs forever.

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and at the time of his so doing and that at the time
of his so doing he of sound mind and memory
Lived in open Court Do True Oath Hirom Buckley

61 In the name of God Amens. John Holmes of
the County of Wilkes and state of Georgia being
low of Health but of sound mind and memory
do make this my last will and Testament hereby
revoking all other wills made by me as Touching
such worldly Estate as I am possessed of I dis-
pose of as follows.

First I Give to my wife Eliza Holmes my whole
Estate be it of what Kind soever it may as long
as she should live.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ap-
-ill a Milner one bed and Furniture Two Cows and
Calves five sheep and One Colt all she has received
already as her part of stock and Household Furni-
-ture.

Item. I will and bequeath to my daug-
-hter Penelope Milner one Horse called Tom
also two cows and Calves four sheep and one Bed
and Furniture all which she has already re-
-ceived as her Part of my stock and Household Furni-
-ture.

Item I will and bequeath To my daug-
-hter Mary Parks One man called Phoebe also
Two cows and Calves and four sheep and one
Bed and Furniture all which she has already
received Except the sheep, as her Part of stock
and Household Furniture.

Item. I will and bequeath the Tract of Land
I now live on and my all my Lands adjoining

To be Equally divided among my four sons by ^{quantity} ~~quality~~
First, let the lower part running a crope the Land I
will and bequeath to my son Josiah the second
to running the same direction I will and bequeath
to my son John the third to running as the afore
said I will and bequeath to my son James the
fourth and upper to I will and bequeath to
my son Abner all after my Wifes death. Like
wise I will and bequeath unto my three eldest
sons to wit Josiah, John and James Each of
them a Horse which they have already received.
I will and bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth the one negro girl named Charlotte.

I will and bequeath to my son Moses
one negro boy named Isaac the remainder
parts of my Negroes to be Equally divided between
my three eldest children Except the Negroes
Charlotte and Isaac that I left to my Daughter
Elizabeth and my son Moses;

If neither of the negroes should die then in that
case for them to have an Equal Part with my three
eldest children: If there should be more than
one Negro a piece for my three eldest children at
my Wifes Death in that case for my Daughter
Elizabeth and my son Moses to have an Equal
Part in all that is over six. I also will and
bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth and my son

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN HOLMES, deceased

In the name of God Amen:

John Holmes of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being low of Health but of Sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me as Touching such Worldly Estate as I am possessed of I dispose of as follows.

First. I lend to my wife Cloe Holmes my whole estate be it of what Kind So ever it may as long as She should live.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Appilla Milner one bed and Furniture Two Cows and Calves five Sheep and One Colt all She has accured already as her part of stock and Household Furniture. Item, I will and bequeath to my daughter Penelope Milner one Horse called Tom also two cows and calves four sheep and one Bed and Furniture all which she has already accured as her Part of my stock and Household Furniture Item I will and bequeath To my daughter Mary Parks one mare called Pleasure also Two cows and Calves and four Sheep and One Bed and Furniture all which she has already received, except the sheep as her Part of stock and Household Furniture.

Item, I will and bequeath the Tract of Land I now live on and my all my Land adjoining To be Equally divided among my four Sons by

Handwritten: ~~First:~~ lot the lower part running a crop the Land I will and bequeath to my son Josiah the second lot running the same direction I will and bequeath to my Son John this Third lot running as the aforesaid I will and bequeath to my son James the fourth and upper lott I will and bequeath to my son ~~Moses~~ all after my Wife's death Likewise I will and bequeath unto my three ~~Eldest~~ Eldest Sons to wit Josiah, John and James Each of them a Horse which they have already received.

Item I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth One negro girl named Charlotte.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son Moses one negro boy named Isaac the remainder part of my negroes to be Equally divided between my ~~xxx~~ Eldest children except the negroes Charlotte and Isaac that I left to my Daughter Elizabeth and my son Moses:

If neither of the negroes Should die then in that case for them to have an Equal Part with my Six Eldest children: If there should be more than one Negro apiece for my Six Eldest Children at my wifes Death in that case for my Daughter Elizabeth and my son Moses to bear an Equal Part in all that is ~~over~~ *over*. I also will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth and my son Moses One Hundred Dollars or a Horse at that Value a piece when they become of age the remainder of my Estate to be Equally divided between five of my Children, To Wit, Josiah, John, James, Elizabeth, and Moses after my wife's death, If Either of the above mentioned five children should die without an Heir It is my will that their Part should be Equally divided among the last mentioned children.

Lastly. I do appoint my Loving wife Cloe Holmes, George Willis Senr. Jeremiah Reeves and my three Eldest Sons Josiah, John and James my Executors to this my last will and Testament Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 4th, day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Two, Signed, Sealed and Declared in the Presence of us.

John Holmes (SEAL).

Jermial Reeves
Molochi Reeves

Moses one Hundred Dollars a a Horse at that Value
a piece when they be come of age the remainder of
my Estate to be Equally divided between five of my
Children, To wit, Josiah, John, James, Eliza-
beth and Moses after my Wifes death If either
of the above mentioned five children should
die without an Heir It is my will that their
Parts should be Equally divided among the last
mentioned Children.

Lastly. I do appoint my Loving Wife Cloe
Holmes George Willis Senr. Jeremiah Britty
and my three Eldest sons Josiah, John and
James my Executors to this my last will and Tes-
tament which of I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 4th Day of September in
the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Two.
Signed sealed and Delivered
in the Presence of us.

Jeremiah Britty
Molochi Rivers

Personally appeared in open
court ^{Jeremiah Britty} and being duly sworn saith that he saw
John Holmes sign seal Publish and declare the
aforesaid Instrument of writing to be his last
will and Testament and at the time of his
so doing he was of sound disposing mind

and memory to him
and that Malach
a concurring wit-
ness to it open Court
this 8th of March 1802

D^o P. C. C.
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State of Georgia
Wilkes County

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planter being in
in body but in
make two claims
in manner and for
It is my will that
against me be paid
the Tract of Land
in the following manner
Wife Martha I do
including the place
whereon I now live
I likewise lend to my
the stock of every
Cott during her natural
Wife all my goods
Furthermore she Becomes
are now not married

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between five of my
John, Thomas, Eliza
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and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief
and that Malachi Reeves subscribed his name as
a concurring evidence to the same in his Presence.
Done to its open Court

This 8th of March 1803

D^a Purcell C. Clerk

Recorded 20th July 1806

Jeremiah Reeves

State of Georgia } The last will and Testament
Wilkes County } of Nicholas Slade of the Coun
ty and State of our said Nicholas Slade
planter being in a low state of Health and weak
in body but in my perfect mind and memory
make and Ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner and form as follows that is to say
It is my will that all lawfull demands or debts
against me be paid It is further my will that
the Tract of Land whereon I live be disposed of
in the following manner. I lend to my beloved
Wife Martha Slade one Hundred Acres of Land
including the plantation and improvements
whereon I now live during her natural life
I likewise lend to my said wife all and singular
the Stock of every kind Except a bay Horse
Cott during her natural life I lend to my said
Wife all my goods and chattels and household
Furniture one third to each of my daughters that
are now not married during her life.

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I give to my son Josiah Glade one Hundred fwood
land at the north end of the tract where on I now
live not taking of any part of the improvements and
after the death of my said wife I give to my said son
Josiah the other hundred acres of Land including the
improvements whereon I now live I give to my said son
Josiah a bay Horse colt I give to my beloved daughter
Polly Glade one Feather Bed I give to my beloved
daughters Belender, Nancy, Sally, Palsey, Char-
lotte Susanna and Rebekah as they come of age
a feather Bed each it is my further will that
at the death of my beloved wife that all the stock
Good Chattels and furniture be sold and Equally
divided the money arising between the daughters above
named. I appoint my beloved wife Martha
Glade and my son Josiah Glade Executors to
this my last will and Testament done the 24th day
of March 1799. and in the twenty third year of
American Independence In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

Given in Presence

Thomas Porter

Mary ^{his} Glade
Mark

Josiah X Glade

Nicholas Glade 

Personally appeared in Open Court Thomas Porter one of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being duly sworn
saith that he saw the within named Nicholas Slade sign
seal publish and declare the within instrument to be his last
will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he
was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best of his
knowledge and belief and that many Slade and Joseph
Slade subscribed as concurring Evidence to the same.

Given to in Open Court

This 9th March 1803

Thomas Porter

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I Peter L Van Allen being of sound mind and
memory do make this my last will and Testament
First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
and my daughter Caroline Margaret all my real
and Personal Estate of whatever nature I have and shall
have. But in case my wife should prove pregnant at
this time and bring forth a living child then it is my
wish and desire that all my Estate Real and
Personal shall be Equally divided amongst them all
share and share alike Each to have one third
part. Secondly. It is my will that the Estate I
have kept Together under the direction of my Executors
untill my wife's death or Intermarriage at Either of
these events that then the same shall be divided as aforesaid
to my wife I shall go to my daughter and the child to
be born as aforesaid and this clause is inserted at
the particular request of my wife, and it is my further

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Will that it shall be out of the power of my said wife to dispose of any part of her or the Childrens Part unless it be deemed necessary by the Executors for the Benefit of the Estate and that when my wife shall intermarry then her powers as Executrix shall cease and be void.

Thirdly. It is my will that my Estate herein willed shall be kept together untill the intermarriage of my daughter or untill she arrives of full age and so also with the Child to be born of my, and it is my further will and desire that my daughter Caroline and the child to be born shall be Librally Educated.

I hereby appoint my wife Executrix and Mathew Talbot and Col^l: Mylie Pope Executors of this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 29th Day of July 1802

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In presence of.

William Cox

W. Samson

James Ryan

Simon Petre.

Peter L. V. Allen. Seal

Personally appeared in Open Court W^m Samson and Simon Petre two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saith that they saw Peter L. V. Allen sign seal Publish and deliver the foregoing instruments of writing to be his last will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing

He was of sound disposing mind and memory and that
Wm Cox and Joseph Ryan subscribe their names as
concurring Evidence to the same in their Presence.

Sworn to in Open Court

This 9th. of March 1803

W. Sanson
Simon Petet

D^r Purcell C. Cox

Recorded 26th July 1800

In the name of God Amen. I Wm Cole of the
County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being weak
and poorly in body but sound mind and memory &
knowing the Mortality of my body And that it is app-
ointed Once for man to die I do make and Ordain
this my last will and Testament in manner and
form following that is to say, First and princi-
pally I commend my soul to God who gave it
and my body to the Ground to be buried in decent
Christian burial and as Touching what worldly
wealth He has pleased God to bless me with
I give bequeath and devise as follows Viz
Item. I desire that my Just debts be Paid.

Item. I give to my loving Wife Sally Cole and
Her widowhood or life if she does not marry the
following negroes Viz. Annes, Luby, Franky-
Simon and Caleb & Munday and my Plantation
Tools and Stock of all kinds and my House hold
Furniture I leave & give to her to dispose of it as

She may deem most necessary for the benefit of my children. I give to my daughter Polly one or two Negroes during her Life the two Negroes named today are Stephen and at the death of my said ~~wife~~ daughter I give the above two Negroes and their increase to the Heirs of her body.

I give to my son Perrine Cole Two Acres and a half of Land on Fishing Creek adjoining George Hamilton and others whereon I formerly lived and two Negroes named Jack & Aaron also half my land lying on the ^{river} Oconee.

I give to my daughter Sally Cole Two Negroes viz Charity and King to her and her Heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Betsy Gateley two Negroes viz Harry & Phoebe to her and her Heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Katy Cole two Negroes viz Moriah & Hodge to her and her Heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Jerry Cole two Negroes viz Anne & Allen to her and her Heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Susy Cole Two Phillis and Moses to her and her Heirs forever.

I give to my son Wm Cole two Negroes viz James and Chaney also of the Land and Plantation

when I now live and half my Lands on the Ocean River
at the death of my wife.

Item, I desire at the death of my wife that all the
property of my kind belonging to my Estate after all.
The Legacies are Paid off should be Equally divided
among my children as before observed & that all my
Daughters shall have the privilege of my House and
plantation as their home without molestation as
long as they live single and if either of my Children
should die without lawful Issue that their Part
so left them shall return to and be Equally divided
among all my surviving children.

Lastly I constitute ordain and appoint my
living wife my son Rene and my Friend John Dyson
my Executors of this my last will and Testament
Hereby. Ratifying and confirming this my last
thus and every act of thus Touching the
same and do Revoke and disannul all
former wills and Testaments heretofore by me
made declaring this to be my last will and Testa-
ment. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the fourth day of August
in the year of our Lord 1802.

Teste Signe and
acknowledged in Presence
of Pholick Halling
Jefor his Hallings
mark

Wm Cole Seal

Benjamin Cutler

Witness. Personally appeared in open court Jesse
Hallings Pholasiak Hallings Two of the subscribers
to the within will and being duly sworn
saith that he saw the said Wm Cole sign seal pu-
lish and declare the foregoing Instrument of writing
to be his last will and Testament and that at
time of his so doing he was of sound disposing
mind and memory and that I Mose and Ben
Cutliff subscribed as concurring Evidence to the
Sworn to in Open Court

March 9th 1803

Paul C. C. & Co mark

Pholasiak Hallings
Jesse & his
Hallings

Recorded July 28th 1806

In the name of God Amen. I Stephen Co
being in a low State of Health and perfect senses
thank be to God remembering the mortality of man
do make ordain and constitute this in tes-
will and Testament in manner and form
following and for my worldly estate that hath pl-
eased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in
the following manner.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved

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Wife Mary Dorse all my Estate both real and Personal
during her natural life after all my just debts be
paid upon her raising of my children after her decease
it is my wish and desire that the whole of the property both
real and personal to be Equally divided among my chil-
dren to them their heirs and assigns forever. Except
my son William Dorse which I have given him
his part of my Estate hitherto. Also my beloved wife
Mary Dorse my whole and sole Executrix of this my
last will and Testament in Witness whereof. I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
3rd Day of February Anno Domini One Thou-
sand Eight Hundred and One.

Signed sealed and Delivered

In Presence of us

Wylie Pope

Arch^d. Nicolle

John Heard and

Stephen X^{his} Dorse (Seal)
Mark

Recorded July 28th 1806

Wilkes County Personally appeared in Open Court
Wylie Pope and John Heard Jur^{ors} two of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the within will and being duly
sworn shew that they saw the above named Stephen
Dorse sign seal Publish and declare the above Instru-
ment 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 that Archd. Rissah subscribed his name as
a concurring witness to the same.

Given to me Open Court

This 4th March 1803

D^o Purcell & Co

Wyllie Pope

(John Heard &

Recorded July 28th 1806

In the name of God Amen. I Arthur Slazen
of the county of Wilkes and state of Georgia being
very weak of body but of soundness of Reason &
Judgement do make this my last will and Testam-
ent in manner and form as followeth Viz- First
of all I commend my soul to almighty God who
gave it Looking for Eternal life through the me-
rits of Jesus Christ. my body I commit to the
Earth from whence it be at taken to be buried at
the discretion of my Exeutors as for such worldly goods
as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and
bequeath in the following manner and form.

I Give. I lend to my beloved wife Rosamond the
whole of my Estate both personal and real including
her natural Life and after her death to be divided
as followeth.

I Give. I give unto my beloved son Samuel
Slazeyn the plantation and Land whereon I now
live. Containing by Estimation One Hundred and
thirty five Acres more or less also I give unto my beloved

I have one small bay Horse called by name of 74
Prince also one saddle and bridle and Bed and
Furniture One pine chest also my big bible.

Now, also I give to my son Elisha Sladyer one bed
and Furniture together with what I have heretofore
given him. also I give unto my beloved son Daniel
Sladyer One dollar together with all I have
heretofore given. Also I give to my beloved son John
Sladyer One dollar together with all I have heretofore
given him. Also I give to my beloved son William
Sladyer One dollar together with all I have
heretofore given him. Also I give unto the Lawful
Heirs of my beloved Daughter Susanna Bancroft
One Feather bed and Furniture which is now in the
possession of her Husband Hiram Bancroft
also I give the said Susanna's heirs One cow and
Calf all of which is to be appropriated to the use
of the Lawful Heirs of the body of the said Susan-
nah and as for the remainder of my Estate my
will is that the same shall be divided Equally
between Phoebe Martha Jones Rachel Sladyer
Joseph Sladyer and the Lawful Heirs of the
Body of my daughter Susanna Bancroft
and my son Elisha Sladyer after the Death of
my beloved Wife Rosamond also I appoint Samuel
Jones and my son Joseph Sladyer the Executors

75/ of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby
make void all former Wills heretofore by me made
either Verbal or Written. allowing this to be the Last
will and Testament of I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this seventeenth Day of
March One thousand Eight Hundred and Three.

Signed sealed and delivd

In the Presence of

Is of his

John Henry

Rachel X Sledge
mark

Arthur X

his Seal
Sadyen

mark

Georgia } Personally appeared in Open Court
Wilkes County } John Johns and John Henry two of
the subscribing witnesses to the within will and be-
duly sworn saith that he saw the within named
Arthur Sadyen sign seal publish and declare
for going instrument 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 to the best of their
knowledge and belief and that Rachel Sledge
subscribed her name as a concurring evidence to
them to in open Court

This 14th March 1803

D^o Daniel C. Corg

John Johns

John Henry

Recorded May 28th 1806

On the fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord
Eighteen Hundred and Three. I John Allison of Wash-
ington Miller county State of Georgia being for some time
Indisposed and having in mind the uncertainty of Life
yet being of sound disposing mind and memory do make
and ordain this my last will and Testament in the follow-
ing manner Viz. My will is that all my legal debts and
Funeral charges be paid and discharged by my Execu-
tors here after mentioned this being effected my wife
and pleasure further is that all my Estate both
real and personal in the State of Georgia be divi-
ded Equally between my beloved wife Bebekah
Allison and my Children Robert McKen Allison
Wm Candor Allison, James Allison and Geo.
Allison and whereas I have lately received a Tract of
Land on Licking creek in the county of Flemming
in the State of Kentucky. it is my will that the said
Tract of Land be sold as soon as possible and the
Money transmitted to my Executors here after men-
tioned and the same be put in the Bank of the
United States as they may Judge proper and be
considered as the rest of my Estate in Georgia
to be divided Equally between my wife and Children
as before mentioned that is to say the Interest aris-
ing therefrom together with the profits of my Plan-
tation and Other Estate to be appropriated to the
support of my Family and Education of my chil-

Whereas I am entitled as Colonel in the
Virginia line to six thousand Acres of Land in the
State of Kentucky or Western Territory it is my will that
my son Robert be carrier of age the said Tract of six thou-
sand Acres of Land be divided Equally between my son
Robert, my James and John and in case of the death
of either of them without Issue this Part to be
Equally divided between the other surviving Children
It is further my will that the money now in stock
with Robert McKee be continued in the same
business so long as he the said Robert may conduct
the business with Prudence care and Fidelity of
which the Executors here after mentioned shall Judge
and in case the said Executors think proper to dis-
pose of the said stock the money arising therefrom
to be put into Bank and appropriated as before men-
tioned It is further my will that any two of my Execu-
tors be Empowered to make sale Transfer and convey
the Tract of Five Hundred Acres of Land on Lit-
tle Creek in as full and ample manner as I myself
could do if alive and personally present it is further
my will that when my Eldest son comes of age
that then my Estate my be divided as before mention-
ed and that the parts allotted to the younger children

be retained in the hands of the Executors here after
mentioned until they become of age and that each one
have his share as soon as he becomes of age and I do
hereby appoint my beloved wife Abigail Allison my
Executrix during her widowhood and my Trusty friends
Gibbs Hay, David Turrel, Wm. G. Gilbert my Lawful
Executors during this natural life in to fulfil the my
will that if my Executors deem it necessary to dispose
of any of the above mentioned Estate for the support
and Education of my Children that they are fully
Impowered so to do and to conclude I hereby revoke
and declare null and void all and every other will
by me heretofore made and declare this for and as
my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the
said I do Allison have hereunto set my hand and seal
the ~~thir~~ and year first above written. Signed sealed and
Delivered to be the Last will of John Allison before
us requested to Witness the same.

Felix A. Gilbert

J. Danacott

Thomas Turrel

John Allison (Seal)

Personally appeared in Open Court
John Danacott & Thos Turrel two of the subscribing
witnesses to the within Will and being duly sworn saith
that they saw the above named John Allison sign
Seal Publish and declare the above 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 that Felix H. Gilbert subscribed
his name in their Presence as witness thereto.

Witness to in Open Court.

Thomas Terrell.

This 2nd of August 1803

J. Dancyott

D. Terrell & Cores

Recorded in July 18th 1806

In the name of God Amen. I John Stone of the
County of Wilkes and state of Georgia being weak and
infirm in body but of sound mind and memory thank
be to Almighty God. for the same do make and a-
-claim this my Last will and Testament that is to say
I give divide and dispose of my Estate in the following
manner. Imprimis. My will and desire is that
all my Just debts be first Paid and satisfied.

Item. I leave unto my beloved wife Mildred Stone the
whole of my Estate both real and personal during her na-
-tural Life and that without Interruption. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my son James Stone
the Land and plantation whereon I now live together
with all the plantation thereto belonging after the
death of my wife Mildred Stone and not before to him
and his Heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter

Elizabeth Cunningham three hundred and fifty
dollars to be paid to her out of my Estate on or before the
term of Eighteen months after my wife Mildred Stone
decease and not before to her and her Heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my daughter Ann Stool three hun-
-dred and fifty dollars To be paid out of my Estate on
or before the term of Eighteen Months after my wife Mild-
-red Stone decease and not before to her and her Heirs

Item My will and desire is that at the decease of
my beloved wife Mildred Stone that the residue of
my Estate after paying her funeral Charges together
with her increase be Equally divided between my
Three Children James Stone, Elizabeth Cunnig-
-ham and Ann Stool which shall be to them and their
Heirs forever.

Item. I hereby constitute and appoint my son
James Stone Asaiah Cunningham and my wife
Mildred Stone Executors of this my last will and
Testament I do hereby disannul and revoke every
Other Testamentary Legacy and Executor made
by me before mentioned. Ratifying this unto me
Other to be my last will and Testament In wit-
-ness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and
Seal this Eight day of February Eighteen hundred
and five

Wm James { Signed Sealed and Delivered
John Scott
Joseph Scott

In the Presence of

John Stone

81 Georgia: Personally appears in Open Court
Makes Party: Wm Jones, John Scott and Joseph
Scotts and being duly sworn to say that
they saw the within named John How sign 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 and
disposing memory.

Sworn to in Open Court

Wm Jones

This 4th day of March 1805

John Scott

Levell Cord Joseph Scott

Recorded Aug 28th 1805

Georgia
Wilkes County } In the name of God Amen
I, Job Callaway of the County and
State of aforesaid being in sound mind and memory do
hereby make this my last will and Testament revo-
king and disannulling all others made by me Hitherto.
I give my beloved wife Mary Callaway during her
natural life my Negro man named Will and his
wife Luce my Negro man Sam and his wife Ann
and my Negro man Gab my Negro man Solomon

My negro woman named Crease My negro woman bly - Do
my negro woman bly my negro boy Fe my negro boy Anson
and my negro boy Bill, One third of my sheep Cattle and Hogs
and One third of my Household and Kitchen Furniture and
one third of my plantation Tools and the Choice of one of
my Horses or mares I may die possessed of Likewise
my dwelling House and all other Houses on the Plantation
I live on with one third of the plantation and Archard
Leonard. I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Cal-
-way the plantation and Tract of Land where
he now liveth containing Five Hundred and fifty
Eight Acres agreeable to a plat and survey made
by Sanders Walker and which is annexed to
this my will with the negroes Jack, Fattob Cant
and their child Henry to him his heirs and assigns
Likewise my negro man named Solomon after
my wifes death to him his heirs and assigns -

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Calley
all that tract or parcel of Land where he now
liveth containing four hundred and ^{forty} five
Acres agreeable to a plat and survey made by Sanders
Walker and annexed to this my will the negroes
Mark, Dave, Spencer, and Peacher.
likewise my negro man Gabriel after my wifes death
to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my son Job Callaway
all that Tract or Parcel of Land on which he now liveth
containing six hundred and fourteen Acres agreeable to
a plat and survey made by Sanders Walker and an-
nexed with this my will with the negroes Sam, Charity,
Libby and her child Minter and after my wifes death my
negro boy Bill to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath To my son Joshua Call-
away all that tract or parcel of Land on which he now
liveth containing six hundred and sixty-six Acres agree-
able to a plat and survey made by Sanders Walker
and annexed to this my will with the Negroes -
Amos, Nelson, Beck and Tom and after my wifes
Death my Negro boy Fred to him his heirs and assigns

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Call-
away Two thirds of the Tract or parcel of Land on
which I now live and on the death of my wife
Mary Callaway the remaining third the whole Tract
containing Five hundred and ninety-four Acres
agreeable to a plat and survey made by Sanders

Walker ^{and annexed to this my will} ~~and purchased by me of Sanders Walker~~
~~also two hundred Acres of land bought of John White and his heirs by Sanders Walker~~
~~and four hundred by me of Sanders Walker~~
adjoining my home tract with my two best Attles

the casks and implements thence belong ing with the ¹⁸⁸⁴
negros. Mike, Sealy, Harry and ~~Ms.~~ and after my
wife death my Negro man names Sam to him his his
and assigns.

Seventhly My will is that if my wife Mary Callaway and
my son Isaac Callaway cannot agree to a division
of the Land agreeable to the intent of this my will
that my Executors my sons Joseph Callaway and
Job Callaway shall make such division which
I shall be binding on the parties.

Eighthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Niece
Griffin Five Negroes a Negro woman named Luce
and her child Lewis, Stephen, Patience and Milly
and after the death of my wife my Negro woman
known by the name of Big-Dole. To her heirs and assigns

Ninthly I do make over and bequeath in Trust
to my sons Joseph and Job Callaway all that
tract or parcel of Land containing Two-Hundred
Acres which I purchased of Isaac Meligau
and on which Wm Park now lieth to be by them
the said Joseph Callaway and Job Callaway
disposed of in the manner following VIZ: The value
profits and Emoluments thereof to be applied to
wards and for the maintenance of my daughter
Mary Parks and her children during her natural

23.
And at their Option to live on and keep possession of said
Land during his natural Lifetime but he is by no
means nor shall any person claiming said Land
sell or Lease in virtue of his life Estate there to but by
the consent and advice of said Trustees above named first
have under their hands in writing with the Negro woman
called Little Doll Joseph and Nancy Crite and
Cato and after the death of my wife my Negro wo-
man named Luce and at the decease of my dau-
ghter Mary Parks I do bequeath the above named
Land and Negroes with their Issue to the Law-
ful Heirs of my said daughter Mary Parks that
is her children born of her body and come to lawful
Age and if she should have no children that may
arrive to lawful age then said Land and Negroes to
be sold and the amount of such sale to be equally
divided amongst my remaining children and
descendants. 10th For the residue and remainder
of all and every kind of my Estate it is my will that
after my death are paid my Executors call on
three or more reasonable householders of the neigh-
borhood who shall according to their skill and judg-
ment appraise and value all such remaining pro-
perty not divided which property so appraised

and value shall be divided in seven Lots If such
division can be made any wise practicable of which
the Lots to by seniority by my children and the Lot
that falls to the heirs of my daughter Mary Parks is to
be put into the hands of my Executors in trust to be ma-
naged to the best advantage to be disposed of in the
same manner as the Land and Negroes for the
support of my said daughter Mary Parks during her
Life and at her decease to go to her heirs coming
to Lawfull age. Eleventhly. This my will is that
all that property divided to my wife during her life
be at her death be appraised in the same manner
as that property ordered to be appraised at my death
and that it be divided and disposed of in the
same manner This is One seventh to my son
Joseph One seventh to my son Job One seventh
to my son Joshua One seventh to my son Isaac
One seventh to my daughter Mary Griffin and one
seventh to remain in the hands of my Executors
for the heirs of my daughter Mary Parks to
be managed as a bond mentioned.

Twelfthly. And it is my further will desire that of
any doubts or misunderstanding arise in the construc-
tion or intention of this my will that the Parties

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doubting or disagreeing I shall choose two men of Law,
-ment which two men shall choose a third a ma-
jority which three shall divide the premises which
division so made and subscribed under their Hands
and seals of said arbitrators shall be as binding as
If done in any court of Justice and for the carrying
into Effect this my last will and Testament I do
appoint my beloved wife Mary Callaway Execu-
tor and my sons Joseph Callaway and Lot Cal-
laway Executors. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
15th day of February Eighteen Hundred and
Three. Signed and Sealed

In Presence of

Thos M Loughlin

Johnson Wellborn

Adam L Lovin
Mark

Seal
Lot Callaway sen

Personally appeared in Open Court Thos M Lough-
lin Johnson Wellborn and Adam Lovin the sub-
scribing witnesses to the within will and being duly
sworn saith that they saw Lot Callaway sen

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Let Publish and declare the within Instrument of
writing to be his last will and Testament and at the time
of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and
memory and that Wm. Milborn and John Lovin
heard him acknowledge the same to be his last will
sworn to in Open Court
this 5th March 1804

Thomas M Loughlin

Johnson Milborn

Adam ^{Mr} Lovin
Mark

L^a Lemuel C Cord

Recorded July 28th 1805

State of Georgia } In the name of God Am
Milkes County } I Ambrose Bramblet of
the State and County aforesaid being weak and sick
of body but of sound and disposing memory doth
this thirteenth day of November in the year of our
Lord Christ One thousand Eight Hundred and
thirty do make this my last will and Testament in
maner and form following.

I Am. I leave to my dear wife Janny Bram-
blet fifty Acres of Land to be laid out so as to take
in the manor House and both orchards and the
spring and to extend down to Clarks line as and
her natural life and not to be interrupted. 1804
also Give and bequeath to my said wife J^d Bramblet

One Negro woman named Deloy and all her future in-
crease also one saddle horse and One Brown Cow as
her Choice of one of my leather Beds and Furniture
and all my Household and Kitchen Furniture except
my Bed, To her to be at her disposal all to her and
goings for ever. I Wm. I give to my well beloved wife
four of the fattening Hogs viz Two Blue and two
white ones and one Black-sow and Pigs and all
my flock of Geese to her and to her heirs and goings to
be at her disposal as above said.

I Wm. and as to the rest of my Estate over and
above paying all my Lawful debts is fully paid and
satisfied I will and desire that It may be Equally di-
vided among all my Children viz. Josc. Bramblett
Wm Bramblett Hugh Bramblett John Bran-
blett Linford Muriel Bramblett, Thos. Ches. McWhorter
Lydia Jones, Sally Bramblett Mary Ann Bran-
blett and Elizabeth Bramblett the whole of my Es-
tate both real and personal and at my wife's death
the fifty acres of Land left to her all to be Equal-
ly divided among all my Children above mentioned
him or her and their heirs to them their heirs and go-
ings for ever. I Wm. and lastly I nominate
serve constitute and appoint and Andain my well

beloved wife Lanny Bramble to be the Executor of
and my son Jese Bramble the Executor of this my
last will and Testament hereby revoking and disannul-
ling all former Wills heretofore made by me and pub-
lish and declare this to be my last will and Testament
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand
and seal the day and date first above written.

Sign & Seal & Publish & and
declared by the Testator as his
last will and Testament in
Presence of

Ambrose Bramble

David Kerr

James Spratten

Claborn & Laurence
Mark

James Spratten and Claborn Laurence being duly
sworn saith that they saw Ambrose Bramble the
within Testator Execute the within Instrument of
writing as his last will and Testament that they attes-
ted the same as subscribers witnesses in the Presence
of the said Testator and in the Presence of each
other and in the Presence of David Kerr who also
attested the same as a witness and that the said
Testator at the time of signing was of sound and
Disposing mind and Memory this 5th March 1804
Given under our Hands

D. Spruill C. Cond

James Spratten
Claborn & Laurence

Georgia } John Smith of Wilkes County being
Wilkes County } sick and weak but of sound mind and
memory do make and ordain this my last will and
Testament revoking all others by me made.

First it is my will and desire that I be decently bur-
ied after my death. Secondly I give to my friend Do-
vid Anglin to him and his heirs all my Estate real
and personal as I think it nothing more than
compensation for the support and real services that
I have received from the said David Anglin before
and during my present illness. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 29th
day of April One thousand Eight Hundred and Three.

Signed? Sealed and
Delivered in Presence

D. Sidwell

Lewis Coppedge

B. Porter

and John Sidwell my Executors Given under hand
the same day and date.

Lewis Coppedge

D. Sidwell

B. Porter

John Smith (L.S.)

John Smith

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Personally appeared in Open Court David Sedwell and Abing
Porter two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will
and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within named
John Smith 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 that Lewis Coppage
subscribed as a concurring evidence to the same.

Sworn to in Open Court

this 15th March 1804

D^a Pull C^{one}

D^a Porter

D^a Sedwell

Recorded July 29th 1805

James Milligan of Wilkes County State of Georgia
being sick and weakly doth makes and ordain this
my last will and Testament in the manner following.
First of all I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Mil-
lig the whole of my Personal Estate after my debts being
all paid to which I leave my wife Nancy Milligan
and John McDowell Executors to this my last will
and testament to which I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this twenty third day of January in the
year of our Lord 1804 Signed and sealed in Presence
us Chas. Hoff
Wm Arthur
Wm Maxwell
James Milligan

93 Personally appeared in Open Court Charles Hoff and
Wm Maxwell two of the subscribing witnesses to the within
will and being duly sworn saith that they saw the within na-
med James Milligan sign seal 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 that Wm Arthur su-
scribed as a concurring evidence to the same.

Sworn to in Open Court

Charles Hoff

this 15th March 1804

Wm Maxwell

L^a Ferrell C C C Recorded in July 25th 1804

In the name of God Amen I Patrick Shannon being
weak in body tho of perfect memory and understanding do
make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

Imprimis. I wish all my Just debts to be paid by my Ex-
-ecutors here after named.

2nd It is my will and desire that all the property I
may die possessed of to go to the use of my wife Mary
Shannon during her single Life and after that she
marries to go to the use of my Children Evans and
Mary Shannon under the direction of my friend
Edward Shanks. —

I wish my wife Mary Thattanon to have the whole & full
Execution of this my last will during her single Life In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
this 25th of March 1804.

I was assisted in

Presence of us

Wm Thompson.

James Edgo

Joseph Cohron

Patrick Thannon

George S. Personally appeared in Open Court James
with the County of Edge & Jos Cohron two of the Subscribing
Witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn saith
that they saw the within Patrick Thannon sign
Seal 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 that W^m Thompson subscribed in
his Presence as a concurring Witness to the same
Signed in Open Court. James Edgo
this 5th of August 1804

Da Develle & Co

Joseph Cohron

Recorded July 29th 1805

In the name of God Amen. Knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die and being in my right mind
and memory I do make this my last will and Testament.

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I live to my beloved wife Sarah Loy during her
natural life or widowhood Four Negroes namely. Frederick
Isack. Nathan and Hagie and one third of the Fruit of Land
that I now live on to include the Houses and one third
of the plantation and one bay Horse called Duke and one
third of the Stock of every Kind and One third Part of
the plantation Tools and Household Furniture and
all this property to be left under the direction of my son
Edmond Loyd in behalf of his mother and after her
Death or Widowhood the above mentioned Property
to be returned to my son Edmond Loyd or his Heirs —

I give and bequeath to my son Edmond Loyd all the
rest of my real and Personal Estate and every Part thereof
of to him and his Heirs for ever I do appoint Young
Hokier Glenn Owen and Edmond Loyd my Execu-
tors to my Estate Given under my hand this second
day of January 1814.

Young Hokier
B Smith

Daniel X Loyd
made

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Personally appeared in open court Young Hokier and Bother
Smith the subscribing witnesses to the within Will and
being duly sworn said that he saw the within named

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Daniel Lloyd sign seal and declare the said 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 being
Lived in Open Court
His 6th Aug 1874

Young Stokes
John Smith

D^r Lucull Clark

Recorded 29th of July 1875.

In the name of God Amen. Wilkes County Georgia
Stephen Staples of said County and State being of perfect mind
and memory do first recommend my soul to God who gave it
me distribute my property in the following manner (Constituting
my worthy Friends Jacob Warr and W^m Burr my sole
Executors) Viz To my dearly beloved wife truly affection-
ate wife Mary Staples I give and bequeath one half
the Tract of Land whereon I now live together with
the improvements household Furniture Stock and Every
accessories whatever also two Negroes namely Lach
& Matilda during her natural Life time and then
to be disposed of as here after mentioned. To my daugh-
ter Elizabeth Ogden Mary Harris Sarah Bayne
Charity Alexander I give and bequeath the Prop-
erty I have therein given To them and their Heirs
for ever. To my daughter Mary Staples One Negro
boy named Charles and One Horse and Saddle of

One Hundred dollars Value to her and her heirs forever.
To my son Thomas Staples the upper Two Acres of
Land to be part of the plantation whereon I now
live forever. To Rebekah Staples my daughter I give
One Negro Boy named Ned also One Hundred
Dollar Horse and Saddle to her and her heirs forever.
To Ginia Staples my daughter I give a Negro Girl named
Milly & One Hundred Dollar Horse and Saddle to
her and her heirs forever. To Lillah. Jincy.

Lula, Franky, Lukie, Lucy & Judah Staples all
their mother decessed all the personal property that
may be hers To gether with all the other negroes now
in my possession and Every personal property what
ever pertaining to the premises I give to be equally
divided and advanced as they come of age to them &
their heirs forever In witness whereof I affix my
hand & writing any thing contrary to this whatever
Sixth of February 1804

In Presence of
Thomas M Berry
Woody Dozer
Andrew B Stephens

Stephen^{his} Staples Seal
mark

Recorded July 29th 1806

Georgia } Personally appeared in Open Court Thos. 9th
Wilkes County } M. Barry and Andrew B. Stephens too
of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being
duly sworn & with that they saw the above named Stephens
ables sign seal and acknowledge the foregoing in-
strument & writing to be his last will and Testament
and at the time of his so doing he was of sound &
disposing mind and memory and that Woody. Dozer
subscribed as a concurring evidence to the same.

Before me in Open Court Andrew B. Stephens
this 4 March 1805 Thos. M. Barry
D^c Purcell C.C.
Recorded July 29th 1805

In the name of God Amen. I David Anglin of the
State and County of Wilkes being sick and weak and
of sound mind and memory do make this my last will
and Testament revoking all others by me heretofore made
First. It is my will and desire that my body be decently
buried by my Executors. Secondly that all my
last debts be paid. I give to my wife and young
son William and their heirs the Tract of Land
whereon I now live including the House and Furni-
ture the profits arising from said Land to be appro-
priated to wards the raising my Children subjects

99 I now this to be ruled or sold by my Executors If cir-
-cumstances in their Opinion should make it their Inter-
-est to have it sold then the said Executors are hereby
authorized to sell and convey the same and then the
interest or Interest of the money arising from such sale to
be appropriated as before mentioned to the raising of my
Children. 3^{rdly} I give to my sons John and David
a Tract of Land lying on each side of Jackson
to Clark County lines and on Barly Creek contain-
-ing four hundred and fifty Acres Granted to Elijah
Hinson which said Tract of Land I give to my
sons John & David and their Heirs.

4^{thly} I give to my daughter Anna and her Heirs Two
hundred and nineteen acres of Land lying on a bar in
Clark County Granted to John Cobb. Fifthly I give
to my two daughters Amelia and Rebecca and their
Heirs Three hundred acres of Land lying on Big
Creek Oglethorpe County Granted to myself.

6^{thly} It is my will and desire that my Tract of Land
on Ready Creek and also of Bear Creek Granted to
David Hinson containing Two hundred and fifty
Acres to be so to by my Executors in any way

They may think best for the Benefit of my Estate ¹⁰⁰ and
also my Exec and those of my House that can be spared
reserving some for the use of the plantation and all
Implement that may be left after payment of my
debts to be appropriated to the support of my children
Scholarly until they marry or arrive of Lawful age
y^{thly} And Lastly I nominate and appoint Benjamin
Porter Esq and Samuel Whately Executors of this my last
will and Testament made this 22nd day of May 1804

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of us
the day above written
Lesly Coats
David Tidwell

D^r Anglin Seal

Mrs Foxwell

Recorded July 29th 1806
Georgia } Personally appeared in open Court M^r
Wilkes County } Foxwell & Lesly Coats

The witnesses the foregoing will and being duly sworn
saith that I saw the within named David
Anglin sign seal Publish and declare the afore
said Instrument of writing to be his last will and
Testament and at the time of his so doing he was of
sound and disposing mind and memory
sworn to in open Court
the 9th day of July 1804

Mrs Foxwell

D^r J. M. Cas

Lesly Coats