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as a concurring evidence to the same in their presence
Signed to in & witnessed
this 7th March 1844
James Anderson
Martin Anderson

D. Terrell CM

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State of Georgia Wicks County. In the name of God, Amen
I John Thomson of Wicks County being in sound memory
of mind calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life
do make and ordain this to be my last will and testame-
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God, trusting that through his infinite mercy and goodness
and the pleading of my suffering redeemer interceding for
me at the throne of Grace, I shall receive everlasting life and
salvation — My body I give to the earth, to be decently interred
at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

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Hanson my whole and sole Executor of this my last
will and testament, hereby revoking and making null
and void all other will or wills by me heretofore made.
In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and
seal this third day of May in the year of our Lord 1806
signed sealed published and declared
by the testator as his last will & testament
in presence of us

Matthew Poley
Mary Poley
Wm. Collier.

John Hanson

December 2nd 1813 Be it remembered that on this day
before us whose names are hereto subscribed came John Hanson
in his own person who in our presence acknowledged the
above instruments of writing to be his last will and testa-
ments who in his presence & in the presence of each other sub-
scribed the same as witness

J^r Terrell
Mary P Lane
Richard Hudspeth

Georgia
Wether County
Personally appeared in open Court David
Jewell and Mary P Lane two of the sub-
scribing witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn
saith that they have said John Hanson acknowledge the
within instruments of writing to be his last will and
testaments and that at the time of his so doing he was of
sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Rich-
ard Hudspeth subscribed as a concurring evidence to the
same in the presence of the testator and in the presence of
each other - Sworn to in open Court
this 14th April 1814
B. Porter J. C.

J^r Terrell
Mary P Lane

James Hillgoe of Wilkes County State of Georgia being
about to embark in a tour of duty in the service
of the United States do make and ordain the following
Statement as my last and only will & testament that
is to say. First It is my desire that all my just debts shall
be paid

Secondly I give and bequeath to my brother Benajah
Hillgoe my negro boy Willis, and my riding horse & saddle
to him & his heirs forever

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my two brothers
Hillgoe & Benajah all the residue of my property both
real & personal of whatsoever description or kind it may be of
money, land, negroes &c to be equally divided between them
after all my debts as aforesaid are paid.

Thirdly and lastly I constitute & appoint William Hillgoe
my sole executor of this my last will and testament
declaring this to be my only will & testament also hereby
ratifying and confirming William Hillgoe my executor
of this my will & testament, & hereby revoking all
former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal this 26th day of August

1813.

Attest Signed & acknowledged

James Hillgoe

in the presence of

William C. Gove

Simpson W. Lendon

Amos W. Lendon

Georgia
Wilkes County } Personally appeared in open (104)
Amos Mendenhall } Court Simpson Mendenhall and
Amos Mendenhall } the subscribing witnesses to the
within will and being duly sworn depose and
swear that they saw the within named James Hill
give sign seal publish and declare the within instru-
ment of writing to be his last will and testament and
that at the time of his so doing, he was of sound mind
disposing mind and memory and that Amos Mendenhall
Bourne bore his name as concurring evidence to the same
in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each
other.

Sworn to in open Court
this 2nd May 1811
I a Justice of the Peace

Simpson Mendenhall
Amos Mendenhall
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In the name of God Amen I Benjamin
Mendenhall the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being
sensible in Body and mind but knowing it is appointed
for all men once to die do make this my last will and
testament revoking all others in manner and form follow-
ing. I recommend my soul to the hands of Almighty
God and my body to be buried in a christian like man-
ner nothing doubting and as for what is here please
God to bless me with I give in manner and form fol-
lowing to wit first it is my will and desire that all
my just debts be paid Secondly I Give unto Great Pool
five dollars. Thirdly I Give unto my daughter William
one negro man name Israel and three hundred dollars
one thousand two feather Beds and furniture.

Fourthly I Give unto Christopher Pinder five dollars.
Fifth I Give unto my Daughter Pheman three negroes men
viz Bridget Harrell and Lure. Sixthly I Give unto my
Daughter Keena five dollars.

Seventhly I Give unto my son John Wilkinson one thou
sand dollars two negroes James and Lot one horse two feather
Beds and furniture. I Give unto my beloved wife Ann
Wilkinson all the rest of my Estate wit eight negroes
Sam John Pegg Sarah Dinah Lucy Clarissa and more
also the Land where I now live with all the stock of every
kind all the plantation tools and household furniture of
every kind during her life and after my wife's death John
Wilkinson to have Lucy and my three Daughters to divide
the rest Equally.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife
Ann Wilkinson Executor of this my Last will and
Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal the nineteenth day of
January one thousand eight hundred and ten

John L. Ray, Senr.
John Ray, Junr.
Mary Ray

Benjamin Wilkinson

Georgia
Wilkes County
Subscribing Witnesses to the Last will
and Testament of Benjamin Wilkinson came into open
Court and under oath that they saw Benjamin Wilkinson
sign seal and acknowledge the within to be his Last will
and Testament and that at the time of his so

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being, he was of sound and disposing memory &
that they and John L. May Junr., subscribed their names
as witnesses to the same in the presence of
Benjamin. & by his request and in the presence of
each other

Given to in open Court this 5th May 1817

Dⁿ Justice clp

John Ray
May May

Georgia

Wilkes County In the name of God Amen

I James Shearer of the County aforesaid being infirm
in Body but of perfect and disposing mind make
and ordain this my Last will and testament in manner
and form following (To wit) after all my just debts are
paid I do will and bequeath the residue of my Estate to be Equally
by curiam between my six children and Anna Steele
the Daughter of Geo Steele to have one seventh part of the
residue Equally between the said Anna Steele and all the
heirs of her mother in equal degree. To wit One seventh
part to William Shearer one seventh part to Polly Dukes
one seventh part to John Shearer one seventh part to
Susannah Shearer one seventh part to Nancy Shearer
and one seventh part to Elijah Shearer and also one
seventh part to the aforesaid Anna Steele and all heirs
of Geo Steele being in Equal degree with the said Anna
I James Shearer do also will and bequeath unto my be-
loved wife Anne Shearer a good and sufficient maintain-
ance to be equally found and furnished by all the lega-
ties unto the satisfaction of my wife aforesaid (it being
her wish &c.)

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I James Shearer do also nominate constitute & appoint
William Shearer James McIlhenny Junr. My faithful
Executors. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 20th of Oct. 1808.

Linger & Laid in presence of

Geo. Hamilton J.P.

Thos. Anderson J.P.

his
James X Shearer (Seal)
mark

Cocited to the within will I James Shearer named in the
said will do make further provision
for my beloved wife Anne a certain bay mare with a
glass eye and saddle to be a part of her portion or dower
given under my hand this 11th day of Dec. 1808

Signed in presence of

Geo. Hamilton J.P.

Thos. Anderson J.P.

his
James X Shearer
mark

In The name of God Amen. I Francis
Smith of Wilkes County and state of Georgia being
of perfect mind and disposing memory but knowing
the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed
unto all men once to die do make and enact this
my last will and testament (revoking by these presents
all former wills by me made) in manner and form follo-
wing. Inprimis I commend my soul to god who gave it.
I then say my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid
I then I leave unto my loving wife Lucy Smith all my
property both real and personal during her natural life
and at her decease to dispose of as she thinks proper

the one half of my negroes with all my stock of 100
 horses Cattle sheep & hogs with kitchen and household
 furniture with the ~~copy~~ ^{proceedings} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~land~~ ^{land}
 Give unto my son Rubin a certain negro woman named
 Luey and her children with their increase and a young
 and negro boy called Luce which I give him extra he have
 of him absent, the land and the other half of the share
 at their mother's increase to be Equally divided among
 all my children as yet being had to what each hath receiv
 ing the three old negroes ~~Wm~~ Jacob Telle & Dawson
 I wish my wife & children to emancipate & liberate
 her trusty servant Luey, I appoint my beloved wife
 and beloved son in Law Peter Carlyle Esq to this my
 last will I trust whome I have hereunto set my hand
 & affixed my seal in presence of test this day of
 Oct. 31st 1812

Test
 Amoson Riddle
 Henry C Dawson
 Lane Hughes

Geo. Smith Esq

P. S. The tract of Land drawn by me in witness
 of this I have given to my beloved wife long since then
 she claims it as no part of my property the R.
 119) B back as plat and great with Luey
 Granted in & S the 12th June 1806

R. B. the above was acknowledged
 before the aforesaid Witnesses
 Amoson Riddle
 Henry C Dawson
 Lane Hughes

Geo. Smith
 Oct 31st 1812
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Georgia
Wilkes County
Personally appeared in open Court
~~James Riddle and Henry C Dawson~~
^{two of the subscribing witnesses}
and Jane Hughes to the within well and being duly
sworn they depose & say that they saw the within
named Francis Smith publish and declare that the
within instrument of writing, and that at the time of
his so doing he was of sound and disposing memory
and that they subscribed the same in the presence
and by the direction of the testator.

Sworn to in open Court
this 4th July 1844
Jno. H. H. H. H.
J. Terrell clrk

James Riddle
Henry C Dawson
Jane Hughes

Georgia
Wilkes County
I William H Corbett being, of
sound mind and memory, do make
and declare this my last will and testa-
ment (viz) that my estate be equally divided between
my beloved wife and children after the payment of my
last debts and I do hereby appoint Thomas Terrell of
Washington & James H. H. H. my Executors to carry this
my last will into effect. Witness my hand this 25th
day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
& fourteen 1844

Test
Benjamin Cranham
Chas Corbett
William L. Pinner

Wm H Corbett

Georgie
Wilkes County } Personally appeared in open Court
Benjamin Branham & Wm L. Reiver
two of the witnesses to the within will I being fully aware
and that they saw the within named William H. Cobbs
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 Eliza Cobbs
subscribed her name as a concurring witness to the same
in our presence.

Given to in open Court }
this 5th day of Sept. 1817 } Benj. Branham
D^y Wm L. Reiver
J^y Wm L. Reiver

In the name of God Amen I James Tolson
of the County of Wilkes being very sick and weak
in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be
to God calling to mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make and declare this my last will and Testament
that is to say first of all I recommend my soul to God
and my body unto the earth and as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with
in this life I dispose of the same in the following manner
and form after all my Debts being duly paid all and
singularly my worldly Estate I give and leave unto my wife
Phebe Tolson during her widowhood and after her marriage or
death such as may be remaining of said property to be
equally divided among between all my children and
Likewise constitute and appoint Jesse Norman

111) The sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament
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 twelfth day in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and three.

Test-
James Hinton
Test Joseph Hinton
mark

his
James I Sole (Seal)
mark

Be it remembered that I J^{as} Hinton the Executor named
in the within will do hereby relinquish and renounce my
said appointment as Executor aforesaid given under
my hand this 2^d May 1814

Acknowledge in open Court
I J^{as} Hinton

J^{as} Hinton
Seal

Georgia

Wilkes County

Personally appeared in open Court
James Hinton one of the subscribing
witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn said
that he saw the within named James I Sole 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
and that Joseph Hinton subscribed as a concurring
evidence to the same in the presence of the testator and
in his presence

Sworn to in open Court
this 2^d May 1814

D^{an} Threlkeld

James Hinton
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In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Jack of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia - was in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do hereby be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Jack and my five children by her Mary Evalina Samuel Stewart John McCormick William Dyson and Amanda Malinda three negroes viz. Bob Sylvia and Betty together with all the stock of Horses black cattle and sheep plantation Tools and household and kitchen furniture that I may be possessed of.

2^d To my said wife and our two youngest Children William Dyson and Amanda Malinda I give and devise all that tract or parcel of Land containing two hundred Acres adjoining the tract whereon I now live, be the same more or less, formerly owned by my brother James and at present occupied by Wilhelm Elliott.

In as much as I have the fullest confidence in the management of my said wife and she together with one or both of the Executors hereafter to be named may deem it necessary or advisable to sell or dispose of any part or parcels of the property before mentioned specified it is my will and request that she with the advice of as before expressed shall sell or dispose of at private sale or public sale whatever of the said property she may think proper whether Land negroes or stocks for the benefit of those to whom the same is bequeathed.

W^hereas my wife at the time of our intermarriage being

in possession of and owning a house and lot in Chambers
burgh together with the donation Lands in district N^o 2
containing three hundred acres in Westmoreland County State
of Pennsylvania willed to her by her former husband Alexan-
der Stewart. I deem it proper and it is my will and desire
that she should still hold the same as her own individual
right to her and her heirs.

4th On the 24th day of May 1802 I having conveyed to
James Lee of Charlotte South Carolina eight thousand
Acres of Land in the County of Camden three tracts of
which each containing one thousand acres and known by
the number of thirty one thirty two and thirty three were reserved
for the use of three of my Children James Hugh Patrick
Eliza Douglass and William Dyar by him the said
Lee to be sold or returned to me I do give and bequeath to
the said James Eliza and William the said three tracts of
Land or the proceeds thereof.

5th And the said James Lee having given me his obli-
gation that if he obtained or got peaceable possession of
more than one half of the said eight thousand acres he
was to pay me for the same at the rate of fifty cents per
Acre that is for every one and above that one half which
if he gets the whole of the Land will amount to three
thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars I do give and
bequeath unto my wife five Children by her my son James
H Daughter Eliza equally whatever sum money be recovered
of him the said Lee.

6th My claim for Lands on the Tennessee river purchased
of Nathaniel Cox say one hundred and ninety one tracts

Making above seventy five thousand acres I Give
and bequeath unto my said wife her five Children
my said James and Daughter Eliza equally

To my son James I bequeath a negro boy called Bob
but it is to be understood that he the said boy is to be
and remain with my Wife without any Change for
him for three Years after my decease at the expiration of
which time he is to be given up to him -

To my Daughter Eliza I give and bequeath a negro
Girl called Lally to be delivered her on her marriage
with regard to household furniture I trust that with my
Wife to divide with her as she may think proper -

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Margaret Executrix
and my worthy friends Abraham Simons and Matthew
Salbot Executors of this my said Will.

Signed and sealed in the presence

of us
Charity Dyson }
John C. Nicholson } Saml. Jack
Wm H. Jack }
Georgia

Wilkes County } Personally appeared in open Court
Wm H. Jack one of the Subscribers
Witnesses to the within will and being duly sworn upon
the said oath that he saw the within named Saml
Jack 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 Char

115) Chas. D. part and John C. Nicholson Subscribed
as concerning evidence to the same in their presence and
in the presence of the testator —

Given to in open Court
this 5th Sep. 1814

D^{on} Tenell

Amos G. Gault
— 3 —

In the name of God amen

I Nathan Holtzclaw of the County
of Wilkes & State of Georgia being in sound mind though
suffered and now calling to mind that its appointed
time for all men to die and knowing that my affairs are
unsettled I do hereby make constitute and appoint this
my last will and testament in manner and form as
follows (viz.) —

I desire to be ~~buried~~ decently buried on east side of
a Walnut tree back of my ~~garage~~ with my head
against the tree.

Then I give to my wife Jincy Holtzclaw all the property
that I have ever held both real and personal (viz.)
one tract of land the marks and forms as is contained
in my fathers will bounded east by Patsy Foter south
by Elijah Holtzclaw also one hundred and fifty acres
granted to Jacob Centry bounded southwardly by Robert
Dumbar and all on the waters of the headwaters Creek
of Little River also one negro woman by the name of Delany
one horse and riding carriage cows hogs goats household
and kitchen furniture plantation tools &c also the entire
share of the estate of Richard Bradley that is now coming

to me All the property above mentioned I Leave to ¹⁰
my wife ~~Living~~ ~~Holtzclaw~~ during her widow hood except
my one of my two children ~~her~~ Lucinda Jordan Holtzclaw
or William Beasley Holtzclaw should come of age or get mar-
ried they should have one hundred and a half per cent of the
I Leave all the above property to her with the exceptions during
her widow hood except she should marry then for it to be
equally divided between my wife ~~Living~~ Holtzclaw and
Lucinda J Holtzclaw and ~~William~~ Holtzclaw and then to
leave her to be equally divided between my two children
I wish that my children Lucinda J Holtzclaw and William
B Holtzclaw should be well educated out of the above
mentioned property.

I then do Legally make constitute and appoint Joseph
Higginson Junr and Peter B. Mace Esqrs my sole, executors
of this my last will & Testament Resolving all other
wills made by me hitherto in Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of August
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fourty.

Elijah Holtzclaw
Charles Kerr
Billy Kerr
Henry Holtzclaw

Nathan Holtzclaw ^{Seal}

Georgia

Wilkes County Personally appeared in open Court said
County Elijah Holtzclaw & Henry Holtz-
claw two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will
and being duly sworn said that they saw the within
named Holtzclaw sign seal publish and deliver
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 Billy Hearn subscribed his name as co concluding evidence that he came in their presence and in the presence of the Testator

Given to this 4th day of
November 1811

James Clark

Elijah Hotzlaw

Henry Henry

In the name of God Amen I John Griffin of the County of Wilkes Town of Washington and State of Georgia being in good health and in full enjoyment of my mental faculties do make order and constitute this this my will and testament

In the first place I Give my Executrix hereafter to be named to choose of so much of my Estate whether real or personal or choses in action as shall be sufficient to pay off the whole of the debts that may be due by me after which it is my will and desire that the whole of my Estate both whether real or personal or choses in action be vested in my beloved and highly esteemed wife Sally Griffin without lot or molestation for and during her widowhood to be disposed of by her at her own discretion but if after my death she should prefer to enter the second time into the estate of matrimony it is my will that the whole of my Estate both real and personal or choses in action my debts being paid, should be equally divided by the Justices that my constitute the Superior Court of Wilkes County if such court at the time has a constitutional existence if it has not my desire is that the Judges of the Superior Court of the western

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Concise I do but should appoint at his ascension five
different persons to make such division and after such
division is made I hereby vest in ^{James} Duncan & Campbell for either of them that may be alive
at the happening of the said Contingency the one half
of my said Estate as may appear by the return of the Inferior
Court or other persons to be appointed by the Judge of
of the Superior Court under circumstances before mentioned
in trust for the sole and exclusive use of my said Wife not
to be under the Control of the husband she may marry
and at her death I wish the said half to be divided that is
one half of the said one half I devise to my Nephew John
Griffin Bere who now lives with me & the balance I devise
to be Equally divided between my two nieces Sally Griffin
Williamson Thivette and Sally Griffin Campbell & if
either of them die previously to the ^{superior} & if they are
both dead then my said wife is authorized to divide the
same in what manner she pleases but if my said beloved
Wife never marries I wish her to have ^{and} possess the whole of
~~my said Estate whether real or personal or~~ ^{as} ~~has in action~~
For ever thereby clearly and fully vest her with a right to dispose
of the whole by devise or otherwise without the least resent-
ment or a part of said Estate but I recommend my
Nephew John Griffin Bere to his motherly attention provide
he continues as he now does to merit it.

Lastly I appoint my beloved wife Sally my sole Executrix
to this my last will and testament and I do hereby
clearly revoke all former wills and testaments that I
may have made and declare this only to be my last
will and Testament

In Witness Whereof I have here-
unto set my hand & seal this 3^d of March

119 made in the year 1810.

~~N.B. If you are through~~
~~the words immediately~~
intertena before signed
Signed Sealed and
Acknowledged in presence
Duncan & Campbell

John Griffin



Benj Rounsaville

John Smith

To

Chambers 12th July 1814

Georgia

Wilkes County Personally appeared before us
two of the Justices of the inferior Court of the County
aforesaid Duncan & Campbell and John Smith two
of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will who being
swept sworn and say that they saw John
Griffin the Testator therein named duly sign seal
& publish the same as his last will and testament
that at the time of his so doing he was of sound
mind and perfect memory That these Witnesses attested
said will in the presence of said John Griffin &
by his directions & in the presence of each other and that
Benjamin Rounsaville also attested the same in like
manner —

Sworn to before us this 12th
day of July 1814

W Sanson J. J. C.

B Porter J. J. C.

D. J. Trimmick
3.

Duncan & Campbell

John Smith
3.

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In the name of God Amen: I Andrew Crockett
being very sick at present but of sound mind and
memory do make this my Last will and Testament

1st I recommend my soul unto God who gave it

2^d I wish my Executors whom I shall hereafter nominate &
appoint to pay all my just debts out of my property.

3^d I give unto Jonathan Orr one Square of Land in the 14th
D^t of Wilkinson R^o 336 drawn by Wm Bridges the 1st
& one Square of Land in the same D^t and County drawn
by Elizabeth Bluckley R^o 331 the half of one Square
of Land with the plantation thereon in the same

D^t and County R^o 305 drawn by John Tucker of Warren
County and the one 1st of one Square of Land in the same
D^t and County R^o 396 drawn by John Hall of
Green County. —

4th I Give unto Watkins Orr one Square of Land in the
14th D^t of Wilkinson R^o 304 Drawn by Hugh Elledge

Orphan's one Square of Land in the same D^t and County
R^o 297 Drawn by Francis Brithin and one square of
Land in the same D^t and County R^o 295 drawn by
J Jackson of Chatham County. —

5th I give unto Martha Elizabeth Orr one
Square of Land in the 23^d of Wilkinson R^o 2 Drawn
by Wm House of Oglethorpe County 80 Acres of Land
with the plantation thereon in the same map or less

in 7 D^t of Baldwin County R^o 131 drawn by Sarah
Champion of Oglethorpe County the 1st 1st of one
Square of Land in the 21st D^t of Wilkinson R^o 36 drawn
by Moses Wilkes of Oglethorpe County and the 1st of one
Square of Land in the 25th of Wilkinson R^o 35 drawn
by the Orphan's of Bluckley of Oglethorpe County

6th I give unto John Orr one Square of Land in the 20th D^t of Wilkinson N^o 201 drawn by Peggy Barnett for Sun County one Square of Land in Wayne 3^d D^t N^o 239 drawn by Elijah Burns of Wilkes County one Square of Land in the same county Drawn by Benjamin Milner one square of Land in the same County Drawn by Jonathan Milner of Oglethorpe and 57 Acres of Land in the 25th D^t of Wilkinson N^o 11th drawn by the heirs of Stephen Stanford.

7th I give unto Harrianday Hengerson 1/2 of a Square of Land in the 21st D^t of Wilkinson N^o 239 drawn by Pleasant Racoton and one hundred and twenty to come out of the sale of one hundred Acres of Land in Wilkes County on the waters of Longcreek joining Joseph Adams and Rich^d Hengerson.

8th I give unto Martha Dowdy one hundred acres of Land be the same more or less in the county of Oglethorpe on the waters of Millstone Creek joining Bennett Wilton & others.

9th I do hereby nominate and appoint Christopher Orr and Jonathan Orr Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of January 1815

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Thomas McLaughlin
Philip Orr
Henry Rains
Ananias Crichton

Georgia
 Wilkes County
 Personally appeared in open Court
 Henry Raines two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and being duly sworn depose and testify that they saw the above named Francis Crig-
 hton 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 sound and disposing mind and memory and that Phillip Orr subscribed as a witnessing evidence to the same in their presence and in the presence of the testator

Sworn to in open Court
 this 6th day of Feb'y 1875
 D. as J. Small clerk
 Thos. M. Laughlin
 Henry Raines

In the name of God Amen.

I John Collyer, the county of Wilkes and state of Georgia being afflicted and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.
 First I desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors. second It is my will and desire that there shall be a negro fellow of the value of five hundred dollars be purchased for my son Frank Collyer. I also give him one bed and furniture and a horse saddle and Bridle (the horse saddle and bridle having been delivered to him his heirs and assigns forever.

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103 Third. It is my will and desire that my Executors purchase a negro fellow of the value of five hundred dollars for my son Isaac also one bed and furniture horse saddle and Bridle I give to him & his heirs forever.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Polly my negro woman named Cherry and her two Children Chancy and Sophia one bed and furniture and one horse saddle & Bridle worth one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Louisa my negro girl named Mary & horse saddle and Bridle (at one hundred dollars) and one Bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Betty one negro woman named Patsy Bed and furniture & horse saddle and Bridle which she has already received. Also it is my will that my Executors purchase for my said Daughter Betty, out of the money coming from my Father in Law Estate in the State of North Carolina a negro woman of the value of two hundred ^{and fifty} dollars as soon as the same can be conveniently come to her & her heirs forever.

Seventhly. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy a negro woman named Rose Bed & furniture & a horse saddle and Bridle which she has already received. Also it is my will and desire that my Executors purchase for my said Daughter a negro woman of the value of two hundred and fifty dollars which purchase is to be made out of the money due me from my Father in Law Estate in the State of North Carolina to her and her heirs forever.

Eighthly. Having given my son Gabriel heretofore what I conceive to be equal to what I have given to my other

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1325 Counters of this my last will and Testament.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 30th day of May, 1816. The words "and not otherwise"
were introduced before signed
Signed sealed and acknowledged
by the Testator in our presence
to be his last will & Testament.

John Colley Seal

J. Callaway

H. Terrell

D^{ag} Terrell

Georgia

Wilkes County

Personally appeared in open Court
Job Callaway Henry Terrell and
Davies Terrell the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
Will and being duly sworn depose and swear that they
saw the said John Colley sign seal publish and declare
the foregoing instrument as Writing to be his last will
and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was
of sound and disposing mind and memory that
they signed their names to the same as Witnesses in
the presence of the testator and in the presence of
each other and at his request

Sworn to in open Court

this 27th Nov^r 1815

W. Sanson J. J. C.

B. Porter J. J. C.

M^r Evans J. J. C.

D^{ag} Terrell

Henry Terrell

Job Callaway

In the name of God Amen.

I ~~James~~ ^{Richard} Mountcastle of the Town of
Washington County of ~~North~~ ^{Wilkes} and State of Georgia
being examing lack of body but having perfect res-
olution and strength of mind do hereby declare this
to be my Last will and Testament of.

Imprimis. I bequeath unto my brother John B.
Leonard the following described property. Viz.
My Lott on the corner of main and Spring Street in
said Town together with all the houses and improvements
thereon also one half Acre Lott on main Street between
the Town and Academy, adjoining Henry Throats
& Stark and also two hundred and ninety Acres of
Land lying and being in the 3^d District of Wayne
County and State aforesaid together with all my
Ready money, Notes bonds open accounts and all
every species of property which ~~now~~ ^{at present} I might
belong to me I do hereby bequeath to him the said
John B. Leonard provided he the said John shall within
three years from the date of my decease pay to the
Children (Lawfully begotten) of my sister Elizabeth
Moore now residing in the County of Prince George
and State of Virginia the sum of six hundred dollars
Lawful money the same to be ~~equally~~ ^{equally} divided
amongst the said children or else the said John
shall make over to the said children two negro Girls
equivalent in value to the aforesaid sum of six
hundred dollars.

And I further bequeath unto my further three

1837 Youngest child and by his last wife formerly Elizabeth
Charnicy part of my father's estate which is of right
coming to me after the death of my Mother and I further
nominate and appoint my Friends John Leonard
my lawful Executors of this my last Will and Testament

I do hereby in the presence of Almighty God
declare the above to be my last Will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
with my own proper hand and affixed my seal this
sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifteen —

Signed and Acknowledged
in presence of
Daniel Stone
Benj^t McLaughlin
Jos^h W. Robinson

L. Mountcastle Esq^r

Georgia

Wilkes County

Joseph W. Robinson & Daniel
Stone two of the subscribing
Witness to the within will came

into open Court & being duly sworn say that Lucretia
Mountcastle signed and acknowledged the within to be
his last Will & Testament that he was of sound
disposing memory at the time & that they subscribed
the same in ^{his} presence & by his express direction
together with Benjamin McLaughlin the other

Subscribing Clerk

Sworn to in open Court this 3rd July 1816

W. H. H. Pro

D. J. J. J. J.

Joseph W. Robinson

Daniel Stone

State of Georgia

Wilkes County In the name of God Amen

I Shiraad Wise being in sound & disposing mind & memory do make this last will and testament this 10th day of March Eighteen Hundred & Sixteen in manner & form following

1st my will is that all my Lawful debts is to be paid & fully satisfied.

2nd Give to my wife Sarah Wise all the tract of Land whereon I now live containing three hundred acres be the same more or less during her natural lifetime After her decease my will is to give Barchanah Wise all that part of Land lying north East of the Spring Branch adjoining my Johnsons but the same more or less. My will is to give to my son Tomah Wise all that part of the Land lying South East of the Spring Branch adjoining John Jackson & Sprather after the death of my wife Sarah Wise.

My will is to give to my wife Sarah Brown negro Girl by the name of Lile to dispose of she thinks proper

My Will is to give to my Daughter Ruth one Feather bed & furniture one cow & half one horse & colt.

My will is to give to my son Barchanah Wise one bed & furniture one cow & half one horse & the Grey mare & colt that she is now in foal with my will is to give to my son Joseph Wise one Feather bed and furniture & one cow & half

My Will is to give one negro Girl Rose to my wife Sarah Wise

Wise and all the remaining Part of the stock of every
Description whatsoever & all the remaining Port of my
household & Kitchen Furniture & Plantation tools & also all
my out standing debts During her natural life & after her
decease & after making all the children Equil to the money
Erwin Wise, Patterson wise have already give them all the
balance of my property to be Equilly divided amongst all
my Children after my wife Mary Wise Death
Witness my hand & seal the
afore said first above written

The name of Erwin Wise interlined before signed

Test
Wm Johnson
Daniel his brother
Henry & brother

Shard & Wise & Co
mark

State of Georgia.

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Wilkes County

In the name of God Amen
I James Montfort of the
County and State aforesaid being in health of Body and
of Sound mind memory and understanding Praised
be God for the same do make this my last will and Tes-
tament in manner and form following that is to say,
I Give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy
Purdon Montfort all my Estate both real and personal
of what kind or nature soever and whosoever the same
shall be at the time of my Death with full and complete
Power to dispose of the same as she may think proper

And I do nominate constitute and appoint my
said wife Executrix and John Griffin Esquire of the
Town of Washington Executor of this my last will and
Testament hereby revoking and making void all and
every other will or wills at any time heretofore by me
made and declared thro' to be my last will and
Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said James
Montfort have hereunto set my hand and seal this
fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred and Seven.

Testes sealed and published by the
afore named James Montfort as and for his last
will and Testament in the presence of us who at his
request and in his presence have subscribed our names
do Witnesses thereto

Wm. Moreham
Felix J. Burns

William Jay Martin

James Montfort

Georgia
 Wilkes County Personally appeared in open Court
 Joseph Wroham one of the aforesaid
 Witnesses to the annexed will and being duly sworn
 deposeth and saith that he saw James Montfort sign
 seal, publish and declare the annexed instrument of
 Writing to be his last will and testament and that
 at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing
 mind and memory and that Felix Burnes and
 William Jay Minton subscribed their names as
 concurring Witnesses to the same in his presence and
 in the presence of each other.

Subscribed in open Court
 this 6th day of Feb^y. 1815

D^{ist} J. T. J. c. l. b.

J. Wroham
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In the name of God Amen. I Mary Lyon
 of the state of Georgia and county of Wilkes making
 full and lawful testament this my last will and Testament
 I do give and bequeath unto my soul to almighty God that gave it
 and my body to the dust from whence it came to be
 Buried in a Christian decent manner at the direction
 of my Executor and as for my Personal or real property
 I advise that to be distributed in the following manner
 Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Eunice one
 dollar
 Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary one dollar
 Item I give and bequeath unto my son Elijah one dollar
 Item I give and bequeath unto my son Eliah one dollar
 Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah one dollar

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Wilkes County, Personally appeared isabel Cant
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Kullage two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will
and made oath that they saw and saw again the same that he was at the time of said and signing
memory that they are each of them subscribed their names
as Witnesses thereto at the request of the said Mary and
in her presence that they saw Nelson Lappington also
at said said will in their presence and in the presence
of said Mary Lyon. &c. D. 1. 1811

Sworn to in open Court

6th May 1816

13th June 1841

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William Rutledge,

In the name of God. Amen. I Nathaniel Coats
of the County of Wilkes & State of Georgia being very sick
but of perfect mind and memory thanks to God
calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament and as touch-
ing such worldly Estate as I am in possession I give devise
& dispose of the same in the following manner.

First I Give unto Lucinda Coats my beloved wife twenty
eight acres of Land more or less joining the place I
now reside on also all my household and Kitchen
Furniture except one feather bed and my books which I
shall after mention also two bay mares and my planter
two utensils. Secondly I give unto my son Nathaniel
& Henry all my Books as their part of my Estate. Also
five cents to my Grand Daughter Patsy & Chatfield an
Feather Bed Bed and Furniture above mentioned. I
give unto Mr Coats his wife twenty five cents I give unto
my son James twenty five cents. I give unto Sarah
Adams twenty five cents I give unto Polly Chatfield
twenty five cents and all the balance of my Estate
to my loving wife Lucinda Coats Signed this 11th

January 1816 was my last will and Testament -
Test
Wm Jones
John Coats
Loby Coats
Nathl Coats Esq

County of Wilkes
Personally appeared in open Court
William Jones and Loby Coats two
of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will and

and after being duly sworn saith that they saw
the said Nathaniel Coats sign seal publish and aulor
the foregoing 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 John Coats signed his name to the same as a
concurring witness in the presence of the testator and
at his request —

Given to in open Court
this 14th day 1846

Leah Coats

William Jones

James M. Wells

In the name of God I Samuel S. Parake Miligan of
Wilkes County in the state of Georgia being sick and
weak but of sound mind memory and understanding
thanks be to God and knowing that it is appointed for
all ones to die do make this my last will and Testa-
ment in manner and form following that is to say
I commend my soul unto the hands of God that have it
and what it hath pleased god to bless me with in this
world after my body is decently buried and my just debts
discharged I give and bequeath in manner and form
following. I suppress I give and bequeath unto my
son Selburn Jones Miligan all the money that is due
to me when he is to be paid out in the purchase
of a negro girl by my Executor for him my said son
Hiram. If said negro so purchased shall have a child I
give and bequeath her first born male or female to
my Niece Jane Ingen Perkins to her and the lawful

kins of haberty I give and bequeath
to my Executors all right of Claims that I may have in
the Last will of James Harn and of South Carolina
and Lastly I fully nominate and appoint my friend
Martha Roby to be Executor to this my last will and
Testament also I appoint him the said Roby Guardian to
my son John Jones Milligan that he do all
wells wills by me heretofore made in Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this fourteenth day of October in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eleven.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of
Jm M Dowell
Robert Parkes
Martha Roby
Sarah + Eliza Milligan (seal)
marks

Georgia
Wilkes County
Personally appeared in open Court
Robert Parkes one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing will and
being duly sworn deposes that he saw the said Sarah
Milligan sign seal publish and declare the foregoing
instrument of writing to be her last will and Testament
and that at the time of her so doing she was of sound
and disposing mind and memory and that John
M Dowell and Martha Roby subscribed their
names as concurring witnesses to the same in the
presence of the Notary & at her request

GIVEN &c in open Court
this 14th March 1816
Robert Parkes

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Phillips
of the County of Wilkes & State of Georgia being in Good
Health & sound mind & memory & Calling to mind the
mortality of our nature & that it is appointed for all
to die do make constitute & ordain this my Last will
& Testament in manner and form following First
my Soul to god I give who gave it me my body I commit
to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in
a christian like manner without pomp at the discre-
tion of my Executors & for such worldly goods as god has
given me I give and bequeath in manner and form
following after all my just debts paid -
Item I give all my Estate real & Personal to be equally
divided between my three sons Whitman Zachariah &
Elijah & my two Daughters Mary Ellen & Sarah Powell
& to my Grand Daughter Polly Hannah Daughter of Mrs
Phillips I bequeath the sum of four dollars & to the heirs of
Joel Phillips I bequeath the sum of one Dollar & each
line and bequeath one Dollar to each of the children
of Joel Phillips I bequeath this I constitute and appoint
to be my Last will & Testament & only Will in Witness
hereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day
of August one thousand eight hundred and twelve
Signed sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us who
saw him acknowledge this as his last will & Testament

Test James Lee
John Lee Junr
John Lee Junr
Elizabeth Phillips Executrix
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Georgia
In this County Personally appeared in open Court
James Lee and John Lee Jun^r
two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will
and after being duly sworn saith that they saw
the said Elizabeth Phillips sign seal publish and
declare the foregoing instrument of Writing to be her
Last will and Testament and that at the time of
her so doing she was sound and disposing mind
and memory, and that John Lee Junior subscribed his
name as a consenting witness to the same at
the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of
each other —

Subscribed in open Court
this 4th March 1816
J^r T. T. T. Clerk

James Lee
John Lee Jun^r