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Which he publishes as a Codicil to his last will & Testament & at
the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory that
they subscribing the same as witnesses in his presence & in the presence of
each other together with Thomas P. Rindett

Known to & Subscribing before me

this 12th day of Decr 1856

G. G. Norman Ordry

John A. Heyson

A. C. McKim

Wilkes County Court of Ordinary January Term 1857

And now at this term of the Court being a regular Term
of said Court the last will & Testament of James Nolan as
embraced in the foregoing will & Codicil having been duly proven
on oath of two of the witnesses thereto & no objection being offered
to the Court ordering that the said will & Codicil above written
be & the same is hereby admitted to Record & Probate as the
last will & Testament of James Nolan

G. G. Norman only

Recorded Jan 13th 1857

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State of Georgia
Wilkes County

I Nancy Wheatley of said
State & County being of sound &
disposing mind & memory & knowing it is appointed for all men
to see do make & ordain this my last will & Testament
hereby revoking all other wills by me hitherto made
Item 1st It is my will & desire that my Executors pay all
my just debts.

Item 2nd I will & bequeath to my three daughters now living
with me to wit Elizabeth Wheatley Lucy V Wheatley & Martha
& Wheatley the whole of my Estate both real & personal Consent
-ing of household furniture all money which I may
have at my death

Item 3rd I will & bequeath to my other children to wit
William S. Wheatley Joseph Wheatley Esther wife of David
Hicks & my grand children of Sarah Hinton each one
dollar each

Item 4th I nominate & appoint my daughters Elizabeth,
Lucy V. & Martha S. Wheatley Executors to this my last
will & Testament done on day of October
in the year of our Lord 1856

Signed in presence of
John A. Truless
Beverly Bankhead
E. W. Anderson
Nancy Wheatley
mark

George J. Ordman Officer
Wilkes County In Chambers Jan 26th 1857

Personally appearing before me John A. Truless who being
duly sworn deposed & said that he saw Nancy Wheatley
sign the foregoing instrument which she acknowledged
as her last will & Testament & at the time of her so
doing she was of sound disposing mind & memory that
he signed the same as a witness in her presence & at
her request together with Beverly Bankhead & E. W.
Anderson

Given to before me
Jan 26th 1857
G. C. Norman only
John A. Truless

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Georgia 3
 Wilkes County 3. In The Name of God Amen
 I Jane Murphy of said State & County being of advanced age & knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right & proper both as respects myself & my family Connection that I should make a disposition of the property which as kind Providence has blessed me I therefore make this my last will & Testament, Item first I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent & Christian like manner suitable to my Circumstances & Condition my Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed & as I humbly trust enjoyed for twenty five years

Item 2nd I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate by my Executors

Item 3rd I give & devise to my beloved nieces George Ann Murphy & Martha Jane Murphy & Mary Tom Murphy to be equally dividing between the girls all my Estate as follows one Negro girl Minda about ten years old to be sold & dividing with the three girls & also my beds, Stacks & bed clothing be equally dividing between George Ann Murphy & Martha Jane Murphy & Mary Tom Murphy & what money I have on hand at & after my death

Item 4th I appoint my trusty & worthy friends C H Bussey & A J Paschall Guardians of the person & property of my said nieces & to have the power to sell & divide my estate with these girls when of age or married

Item 5th I constitute & appoint C H Bussey & A J Paschall Executors to this my last will & Testament this February 2nd 1857
 Jane Murphy
 Mark

Signed, Sealed, declaring & published by Jane Murphy as her last will & Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who Subscribing our names hereto in the presence of said Testator & of each other this February 2nd 1857
 Sarah A. Parks
 A J Paschall
 C H Bussey

Georgia 3 Court of Ordinary May Term 1857.
 Wilkes County 3 Personally appearing in open Court C H Bussey & A J Paschall two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within will who being duly sworn depose & say that they saw Jane Murphy sign & seal the same which she acknowledged to be her last will & Testament & at the time of her so doing she was of sound disposing mind & memory. That they Subscribing the same as witnesses in her presence & at her request & in presence of each other together with Sarah A Parks
 sworn to & Subscribing in open Court
 this 4th day of May 1857
 G. G. Norriss Ordinary

Georgia 3 In the name of God Amen
Wilkes County 3 I William Dye of the County & State aforesaid
being in feeble health but of sound & disposing mind & memory do
make this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore
made by me Item 1st I desire & direct that all
my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter
appointed Item 2nd I give bequeath & devise unto
my beloved wife Elizabeth the one fifth part of my property of
every kind & description for & during her natural life & at her death
to be equally dividing among all my children hereinafter mentioned
Item 3rd I give & bequeath unto my daughter Melinda Hopper
wife of J. H. Hopper the one fifth part of my entire Estate
Item 4th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Ann Jones
wife of Arthur Jones for her sole & separate use & benefit free from
the debts liabilities or control of her present or any future husband
the one fifth part of my entire estate for & during her natural life
& on her decease to such Child or children as she may leave
& I appoint my son William T. Dye Trustee of the property herein
given & bequeathed to my said daughter Sarah Ann Jones
Item 5th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Dye also
the one fifth part of my entire Estate
Item 6th I give & bequeath unto my son William T. Dye the one
fifth part of my entire estate
Item 7th I hereby constitute & appoint my son William T. Dye &
my son in Law Jonathan Hopper Executors of this my last will and
Testament this May 10th 1852 William T. Dye
Jonathan Hopper

Signed sealing declaring & published by William Dye Lucas J. Gathrel
as his last will & Testament in presence of us who John L. Mooten
subscribing our names hereto in presence of said Mr. Hubbard
Testator & of each other May 10th 1852

Georgia 3 Court of Ordinary July Term 1857
Wilkes Co 3 Personally appeared in open Court John L. Mooten & William Hubbard
the subscribing witnesses to the within will who being duly sworn depose
& say that they saw the Testator William Dye sign & seal the same & at
the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory & that he
acknowledged the same to be his last will & Testament that they subscribed the
same as witnesses in his presence at his request & in presence of each
other together with Lucas J. Gathrel } John L. Mooten
Sworn to in open Court July 6th 1857 } Wm. Hubbard
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Georgia Wilkes County $\frac{3}{4}$ In The name of God Amen

I William A Stone of the State & County aforesaid feeling the uncertainty of life & being in sound & disposing mind do make this my last Will & Testament revoking all others.

Item 1. I give & bequeath to my Sister Emma F. Deering & Octavia Musfield an equal share of all the effects of all kinds whatsoever, that may accrue to me from my late Father's Estate after the death of my Mother to have & to hold the same & every part thereof independent of any & all other persons whatsoever save it be the heirs of their bodies.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 1st day of October 1855

Signed & Sealed in

William A. Stone

presence of

James A. Smith

James W. Price

Francis J. Robinson

Georgia $\frac{3}{4}$ Ordinance, Office in Chambers
Wilkes County $\frac{3}{4}$ March 18th 1858

Personally appeared James W. Price & James A. Smith two of the subscribing witnesses, to the within Will. Who being duly sworn depose & say that They saw William A. Stone sign & seal the same which he acknowledged as his last Will & Testament & at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory, that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence & in the presence of each other together with Francis J. Robinson.

Given to & Subscribed

before me March 18th 1858

G. G. Norman Clerk

James A. Smith

James W. Price

256. Georgia I, Ibrah Jackson of the State & County aforesaid
Wilkes County being of sound mind & disposing memory do ordain
& declare this to be my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all former
wills by me heretofore made

Item 1st I will that first of all my just debts be paid
Item 2nd I will bequeath & devise to my son John F Jackson all that
tract or parcel of land whereas I now reside the said tract of land
being composed of several parcels or tracts of land, containing seven
hundred & fifty four acres more or less, with the exception only of the
portion bought by John Short on which the said John Short now resides,
& also with the exception of one hundred acres which I desire cut
off on the south side of the tract, joining James Spratlan & running
from the line of Thomas Fawcett to the line of William Brown, also one
negro boy Peter which I have heretofore given him by deed of gift

Item 3rd I will & devise to my daughter Nancy H Short for her sole
& separate use & benefit & to be in no way subject to the debts, defaults
& contracts of her husband John Short, the following property to wit
The tract or parcel of land whereas the said John Short now lives & also
the one hundred acres of land mentioned in Item 2nd to be cut off the
tract Miller to my son John F Jackson, also one negro boy named Jacob
all the property in this Item, to be as aforesaid, for the sole & separate
use & benefit of my said daughter, her heirs & assigns, never I appoint
her husband John Short the trustee for my daughter

Item 4th I will to my son Matthew F Jackson one bed & furniture
& one cow & calf to be chosen by him

Item 5th I will that the following negroes, Mary, Charity and
Wanville be sold by my executor & the proceeds equally
divided among my children. The portion thereof that will
go to my said daughter, I will to her alone for her sole &
separate use & benefit & to be held by the said John Short
in trust for her as the property left in Item 3rd

Item 6th I will to my son John F Jackson one third of the present
year crop the same being what he is entitled to from one
previous understanding

Item 7th I will that all the balance of my property real & personal
be sold & the proceeds after payment of my debts to be equally
divided among my children, share & share alike, always providing
that whatever property of any kind herein willed to my daughter
is willed to John Short her husband in trust for her sole and
separate use & benefit, not to be subject in any way to
the debts, defaults & contracts of the said John Short.

Item I will & desire that my sons John F Jackson
& my brother Thomas Fawcett act as the Executors to

this my last will & Testament
 In Testimony whereof I have here by signed sealed & published
 this as my last will & Testament in the presence of the
 underigned witnesses who signed as such in my presence
 & in the presence of each other.

Just
 Sarah T. Ivin for } Sarah Jackson 
 Daniel M. Ivin } mark
 Sarah T. Fawn }

State of Georgia
 Wilkes County } Court of Ordinary September Term 1858
 Personally appeared Sarah T. Ivin who
 being sworn in terms of the Law deposed & said that
 he saw Sarah Jackson sign & seal the annexed Instrument
 which she acknowledged to be her last will & Testament
 & at the time of said signing she was of sound & disposing
 mind & memory, that he subscribed the same as a witness
 in her presence & at her request, together with Sarah T. Fawn
 & Daniel M. Ivin
 I T. Ivin
 sworn to in Open Court
 September 6th 1858
 G. G. Norman Clerk

State of Georgia Know all men by these presents that I
 Wilkes County } Samuel Dunaway of the State & County afore
 said do make & publish this my last will & Testament as follows
 Item 1st I wish my Executors as soon as possible after my death
 to pay my just debts & if a sale of property is necessary I wish
 him to select from my Estate such property as he thinks can
 be best used for that purpose & I empower him to sell the
 same publicly or privately as he thinks best.
 Item 2 I give & bequeath to my wife Louisa R. Dunaway
 & my following named children to wit Alpheus S. Dunaway
 Elizabeth Dunaway Henry T. Dunaway Joseph M. Dunaway
 Martha J. Dunaway Lucius S. Dunaway Simon H. Dunaway Mary
 & Dunaway the balance of my property after my debts are paid
 the property to be all kept together for the support of my present
 family & each child as they marry or become of age shall
 have their proportionable part of my Estate as willed to them
 Item 3rd I will that my son Francis M. Dunaway have & hold the property
 I have given him heretofore as his part of my Estate

Item 4th I will that my son Abram D. Runaway have & hold
the property I have given him heretofore as his part of my Estate
Item 5th I will that my son William L. Runaway have & hold all
which I have heretofore given him, which shall be his full share of
my estate as the receipt in full will show that he gave me
heretofore.

Item 6th I give & bequeath to William
A. Drake One hundred dollars providing he will stay & wait
for his mother until he is twenty one years of age

Item 7th I do hereby appoint my son A. Phelps & Runaway my
Executors to this my will.

In testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand this the 29th of June 1858

Signed & published by Samuel Runaway

as his last will & Testament in presence of me
as witnesses thereto by his request this the
29th day of June 1858

Thomas H. Stothan

A. Paschal

John G. Stothan

David Campbell

State of Georgia

Wilkes County

Court of Ordinary Nov Term 1858

Personally appeared in open Court Thomas H. Stothan, one of
the witnesses to the annexed instrument who being duly sworn
says that he saw Samuel Runaway sign & seal the same & that
he acknowledged to be his last will & Testament & at the time
of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory that he
signed the same as witness in his presence at his request
together with A. Paschal, John G. Stothan, & David Campbell

Sworn to in open Court

Thos H. Stothan

Nov 1st 1858

G. G. Norman Ord.

Georgia Wilkes County

Know all men by these presents that I Richeson Booker of the said State & County for & in Consideration of the Natural Love & affection which I have & bear to my beloved wife Easter Booker of the same place & for & in Consideration of the sum of five dollars cash in hand paid by the said Easter Booker the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do by these presents give & grant unto said wife Easter Booker at my death, the following negroes to wit Rafey, old Solomon, old Nancy, old Peggy & her ten children to wit Oliver, Sham, Elbert, Jefferson, Randal, Ben & Joe also Harriet & her five children to wit Martha, Jesse, Matilda & Sarah & her daughter Amy the granddaughter of old Peggy also Ben the husband of old Peggy also Alice & Milley together with her four children to wit Isaac, Moser, Cassander & Charity also May & her six children to wit Venus, Elijah, Clara, Ned, Catharine & George also Wincy & her child Squid, and Osborne, Spencer, Milly, Lucia, Albert & Lucia also old Cesar & Little Cesar the husband of old Peggy. To have & to hold the above mentioned negroes with their increase to her the said Easter Booker her heirs & assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 17th day of Sept 1851

Signed, sealed & delivered

In presence of
Timothy Leapy

Horace E. Parham

Thomas H. Strother J.P.

Richeson Booker

We the jury find the within to be a valid & unrevoked will & a last of Richeson Booker last will & Testament & certify to probate
John J. Maffey & M

Recorded June 7 1859

Georgia

Wilkes County

In the name of God amen I knock
 Callanway of the state and County
 aforesaid in consideration of the uncertainty of this mortal
 life but being of a sound and disposing mind and memory
 do make and confirm this my last Will and Testament in
 manner and form as follows

I resign my eternal destiny to God who I trust has reconciled
 me to himself by Jesus Christ. I, My will is that
 all my Just debts be paid in due time ~~and~~ I give and
 bequeathe unto my beloved Wife Martha Callanway for
 and during her natural life and half of my tract
 or parcel of Land where as I now live embracing the
 improvements and appertinances thereof as she may wish
 or deem needful for her use and benefit.

I also give and bequeathe unto my said Wife for and
 during her natural life sixteen negro ~~is~~ known and
 distinguished by their names as follows Wily a man and
 his wife Billy Randal a man and his wife Sarah and
 her three children Calvin a boy Malvina a girl and
 Fanny a girl Mealy a woman and her three children

Wily a boy Solomon a boy and Samy a boy Abram a
 man Moses a man Charley a boy Luke a boy and Scot
 a boy. Together with all my household and kitchen furniture
 one single and one two horse buggy and harness, or
 one road wagon & harness one or cart one set blacksmith
 with tools with a suitable portion of carpenters' and
 plantation tools and one half of all my stock of
 every kind also such things of small value not named
 above as she may need for her use and benefit

Moreover it is my will that my Executors herein after named
 receive out of the proceeds of my farm a competent supply
 of every article necessary for the support of my said
 wife and her family during the year subsequent to the
 date of my death and I authorize my said wife to give
 unto my youngest son Brantley all such portions house
 hold & kitchen furniture & cattle as may be considered
 equitable and right.

I give and bequeathe unto my son William B.
 Callanway on equal interest with myself in a certain
 tract or parcel of Land we have on our steam Mill
 is located together with the appertinances thereof containing
 fifteen acres more or less and bounded on the west by

Daniel Carrington on the north by William R Callan-
way and the meeting house road, and on east and west
by Enoch Callaway or the fence as it now stands to
be his and his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my three sons William R
Callaway Abner R Callaway and Brantley M.
Callaway jointly and equally all my interest in the
above named steam mill to be theirs and their
heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Brantley M.
Callaway the remaining part or half of my tract or
parcel of land whereon I now live and after the death
of my said wife I give and bequeath unto my
said son Brantley M. Callaway that part or half of
my said tract or parcel of land in which she
has a life time interest to be his and his heirs and
assigns forever, and I also give unto my said son Bran-
tley M. in the same way one negro boy known
by the name of Greenberry.

By my will is that the remaining part of my property
or estate which I ~~not~~ have not specified as above be
equally divided between all my children namely
Elizabeth Cheney, William R Callaway, Lydia
Binns, Martha Spratten, Mary D Gur, Sarah Ann

Rhodes, Abner R Callaway Eliza Ann Cheney, and
Brantley M Callaway, and my three orphan grand-
children namely Virginia I Callaway, Chandler M.
Callaway, and Reubin H Callaway, that is one share
to be equally divided between the three to be theirs
and their heirs and assigns forever,

and after the death of my said wife my will is that all
the property which I have given her as above named the
land (excepted) be equally divided between my children as
above named and my three grand children as specified
above to be theirs and their heirs and assigns forever.

I hereby nominate and appoint my sons William R
and Brantley M Callaway executors of this my last
will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of march
one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Levi Milton R Bennett }
Sarkis R Seisson }
Luke Turner Jr }
Enoch Callaway

Georgia }
Wilkes County } In the Court of Ordinances of said County

Personally appeared in open Court Matthew R. Barnett
Larkin R. Seaton & Luke Turner for the three subscribing
Witnesses to the annexed instrument, who being duly sworn
depose & say that they saw Enoch Callaway the Testator
sign & seal the same. Which he acknowledged to be his
last Will & Testament & at the time of his so doing he
was of sound disposing mind & memory. That he signed
the same voluntarily as far as they know or believe that
they signed the same of Witnesses at his request & in his
presence in presence of each other & as
known to & subscribed.

In Open Court Oct 4th

1859

G. G. Norrman Ordg

Larkin R. Seaton

Luke Turner Jr.

M. R. Barnett

Georgia Wilkes County, Last Will & Testa-

ment of Anne K. Wingfield, Item 1st I will
that my just debts be paid at once by my Exe-
cutor,

Item 2nd I give to my namesake Anna Eli-
abeth Wingfield daughter of Francis K. Wingfi-
eld. my gold watch & chain & key.

Item 3rd I give
to my two sisters all my bedroom furniture, wearing
apparel & other things of like character to dispose
of as they please.

Item 4th I give to my friend
James A. Nisbet in trust to hold & dispose of as
follows, all my Rail Road Stock, that is to
say to apply the whole income of said Stock for
my sister Sally Pettus during her widowhood.
One Thousand dollars worth of said stock is to
be held in trust as above by said Nisbet for
the sole & separate use of my niece Francis R.
Nisbet

One Thousand of said stock to be held in trust
as above stated & the income applied for the ben-
efit of the children of Montgomery Wingfield,
Five hundred dollars of said stock to be held
in trust as above stated & the income applied for
the sole & separate use of Cornelia Golucke,
& Five hundred dollars of said stock to be held
in trust as above stated & applied for the
benefit of Lenora Wingfield & until the said
Sally Pettus becomes a widow said stock
to be held by said Trustee & the income thereof
applied by him in the same mode & the same
proportion as herein before divided to be obser-
ved when said Sally ceases to be a widow &
her interest therein has closed.

Item 5th of
nominate & appoint as Executor of this will
my friend James A. Kistler,

Signed Sealed & Published } Ann M. Wingf
as Last Will of Anne M. - id
Wingfield in our presence
this 30th Sept. 1859
C. W. Pope
E. J. Pope
W. M. Reese

~~State of Georgia
Wilkes County By the Court of
Ordinary for said County
To all whom these
presents shall come, Greeting
That on the day of
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty nine the last will & Testament
of Anne M. Wingfield late of
deceased was exhibited in
force~~

264 Georgia
Wilkes County} Ordinaries office
In Chambers Oct 28 1859

Personally appeared before me W. M. Reese
One of the subscribing Witnesses to the foreg
ing Instrument who after being duly sworn
on, says that that he saw Ann M. Wingfield
the Testatrix sign & seal the same which
she acknowledged as her last will & Testam
ent, & at the time of her so doing she was
of sound disposing mind & memory, that
he signed the same as witness in her pres
ence at her request together with C. M.
Pope & E. J. Pope who also signed as
witnesses in her presence & at her
request

Sworn to & Subscribed W. M. Reese
Before me this 28th day
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Wilkes County } I Elijah Dearing of the said State
county being of sound mind & disposing memory but
weak & infirm in body do declare this to be my last will
& testament
Item 1st " I will that all my Just debts be paid
Item 2nd " I give & bequeath to my son John B Dearing
the following Negroes to wit - Moses, Martha, ^{her} Child
Albert, Isaac, & Annaminto, also all the lands, I
possess the plantations tools two beds & furniture his choice
my cart & oxen & one half dozen painted chairs three
cows & calves his choice & two horses his choice also
the table the cupboard & all its contents embracing
crockery ware knives & forks two pots one oven his
choice one spinning wheel & two pine tables &
two hundred dollars in cash,

W. Base

Item 3rd " I give & bequeath to my daughter
Hephzibah Shindeman the following Negroes to wit
Lukah, Isabel Celia & Rachel & one bed

Item 4th " I give & bequeath to my daughter
Marcia Bowin the following Negroes to wit
Billy Sam & her child Henry, Ned & Ann &
one bed

Item 5th " I give & bequeath to my daughter
Mary Ann Pruitt Intrust for her sole
& separate use during her life & after her death
to her children, the following property to wit
the Negroes James Spenser Burrell & Susan
& one bed the said property to be in no
wise subject to the debts of her husband
but during her natural life for her sole &
separate use & benefit, & after her death to
be equally divided amongst her children

Item 6th " I give & bequeath to my grand daughter
Emmie Jackson one hundred dollars in cash

Item 7th " I will that Betty a Negro girl be
sold & after all my debts are paid the res-
idue of the proceeds if any, be equally divided

amongst my children

I am of the, I will & desire that Benjamin
Hardin as my executor & carry out my
will in manner & form as herein pointed
out without any difficulty or suit &
do every thing quietly & peaceably,
where off I have herunto set my hand &
seal in the presence of the under signed
witnesses who have witnessed this will in
my presence & in the presence of each other,
this 19th day of December 1856,

Attested by, } Elajah Dearing }

Samuel, J. Burns, Juniors

W. A. Burns

Wm. A. Lynn

Georgia
Wilkes County }

Court of Orphans
January Term 1860

Personally appeared in open Court Samuel J. Burns
Jr. W. A. Burns & Wm. A. Lynn who being duly sworn depose
& say that they saw Elajah Dearing sign & seal
the annexed instrument which he acknowledged
to be his last will & testament and
at the time of signing he was of sound dispo-
-sition mind & memory that he signed the same
voluntarily as far as they know or believe it
at they signed the same as witnesses in his
presence at his request & in presence of each
other, sworn to & subscribed

in open Court Jan'y 9th 1860

G. G. Norman, Clerk

Samuel, J. Burns

Wm. A. Lynn

W. A. Burns

State of Georgia
Wilkes County

I Mary R. Anthony (widow)
of said county and State being of sound mind
& memory in view of the uncertainty of human life
do make & declare this instrument to be my last will & Testament
Now 1st I will I will and desire to my four youngest
children to wit Edwin Willie James & Julia
all of my plantation lying & being in Taliaferro County
purchased of Battle also all the stock of horses mules
cattle plantation tools Waggins carts & all the usual
personal property kept on plantation which may
be thereon at my Death or in the event that the
division may be postponed all of that description
of property which may be there at the time of the
division hereafter provided for.

Item 2nd I desire all of my Negroes at the time
of my death if the division can then take place or
at the time when the division shall take place
valued by intelligent and discreet freeholders to be
appointed by the Ordinary according to Law & I
will that a number of negroes equal to three fourths
in value shall be selected carefully and set apart
for my said four youngest children before named
& I give them to be equally divided between said four
youngest children to them & their heirs forever & in such
division I wish Tabby to be included in the lot which
shall be assigned to my son James together all of
Tabbys children but not to be extra or in addition to
his part

Item 3rd I will that the other fourth part of
my negroes shall be equally divided among my
four eldest children to wit E. Dubose Anthony
Mary Louisa Jones Emma Hill Isabella Stokes
Share & share alike the share of Mary Louisa Jones sub-
ject to the limitation hereafter mentioned, Sophia to be
put in the youngest child's lot & in no event to
work out in the field.

Item 4th I wish my house & lot carriage & horses and
buggy be sold and proceeds applied to the payment of my debts
& if there should be any residue I wish it to be divided
equally among all my children

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Item 5th I ~~wish~~ give to my son E. Du Bose Anthony, my Bent sons Comintaries, to my daughter Mary Louisa I give my parlor sofa to my daughter Emma. I give my china dining set to my daughter Isabel. I give my green doles and card table. all the rest of my household furniture I wish divided among all my children if they prefer it or sold & proceeds divided except that hereinafter given to my youngest children

Item 6th I give to my son Edwin all of my silver & one good bed bedstead & furniture to my daughter Willie I give my bureau & washstand usually kept up stairs also my wardrobe also one good bedstead & furniture, ~~complete~~ to my son James I give the bureau which stands in Willies room. also one good bedstead bed & furniture complete to my daughter Julia, I give my piano my large workstand the bureau which stands in my room also one good bedstead bed & furniture complete also, I wish James & Julia well educated out of my estate & I wish them to pay the customary board where they may stay & all their expense of board tuition clothing & to be paid out of the estate,

Item 7th, I wish my plantation & negroes kept up by executor & the property connected with it kept together until all my debts are paid & during

that time I wish my youngest children be under age or unmarried to be supported out of it especially my ^{two} youngest children are to be supported until ~~can~~ ^{can} be ~~supported~~ ^{supported} out of it until the division takes place & if within of my two youngest children shall marry or become of age before my ~~debts~~ ^{debts} are paid and a division can take place

I wish them to be allowed out of my other property (not including the property willed my ~~four~~ ^{two} youngest children interest on their portion from such marriage or arrival of age

Item 8th All the rest & residue of my property not herein mentioned & disposed of by some clause of the will after the payment of my debts to be equally divided among all of my children share & share alike.

Item 9th I desire all the property which may fall to my daughter Mary Louisa under this will shall be held by my

creator in trust for the sole & separate use of my said daughter during her life & at her death to her issue then living & that her husband may in no event become her true

the 10th I hereby nominate & appoint my friends James R. Durbose & Robert Toombs executors to this will & revoke all others heretofore made In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal Dec^r 1856 signed sealed & declared to be her last will & testament by testatrix before us who witnesses the same at her request & in her presence & in the presence of each other

Mary R. Anthony

G. Toombs,
R. H. Vickers
Wm. Reese

Georgia
Wilkes County } Court of Ordinary
January Term 1860

Personally appeared in open court R. H. Vickers & Gabriel Toombs who being duly sworn say that they saw Mary R. Anthony sign & seal the annexed instrument which she acknowledged to be her last will & testament & at the time of her so doing she was of sound disposing mind & memory that they signed the same as witnesses in her presence at her request & in presence of each other & Gabriel Toombs says Wm. Reese also signed with them & in their presence & in presence of the Testatrix

Sworn to & subscribed } R. H. Vickers
in open court Jan'y 9th 1860 } G. Toombs
G. G. Norman Clerk

I Mary R. Anthony of Wilkes County & State of Georgia being of sound & disposing mind & memory and wishing to make some alteration in my will of December 1856 on account of changes which have taken place in my family since that time do make this instrument as a codicil to said will which I hereby confirm & republish in all respects where it is not altered by this codicil,

Item 1st My son Edwin M. Anthony having married since my said will was made & I having advanced him some property I wish all the property I have given him ~~or more~~ give him to go in part payment or ademption in part of the legacy to him in my will & to be accounted for by at the division of my estate without in trust

Item 2nd I wish all the property I gave my daughter Isabel Stokes in my will to go to & be equally divided among her children & if any or either of them should die under age unmarried & without children I wish the property of said child & children to go to the survivors

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11th December 1858 signed sealed & declared to be her last will & testament by testatrix in our presence & we signed the same at her request & in her presence & presence of each other

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G. Tombs

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Wilkes County } January Term 1860

Personall appeared in open court Gabriel Tombs who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he saw Mary R. Anthony sign & seal the annexed instrument which she acknowledged as a codicil to her last will & testament & at the time of her so doing she was of sound disposing mind & memory that he signed the same as a witness in her presence & at her request together with

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In open court

Jan. 9th 1860

G. G. Norman (Edy)

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Georgia } I Luke Turner of said State & county, being of sound
Wilkes County } disposing mind & memory do declare this to be my last
will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

Item 1st I will & desire that all my just debts be paid

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my grand son Luke ~~Turner~~
Turner a negro girl named Jane about four years old to be kept
by my son William G. Turner in his possession till my said grand
son arrives to years of maturity.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my son Luke Turner a negro
girl named Cornelia which negro girl I desire shall wait upon
Mrs Mary W. Gresham and Miss Maria Triplett as long as they
or either of may need her and then to belong absolutely to my
son Luke.

Item 4th I will and bequeath that my daughter
Mary, E. J. Haver & my son Luke shall be first made equal
with my son William G. Turner - then the tract of Land whereon
I now reside to be divided among my said three children
as follows to wit my son Luke Turner to have all that part
of said land lying north of a line beginning ~~at the~~ ^{at the Creek}
at or near Henry Norman's line & running west course
along the fence that divides the old School House field
& the barn field to the Danversville road thence down
said road south to a little lane bending to the Prater
meeting House thence to the right of said church straight
to the line of W. G. Turner.

My son Wm. G. Turner to have that part of said land
lying west of a line beginning on the line near the
Rock Church to be run off to my son Luke & running
south along the fence of the Gin House field & crossing
the Lexington road to third Oak Corner on J. D. Willis
line said line to be so sure as to arrive at said red
Oak Corner by varying the corner if necessary & also
that part of said land lying south of a line running
from said red oak corner to the Pometton road at or
near the bars leading into the new ground field lying
on the right hand side of said Pometton road.

and my daughter Mary to have all the rest of my said
land embracing the Pullen tract also - after the said
division of my land & my said daughter Mary & my son
Luke have been made just equal with what my son
William has received, I will & desire that all the

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balance of my property of all kinds be equally divided between
my said three children my daughter to have choice in negroes
at valuation & also of the carriage in the same way if she wants
it.

Item 5th. If it is my will and desire that said division of
land and other property shall take place between my
children without any sale and I hereby appoint my three
children Wm. G. Turner Luke Turner & Mary C. I favor
Executors & Executors of this my last will & Testament & I
also will that they shall not be required to make returns
to the ordinary, but shall divide the property as above
described among themselves with the special request that
my friends James J. Willis and J. T. Levin aid my children
in their division if necessary.

Signed sealed & subscribed in the presence of the undersigned
witnesses who attended the same in the presence of each other
& of the Testator

this March 6th 1857) Luke Turner 
Benjamin W. Tuck
John P. Latimer
Thos. R. Willis

Georgia Court of Ordinary
Wilkes County) at Chambers March 27th 1860
Personally appeared Benjamin W. Tuck & Thomas R. Willis
two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will & after
being duly sworn depose & say that they saw Luke Turner
sign & seal the same which he acknowledged as his last
will & Testament & at the time of his so doing he was
of sound disposing mind & memory that they signed
the same in his presence at his request & in presence of
each other together with John P. Latimer.

Subscribed & sworn to
before me March 27th 1860 } Benjamin W. Tuck,
Thos R. Willis,
G. G. Norman orcy

Georgia }
 Wilkes County } In the name of God Amen, I Mary Powell
 of said County and State being sick & weak in
 body but of sound disposing mind and memory knowing it
 is appointed for all to die do make publish & declare the
 following to be my last will & Testament.

Item 1st I will that all my just Debts be paid,

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my nephew Virgil E
 Burdett my negro boy Charles to him & his heirs, -

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Burdett wife
 of Joseph T. Burdett during her life or widowhood my tract of
 Land in Wilkes County adjoining Tolbot & others which Land
 is to be paid for out of my estate ~~at my death~~ - goes and the
 property owned or possessed by me at my death the same not
 to be subject to any Debt or contract of her husband and
 after her death to be equally divided among all the children of
 said Joseph T. & Elizabeth Burdett share & share alike and in
 case of the death of said Joseph T. Burdett & his wife again marry-
 ing a Division of the property then to take place and the said
 Elizabeth to remain as child's part and in case of the death of said
 Elizabeth and the said Joseph T. again marrying the property
 then to be divided and to remain a child's part.

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friends
 Augustine C. McMeekin & John H. Dyson, Executors to this
 my last will & Testament hereby annulling all Wills heretofore
 made by me, & the word all intended before signing.

In Witness Whereof the said Mary
 Powell have hereunto set her hand
 & Seal this 18th day of February 1851

Signed Sealed published and
 declared in presence of

John H. Dyson
 Austin C. McMeekin
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Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Wilkes County } April Term 1860

Personally appeared in open court John H Dyson & Thomas P
Burdett who being duly sworn say that they saw Mary Powell
sign & seal the above & foregoing instrument which she
acknowledged as her last will & Testament & at the time of her so
doing she was of sound disposing mind & memory that they
signed the same as witnesses in her presence at her request
& in the presence of each other together with Augustine
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Subscribed in }
open court April 2^d 1860 }
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John H Dyson
Thos. P. Burdett

Georgia } Last Will of William R Cox
Wilkes County } of said County

Item 1st I William R Cox of said State & County do
declare & publish the following to be my last will & Testam-
ent. hereby revoking all other wills ever made by me

Item 2nd I do hereby give & bequeath to my wife Sarah
Cox the following negroes Clary & her two children
Joshua & Nancy. Joe & Luke (said Joe known as Joe
Anderson) Hannah a girl my buggy & harness, my
gold watch any of my household & kitchen furniture which
she may choose even if it embraced all of it & the sum of
five hundred dollars in Cash all of which is given to provide
for the care of her & in lieu of any claim of dower in my
real estate & in lieu of any claim for what is commonly
known in Law as the widow's allowance

Item 3rd I do hereby give & bequeath to my friend Wm Reed
in Trust the plantation whereon I now reside to hold in
trust for my brother Thomas J Cox & his Children present
or future & after said Thomas J Cox's death to be sold &
equally dividing between his Children then in life &
if any time said Thomas J should attempt either voluntarily
or involuntarily to assign his interest the same immediately
to cease & vest in his Children & if the said interest should
be living on at any time the same to cease & vest in his
Children. the said Trustee to have the power to resign his
office at any time by filing in the office of the Ordinary

of Wilkes County a written resignation & to have the power in the same instrument to appoint his successor who is hereby invested with the same power of resignation and appointing his successor.

Item 4th I do hereby give & bequeath to my sister Nancy a Negro girl named Sarah also a Negro man named Frank

Ham 5th I do hereby give & bequeath to my sister Mary Jane
my Negroes Cyrus & Martha Ann & her youngest child Milly

Item 6th I do hereby give & bequeath to my brother James
my negro, better, Jo

them for I will bequeath to my brother James twenty five dollars additional for his services this year as my sister having agreed to give him only \$125.00 for this years service

Item 8th. I wish my plantation kept up just as it is now
until the end of the ~~year~~ present year, then the crop gathered
& a sale to be had at the latter part of the year of all my crop

Stock & Other perishable property & the proceeds after paying my
debts to form a part of the residue to be mentioned hereafter
Item 9th I give & bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Corley from
the residue of my estate after my debts are paid the sum of
One Thousand dollars to be held in Trust by my friend David
Corley for the purpose of buying a negro girl for said Elizabeth
which with the money until invested is to be held in Trust
for the sole & separate use of said Elizabeth who is to have
the power to dispose of said Negro & increase of any by will

Item 10th The residue after paying the said legacy to Elizabeth
Cox, I will to be equally divided between all my brothers
& sisters naming herein as legatees & the part falling to Mr.
J. Cox to be held as the legacy above given

Stein 11^m I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend
Wm M Reese to execute this will fully & faithfully
said be to the effect of the

signed. Sealed & Publishing as the
last will of Mary Cox in our
presence & in the presence of
each other this 30th April 1870

James H. Layson
James H. Lane
C. C. McMeekin

Wm R Cox 

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Georgia. In Open Court June Term 1880 came
Wicks County James M. Dyson for the purpose of proving
in Common Form the last will of William R. Cox & said
will having been produced in open Court by Wm. W. Reece
the Executor named therein who has filed his petition for the
probate of the same. said Dyson one of the witnesses
named on said will deposed as follows respecting said
will that he saw said Cox sign & publish the same
at the time & place therein stated as his last will, that
he witnessed the same with James H. Lane & Augustus
O. McKinn at the request of said Cox that they
signed as such witnesses at his request said will
& that they all signed said will in his presence & in the
presence of each other that at the time of his & their
signature & of publishing said will said Wm. R. Cox was
of sound disposing mind & memory & executed the same
voluntarily.

From to & subscribing before me
this 4th June 1880

G. G. Norman Clerk

J. M. Dyson

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State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen I Lewis S Brown
Wilkes County } of the State and County being of advanced
age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life
do hereby make it right and proper both as it respects myself
and family that I should make a disposition of the property
with which a kind providence has blessed me do therefore
make this my last will & Testament hereby revoking
all others made by me

Item 1st I desire & direct that
my body be buried in a decent and christian like man-
ner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life
My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who
gave it as I hope for eternal salvation through the me-
rits and atonement of the Blessed Lord and saviour Jesus
Christ whose religion I have professed and I humbly
trust enjoyed for the last seventeen years and upwards
Item 2nd

I desire and direct that all my just debts
be paid without delay - by my Executors herein after app-
ointed as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed
in their rights especially as there is no need for delay
my debts being at this time small such as Doctors
bills store accounts &c

Item 3rd

I give & bequeath
and devise to my beloved wife Sarah A Brown
with whom I have lived for upwards of forty four
years all my property (to wit) my negro woman called
Francis and negro boy Simon together with all my
notes and accounts and all of my household ~~possessions~~
of every kind with all the money I may have on
hand at my death free from all charge and limitation
whatsoever to her own proper use benefit and behoof forever
with full power to dispose of the same at any time or at her
death as she may think proper with this request that should
the negro boy Simon become not suitable or convenient for her
to keep or at her death she make provision to have him sold at
a low price to some of those persons who own his relations to buy him
that he may be near or with them they are in Columbia and its
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continue to live and at any time after my death my wife Sarah
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 she may feel disposed to relieve her wants. I also desire that my
 wife make and keep by her a will after my death disposing
 of the property given to her as she pleases but would suggest
 that some of her relations need nothing being already wealthy
 there will be no use in giving them any portion as she has others that
 are needy.

Item 5th I give to the trustees of the Methodist Church and their
 successors in office one hundred dollars to be expended in repairing the
 Methodist Church whenever it should require it in their judgment.
 Item 6th I hold in trust from the Estate of Luke J Morgan deed
 for Mrs Anne Morgan as the amount allowed her for dower fifteen
 hundred dollars on which I have paid the interest in advance in
 advance to her for a number of years as an account with the
 Teachers included in my bundle of notes will show which has
 been returned to the ordinaron except the last payment in this
 country and should she Mrs Morgan survive me another trustee
 would be necessarily appointed and likely her son Ira J Morgan
 of Arkansas would take the appointment as she speaks of going
 to that State with him I request that my Executors hereafter
 named would pay over to him or other person lawfully qualified
 the amount after due reference to the accounts current and
 vouchers referred to which will be found in bundle of notes as
 alluded to should the death of my sister Mrs Morgan take
 place the amount would be due the Legatee of Luke J Morgan
 deed and I refer my Executors to James A. Nesbit & Washington
 Fox should they be living as they know every thing in regard
 to the settlement of the Estate and where the Legatee live
 as I was appointed trustee in Macon Bibb County when the
 estate was settled.

I write this Item of my will for information to my Executors
 Item 7th

I wish all the law Books found in my Book case immedi-
 ately handed over to the Clerk of the Inferior Court of this
 County where they properly belong herein read them upwards
 of thirty years I held the office of Justice of the Inferior Court

Item 8th I contribute and appoint my wife Sarah A
 Brown my Executrix and my worthy friend Garnett
 Andrews senior my Executor to this my last will & Testament
 this 11th day of June 1858

Lewis J Brown Esq

Signed sealed and declared and publish by Lewis S. Brown
as his last will and Testament in the presence of the subscribers
who subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of said testator
and of each other this day 11th of June 1858,

R. H. Vickers
James E. Waddley
R. L. Forman

Witness Court of Ordinary August Term 1860
Came into open court at this regular term thereof Robert
H. Vickers James E. Waddley - Rufus L. Forman who being
duly sworn depose and say that they saw Lewis S.
Brown sign seal publish & declare the within as his last
will & Testament while of sound & disposing mind that the
same was signed by him in the presence of all the subscribing
witnesses & that they attested & subscribed the same as witnesses
in the presence of him at the request of testator and that the
same was executed voluntarily by testator on the day it
purports to have been executed -

Sworn to subscribed before

me in open court August Term

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G. L. Norman Clerk

R. H. Vickers
James E. Waddley
Rufus L. Forman

Georgia }
Wilkes County } Last will of Russell Bailey Sr
I Russell Bailey of said State & County do declare
this as my last will hereby revoking all other wills
heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I wish my executors to set apart before the sale of my
property as hereafter provided for to my wife if alive at my death one
Bed & Bedding.

Item 2nd I wish my executors to sell at public sale
or private as they think best all my Lands Negroes & other ~~personal~~
~~the~~ personal property & having collected the same & all debts due me
to pay my debts & then to divide equally between my wife ~~if~~
alive at my death my children by Betsy Bailey namely Russell
Bailey Simon Bailey John Bailey Leroy Bailey & Sarah Ann
Bailey Carr Bailey & my children by Peggy Bailey (the mar-
ried daughter of mine) (the said Peggy Bailey) are to have their
part for the separate use & benefit during their lives & after
their death to go to their children all the balance of my property
of every kind real & personal.

Item 3rd I will that the part given to Carr Bailey
unless called for within two years after my death be divided
equally between all of the other children specified in Item 2nd of
the will Item 4th If my said wife now alive should die before
me I wish the part herein willed to her be divided between
the children specified in Item 2nd of the provides of my lands
she prefer to take Dower I will her so to do & still to have an equal
share with the children in my other property.

Item 5th If any of my children by Betsy Bailey attempt
to claim any thing under a certain instrument in which I
gave at my death a negro woman Minney & children to
their Mother & in event of her death to them I hereby will
that any of them so doing so forfeit all rights under the
will to the other children of Betsy Bailey not so doing &
in event of all so doing all to forfeit their rights & Peggy
Bailey's children to take their legacy.

Item 6th I will if
any of the children named as legacies in this will in Item
2nd die before me childless then the share intended them to
be divided between my other children mentioned as legacies
in Item 2nd & if any die leaving wife but no children I
wish the same distributed as last mentioned.

Item 8th If there
is any property of mine not willed above I hereby declare the

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same to be devised as in Item 4th not intending to prevent any child
of their legatee from taking as the Law provides in case of lapses
legacies as it will Item provides & as Item 6 provides, Item 9th.

I appoint John H. Dason George R. Bailey & Simon Bailey my
sons executors of this last will to which I have hereunto set my
hand & seal the 19th Feby. 1849

In presence of
Wm Reese

J. B. Sanders

Levin S. Brown J. L. C.

Russell ^{his} Bailey
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Georgia } In person before me came William M.
Wilkes County } Reese in open Court at October Term 1860
of the Court of ordinary of said county &
being duly sworn saith on oath that he saw said Russell Bailey
sign seal & publish the above will as his last will - that he was
then of sound & disposing mind & memory - that he & the other
witnesses thereunto witnessed the same at his request & that the
same was freely & voluntarily executed that the witnessing was
in his presence & in presence of each other.
sworn to & subscribed in open court } Wm Reese
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State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen I James Cade
Wilkes County } of State & County being of advanced age but
of sound mind and memory deem it right &
proper that I should make a disposition of the property with
which a kind providence has blessed me do therefore make or-
dain and declare this to be my last will & Testament hereby
abolishing & revoking all others heretofore made by me
1st Item I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent
& christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and
condition in life
2nd Item I desire & direct that all of my just debts be paid
without delay by my Executor herein after appointed
3rd Item The residue and remainder of my Property both
real & personal wherever & what ever it may be I give
& bequeath to my nephew Nicholas D. Carter for his
sole & separate use for ever in fee simple.
4th Item I hereby constitute and appoint my friend
Executor of this my last will & Testament
December 24th 1857
Jas Cade

Signed sealed Published and declared by the said
James Cade as & for his last will & Testament in
the presence of us who at his request and in his
presence and in the presence of each other have
subscribed our names as witnesses hereto, Decr 24th 1857
December 24th 1857

Thos B Norman
John L Norman
J M Stribling

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Wilkes County } Nov- Term 1860

Personally came into open court Thos B Norman
John L Norman & J M Stribling the subscribing
witnesses to the above & foregoing will who being duly
sworn depose & say that they saw James Cade the Testa-
tor sign & seal the same which he acknowledged to be his
last will & Testament & at the time of his so doing
he was of sound disposing mind & memory that they
signed the same in his presence at his request & in pre-
sence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court
Nov 5th 1860
G. G. Norman Clerk

A. M. Strubling
J. B. Norman
J. L. Norman

Recorded November 8th 1860

Georgia
Wilkes County } In the name of God Amen
I Sabina Derrill of the County
& State aforesaid being of sound mind
& disposing memory in good health of Body but
mindfull of the uncertainty of life and knowing
not at what hour or what moment Death may
happen to me and wishing that after my Death that
my property may be disposed of according to my desire
when in life do make publish & declare this my last will
& Testament hereby revoking all former Will
First Item It is my desire that all my just debts
be paid

Second, I desire & wish that my Executors
will have a handsome neat but plain Tombstone
erected over the grave of my late Husband also
one over my grave of a similar description
Third, I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas
J. Wingfield my Bed & Breakfast Square Table &
Box that sits on it, also one hundred dollars in
Cash.

Fourth I give & bequeath the residue of my Property
both real & Personal either in possession, remainder or
reversion which I now have or may have at the time of
my Death to my Niece Susan Wingfield my Executor
for herself and Daughter Leonora Wingfield (not
subject however to the debts of their future Hus-
bands The money to be kept at Interest until they
may wish it for a more advantageous purpose The
Interest to be paid over to them annually and equally
as long as Leonora single, I should Leonora Marry
then and that time her interest in estate ceases
until the death of my Niece Susan Wingfield
and at her Death the Property remaining One
thousand dollars of it to be given to the children

of my nephew James V Wingfield deceased, the balance whatever
it may be to be given to Seneca Wingfield
Fifth I do further will and ordain that if I should
outlive my niece Susan Wingfield that all of the property
given to her of whatever name or nature I may have at my
Death I wish disposed of as I have named above after
the Death of my niece Susan Wingfield
Lastly It is my request that my niece Susan Wingfield
-ld act as my sole Executrix to this my last will
and Testament,

Signed with my hand & sealed with my seal this the
Thirteenth March Eighteen hundred & Fifty five

J R Sneed
& M Burton
H S Wingfield

Sabrina Terrell (S)

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Wilkes County } Nov Term 1860

Personally came into open court H S Wing
field one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
instrument who being duly sworn deposeth & saith
that he saw Sabrina Terrell sign & seal the same
which she acknowledged to be her last will & Tes
-tament & at the time of so doing she was of sound
disposing mind & memory that he signed the same
in her presence as a witness at her request togeth
-her with J R Sneed & E M Burton

Sworn to in open Court } H S Wingfield
before me this 6th Nov }
1860. G. C. Norman,
Clerk

Recorded Nov 8th 1860

Georgia
Wilkes County } I Isaiah J Irvin of said State &
County do declare the following to be my
last will & Testament

Item 1st I will & bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth J Irvin the house & lot whereon I now reside
in the town of Washington together with all my
household & kitchen furniture and all the balance
of my property real & Personal I will to be equally
divided between my said wife & ^{my} children now or here
after born the division to take place whenever my Execu-
tors may think a suitable suggestion to them how-
ever that it will be best to keep everything together
& pay off each child as they may become of age at
the same time leaving the management of my Estate
entirely in the hands of my Executors & allowing them
full discretion as to the time when such division shall
take place - I also for the purpose of paying debts &
making divisions, give to my Executors full power
to sell any portion of my Estate either at public
or private sale, suggesting further as my real
Estate is too large in proportion to the whole that it
would be best to sell Land instead of Negroes and
that my Lands in Texas had better be sold & the
Negroes then returned to my plantation in this County
all this however left entirely within the discretion
of my Executors - I desire it distinctly underst-
ood that it is my purpose to confer on my
Executors full power of discretion in the manage-
ment of my Estate - to endeavor so to arrange
matters as to pay debts with the least loss & to
impress on my family the necessity of economy & prudence
in their expenditures - I wish my children well
educated & made at the same time to know & feel
that on a division of the estate their separate por-
tions will not be very large - I desire my sons to
be raised with the full knowledge that they will be
compelled to labor & that the life of the slave is one
of degradation and misery - The property of my daugh-
ters when they shall secure it, I wish my Executors
so to arrange as to be made over to them in trust
for their sole & separate use & benefit & not subject
it to the debts of their husbands or their marriage

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In the employment of overseers I desire my Executors
to employ such only as are steady faithful & humane
& to discharge at once for failure or neglect of duty
In the division of negroes my wife to have choice &
when my daughters secure their portion they to have
choise of two or three
Item I & I leave as Executors of my will my friends
same Barnett & Oliver Battle with the request that
they both qualify & act as they know that I would
do a like favor for them

Signed sealed & publish in the presence of the unders
igned witnesses who attested the same in the presence
of Testator & in the presence of each other this 31th
January 1860

James D. Smith	}	Isaiah J. Irwin
John J. Brankham		
Benja. Rhodes		

Georgia	}	Court of Ordinary
Wilkes County		Nov Term 1860

Personally appeared in open court John J. Brankham & James D. Smith two of the
subscribing witnesses to the above & foregoing inst
-ument who being duly sworn depose & say that
they saw Isaiah J. Irwin sign & seal the same which
he acknowledged to be his last will & Testament
& at the time of his so doing he was of sound disp
-osing mind & memory that they signed the same
as witnesses in his presence at his request &
in the presence of each other together with Ben
-jamin Rhodes

Sworn to in open court	}	John J. Brankham
before me Nov 6 th 1860		James D. Smith
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Georgia
(Walker County). I John H. Pope of the County & State
aforesaid being of sound & disposing mind & memory
do make ordain & publish this my last Will &
testament hereby revoking all others,

1st It is my Will that my body be buried in a
plain Christian manner & be placed where my
Executors think best,

2nd It is my will that all my just debts be
paid & that my Executor pay them out of my
monies on hand at my death or out of the proceeds
of my undivided property & my Executor is hereby
authorized to sell all said property at private or
public sale as he deems best,

3rd To my son Barton Chapman Pope I leave the
sum of One Thousand dollars,

4th To my son John I leave the sum of Two
Thousand dollars,

5th To my son Wm H. Pope I leave the
sum of Two Thousand dollars,

6th It is my will that these three legacies
to my three sons be paid when the money is
collected from the sale of my undivided prop-
erty & if from any cause there should not be
sufficient money to pay the full amount then
a deduction is to be made from each legacy
in proportion to the amount of each,

7th I hereby release, relinquish & forever quit-claim
to the said Barton C. Pope & his heirs & assign all
my claim & title to land sold & deeded to me by
said Barton on the seventh of February one
Thousand Eight hundred & forty four said land
lying in Florida & conveyed to said Barton
by Elisha Hammerling Sheriff. The deed to me
from said Barton has never recorded & my
Executor is hereby authorized to deliver said
deed to said Barton on demand by him.

8th It is my Will that my negro men Nathan
Frank & Sam the blacksmith be allowed to choose
their own Masters & that my Executor may at
his discretion deduct ten per cent from their
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9th It is my Will that my old negro woman Sarah be allowed to choose either my son John or William Henry for her master & the one she does not choose is to take old man Suba & take care of them respectively, which is to be done by them for & in consideration of the legacies given them in the fourth & fifth sections of this my Will & that each one of them make such arrangements with my Executor as will indemnify him in relation to said negroes before the payment of said legacies.

10th It is my Will that the rest & residue of my Estate be equally divided amongst all my children in Texas & in case of the death of any of them their legal representatives to take their share.

11th I leave my negro man George to my brother William H. Pope who will treat him kindly & with indulgence as he knows my wishes & he by agreement will pay my Executor one hundred & fifty dollars for him.

12th I hereby appoint my brother Alexander Pope Executor to this my last Will & Testament with full power to sell & dispose of all my Estate real and personal at private or public sale as he deems best & in case said Alexander dies before me then & in that case my Brother Wm H. Pope is fully authorized to act as my Executor in as full & able a manner & with full powers.

13th The word Sarah in the 9th clause inserted before signing & it is my will that my Brother Wm H. Pope take my old woman Sarah if she does not wish to go to Florida.

I signed sealed & acknowledged as his last Will & Testament & we have signed it at his request & by his express direction & in the presence of each other.

Nov 4th 1852

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State of Georgia Court of Ordinary
Wilkes County, At Chambers Dec 22nd 1860

Personally came before me R. H. Tribuz
Garnett Audin for D. W. & A. Pope the subscribed witnesses
to the foregoing instrument who being duly sworn
depose & say that they saw John W. Pope the Testator
sign & seal the same which he produced as his last
Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing
he was of sound disposing mind & memory that
they signed as witnesses in his presence at his request
& in the presence of each other. W. A. Pope
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Gave it & subscribed before me Dec 22nd 1860 R. H. Tribuz

Georgia
Wilkes County, I John W. Pope of the County
& State aforesaid being of sound mind do make
publish this Codicil to my last Will & Testament
dated Nov 4th 1857.

1st It is my Will that the legacy of One thousand
Dollars left my son Barton A. Pope or so much
as may be realized under said Will be vested by
my Executor in some Real Estate or Bank Stock
for the sole & separate use of the wife & child of
said Barton & his said wife is to appoint a Trustee
to receive the same & change such Trustee at pleasure
to wit: to receive the dividends as they are declared
& pay them over to his wife or the fur. aforesaid
& at the death of said Barton & his wife if living it
have an equal share with each child.

2nd It is my Will that my son-in-law Richard
Lane have my negro man Henry the husband
of his negro woman Little Jane.

3rd My Will is that my daughter Martha have
my negro woman Daphnia at my death &
have mentioned in these two last items these negroes
as I am not certain that I mentioned them in the
deeds of gift I made of them.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 28th day of November 1859

Signed sealed & acknowledged his as his last Will & Testament John H. Pope

And we have signed it in his presence & the presence of each other at his express direction & request.

R. H. Tucker
Garrett Andrews Jr
W. A. Pope

State of Georgia
Wilkes County Court of Ordinary at Chambers
December 22nd 1860

Personally came before me R. H. Tucker, Garrett Andrews Jr & W. A. Pope the subscribing witnesses to the above instrument who being duly sworn depose & say that they saw John H. Pope sign & seal the same which he acknowledged as a codicil to his last Will & Testament & at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory that they signed as witnesses in his presence at his request and in presence of each other.

Subscribed before me
Dec 22nd 1860
Garrett Andrews Jr
W. A. Pope
R. H. Tucker

Georgia
Wilkes County, John H. Pope of the County and State aforesaid do make this second Codicil to my last Will & Testament the former or first Codicil be attached to my said Will as well as this -

1st It is my Will that the remainder of my Estate spoken & directed to be divided amongst all my children in Texas is hereby altered & that the same of part thereof shall be divided amongst my Grand children in Texas & Florida each one to receive an equal share but no Grand child to receive more than fifty dollars. My Executor is to pay to my son Alexander the

in money to his children & to my sons, in law Richard
 & I present Lane the part coming to their children
 all to be invested or put out on interest & the
 interest accruing from year to year also. The said
 several sums to be paid to the legacies as they marry
 or arrive at age. The part coming to my son John's
 children or to my son William Henry's to be paid
 to them subject to the above conditions. The part or
 legacy coming to my son Bartons children. My
 Exec Pat his discretion may invest in some Rail
 Road Stock in Georgia & the interest accruing also
~~and when~~ it becomes necessary to apply it or any part
 to the support of said Bartons children at the
 discretion of my Executor & at all ~~times~~ ~~transferred~~
 to the Trustee that may be appointed in Florida
 under a former clause of my Will and in case any
 of the parents die these legacies shall go into the
 hands of their Guardians who shall give security
 according to the laws of the state where they reside
 And it is my Will that if any balance of the
 surplus residue or remainder reserved to & my
 Estate remain the same shall be paid over to my
 sons George & Ben equally to be divided between
 them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal this 27th day of April 1860.

John H. & Lane
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Signed, Sealed & acknowledged
 in our presence & we have signed.

The same in the presence of The Testator
 & at his special request & direction & in the
 presence of each other this 27th day of April 1860

J. H. Oakley
 Lemuel Andrews Jr
 Wm A. Lane

State of Georgia }
Wilkes County } Court of Ordinary at Chambers
December 22nd 1861.

Personally came before me R. H. Vickers, Garnett
Andrews Jr. & W. A. Pope who being duly sworn depose
& say that they saw John H. Pope sign & seal the above
& foregoing which is acknowledged to be a codicil to
his last Will & Testament. That at the time of his so
doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory
that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence
at his request & in the presence of each other,
Garnett Andrews Jr. & subscribed before me }
this 22nd December 1861. } W. A. Pope
R. H. Vickers

Georgia }
Wilkes County } In the name of God Amen -
I, R. H. Vickers, of the County
and State aforesaid being at this time in feeble health
out of sound and disposing mind and memory do
make ordain and declare this to be my last Will
and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills
heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I wish all my just debts to be paid
by my Executors as soon after my decease as possible.
Item 2nd I will & bequeath unto my beloved
wife Temperance The following negro slaves to wit
Mariah, Frank, Albert, Perry, Emily and Almeda.
also the tract of land whereon I now live together
with the household and kitchen furniture and
plantation tools. Lin and running gear, three
horses of her own choosing, eight choice Cows &
calves thirty head of hogs to be selected by her.
my blacksmiths tools. one yoke of Oxen & ox-
cart and Barouche & four beds and all the

bedclothes, all the above property both real and personal I gave unto my wife for & during her natural life and at her death all the above property together with its increase, I give unto my four following children Trust, George Watson, Margaret and Winney wife of Thomas Elliott of said County.

Item 3rd I give & bequeath unto my daughter Margaret the following negro slaves, Trust, Mary Cassandre & Loria, one bed & bedding one cow & calf, one riding horn, and she is to remain on the plantation whereon I live during my wifes lifetime if she wishes to do so.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Revers wife of Robert B. Revers of said County the tract of land wherein they are now living I also one negro woman named Liddy and her increase.

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my four grand children Martha Ann Frances, Susan & Parrish Graham children of my son William Graham deceased the sum of Ten hundred dollars each to be paid them by my Executors.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to Martha Graham & her child or children widow of my son John Graham deceased one dollar.

Item 7th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Patience McKinney widow of Frederick M. Kinney one negro boy named "Gusie".

Item 8th I desire the balance of my property both real & personal of any description whatever (except my negro woman Judge and her son Ned) to be equally divided between my four children George, Watson, Margaret and Winney Elliott after paying the above specific legacies.

Item 9th I will and bequeath my said negro woman Judge & her son Ned to be sold by my Executors & the proceeds equally divided between my said two daughters Polly Revers & Patience McKinney and my said four grand children Martha Ann, Frances, Susan & Parrish children of my said son William the said four grand

Children being entitled to one third only of the
 proceeds of said negroes & said
 Item 10. I nominate and appoint my two
 sons George & Watson & my annuall (Thomas Elliott)
 Executor to this my last Will & Testament, In
 witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
 affixed my seal this July 3rd 1853.

Kaufman & Graham
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Signed sealed published &
 declared by Kaufman & Graham
 to be his last Will & Testament
 in the presence of us who saw the
 said Testator sign the same in our
 presence and who signed as witnesses
 in the presence of the Testator and of
 each other
 Lucius J. Gartrell
 Samuel Purchase
 Henry D. Harper

State of Georgia
 Wilkes County Court of Ordinary at Chambers
 December 17th 1861.

Henry D. Harper
 appearing before me Henry D. Harper
 who being duly sworn (being one of the subscribing wit-
 nesses to the within Will) deposed & sayth that he saw
 the Testator Kaufman & Graham sign & seal the same
 which he published as his last Will & Testament & at
 the time of his so doing was of sound disposing
 mind & memory, that he signed & published the
 same voluntarily as far as I know or believe, that
 he signed the same as a witness in the presence of
 said Testator & at his request together with Lucius
 J. Gartrell & Sam^l Purchase who also signed in the
 presence of said Testator & at his request.

Henry D. Harper

Given to & subscribed
 before me Dec 17th 1861
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Georgia
Wilkes County

In the name of God amen!
I George McKimber of the County and State
aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, but calling
to mind the mortality of man, the uncertainty of life
and certainty of death and after committing my body to
the grave and my soul to God who gave it, I will &
bequeath my property in the following manner after
paying my just debts,
I will and bequeath to my affectionate
and beloved wife Fanny two choice negroes to seat her
disposal of ~~her~~, also all my possessions & land on which
~~I now reside~~ to have one to hold during her natural
life, also three choice negroes to have during her natural
life, also to keep in her possession an old Negro woman
named Carry. It is also my will that my wife have
my Carriage and buggy, four choice horses or mules
One Road Wagon and one two horse wagon and gear for
both, and a sufficient quantity of plantation tools & a
Hind for the use of her, also a blacksmith trade
and a sufficient quantity of Cows, sheep and hogs to
answer her wants, also a sufficient supply of pro-
visions of all kinds to answer her wants for one year,
also grain Thrasher and running gear for both and
the household and kitchen furniture, Loom, Spinning
wheels & Spinning Machine, I also wish the balance
of my property both real and personal to be sold
and equally divided between my wife Fanny and all
my surviving children and my grand son George
Edward Strother. The son of my deceased daughter Catharine
Strother, and my four grand children Jane Augustine
Mary William and Margaret. The children of my departed
son William McKimber these four are to have one child's
part only. Those my children and grand children
first accounting for what they have received from me
according as I shall show in connection with those
named in this my will. My daughter Margaret
Burdett has received five hundred and seventy one
dollars. The above named children of my deceased
son William has received fifteen hundred & ninety
four dollars. My grand son George Edward Strother

has received Ninety Eight dollars. My son George has received six hundred and eighty six dollars. My son Patrick has received Eight hundred & seventy one dollars. My son John has received Eleven hundred & twenty six dollars. My son Green has received Eleven hundred and Sixteen dollars. My daughter Elizabeth A. Austin has received Six hundred and twenty one dollars. My daughter Louisa has not received anything or portion. None of the above named children or grand children must pay interest on what they have received.

It is my will also that all the property willed to my wife during her natural life, both real and personal be sold after her death and be equally divided among my above named children and my grand son George Edward Strother and my grand children the children of my deceased son William whose names are above, these four to have one share only.

I do hereby appoint my beloved sons John McKinney and Green McKinney My Executors to carry this my last Will and Testament into effect.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifteenth day of June Eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(Entered into before signing)
 John D. West
 Patrick J. Barnard
 Franklin S. Simpson
 George McKinney (Seal)

In presence before me came Patrick J. Barnard & being duly sworn saith that he saw the above named George McKinney sign & seal & publish the foregoing as his last Will & Testament & that at the time of said signing & publication said McKinney was of sound & disposing mind & memory & executed said will voluntarily & that he signed the same as a witness at his request & in his presence & that John D. West & Franklin S. Simpson signed the same also as witnesses at request of said Testator George McKinney in his presence & that they all signed as witnesses in presence of each other.

Sworn to & subscribed before me
 22nd Jan 1861. G. B. Norman Notary } Patrick J. Barnard

Last Will of Thomas Anderson

Item 1st I will & desire that my Executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts & bury my body in a decent manner
 Item 2nd I will to my wife to be held in trust for her by my Executors the sum of five thousand dollars of which she is to receive the interest during her natural life & after her death the said sum to revert & become a part of my Estate & be divided with the other property herein willed to her between the legatees named in the residuary Clause of this my will
 I also will to my said wife for her use during her life a negro girl to be selected by her from my negroes also from my furniture a bed & bedstead & such other articles as would furnish a room
 Item 3rd I do not intend my son John R Anderson or his Children to share in my Estate having previously given him as much as I intended for him

Item 4th I wish the Children of my son Edmund Anderson those who are not included in the deed of gift formerly made by me to receive so much of my property as shall make them equal with the Children provided for in said deed & the property given them to be held by James D Willis & William L Anderson in trust & their father & Mother to be provided for out of the same & at their death to be divided between said Children said property not to be liable in any event to debts of said E W Anderson

Item 5th I wish my Executors to sell all the rest of my property of every kind & divide the proceeds subject to a memorandum book now in my possession & showing how much each ~~has~~ been advancing Equally between the following Children Mrs Renden Mrs Willis Mrs Barkerdale Mrs Watton Mrs Webster Mrs Leslie & William L Anderson

Item 6th I will that James D Willis & William L Anderson act as Executors to this my last will & Testament, signed sealed & publishing as the last will of Thomas Anderson in our presence

Thomas Anderson

1857

Thos A Stearns

Thos V Lower

Thos L P Salmon

State of Georgia } I Thomas Anderson of said State & County
 Wilkes County } having heretofore to wit on the 8th day of
 September 1857 made my last will & Testament in which will
~~& Testament~~ ~~in which will~~, I nominated & appointed my son William
 L Anderson as co Executor with James D Willis, said William
 L Anderson having departed this life. I hereby nominate and
 appoint my friend Thomas W Callaway as Executor with said

James D. Willis, to Carry out my last will & Testament hereby
ratifying & confirming my said will in every particular, making this
only addition or alteration in appointing the said Thomas W. Callaway
an Executor. Signed, Sealed & acknowledged by the Testator
this 4th day of Oct 1859

J M Dyson
Garnett Andrews
Nicholas Myler

Thomas Anderson

Georgia Wilkes County } In person before me came James M Dyson
& being duly sworn saith that he saw the within named Thomas Anderson sign
the within paper that he attested the same with the other witnesses Garnett
Andrews & Nicholas Myler in his presence as witnesses & at his request that
he saw Anderson execute the same as a Codicil to his last will freely & volun-
tarily & that he was of sound & disposing mind & memory that said Anderson signed
& published the within in their presence as a Codicil to his last will & Testa-
ment. Sworn to & Subscribed before me

This 4th February 1861
G. G. Norman Clerk
J M Dyson

State of Georgia } I Thomas Anderson of State & County
Wilkes County } aforesaid having heretofore (to wit) on the 8th day
of September 1857 made my last will & Testament & on the 4th day of
October 1859 added a Codicil thereto do make this additional Codicil
which I desire may be considered as a part of my last will & Testament &
Carrying out as such. Item I will & bequeath unto my two grand sons Andrew
Anderson & James Anderson sons of my deceased son John R. Anderson the sum
of One Thousand dollars each.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal the 5th day of April 1860. Signed, Sealed, published &
declared by the Testator in our presence the day & year above written
John L. Anderson
Thomas Anderson

G B Branch
Hudley Jones } Georgia Wilkes County } In person before me came
B. Branch & Hudley Jones & being duly sworn they depose & say that they saw the within named
Thomas Anderson sign the within paper that they witnessed the same at his request in his
presence & in the presence of each other & that John L. Anderson signing the same as a witness
in the same manner that he saw said Anderson sign also & their deponents sign
that he saw said Anderson then & there at the time of witnessing publishing the same as
a Codicil to his last will that he executed the same voluntarily & was at the time of
executing the same of sound & disposing mind & memory. Subscribed & Sworn to
before me this 7th Feb 4th 1861 }
G. G. Norman Clerk
Hudley Jones

302 Georgia Wilkes County 3^d I Stephen G. Pettus Sr. of said County do declare this to be my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me

Item 2^d I will to my daughter Mary Ann Twenty Thousand dollars to be paid her from any stocks & notes of which I may be possessed at my death also I will her the following slaves with their future increase Alek (Mack Mason) & his wife Nancy & her child Alek. George my Carriage driver & his wife Charlotte & their five children (Betty, George, Matilda, Jack & Susan), Lucy & house woman & her son Preston, also a house woman named Martha & her increase

Item 3^d I will to my wife during her widowhood my house & the lots used therewith, but I wish my daughter Mary Ann to live with my wife & have a home in said house if she chooses until her marriage in case she marries. I also will to my wife during her widowhood my kitchen & house hold furniture of every kind, except the furniture in my daughter Mary Ann's room which I will to her. I also will to my wife during her widowhood my Carriage & horses & 2 horse wagon. I also will to my wife during her widowhood to be used as a Wood lot with my house lot in Town all my land on the East side of the Winfield Bridge Road

Item 5th I will to my wife from the residue of my Estate the sum of seven hundred dollars to be paid at my death & every twelve months or year thereafter Counting from said death the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) during her widowhood to be paid her by my son Stephen G. Pettus who is hereby required from said residue to lay aside and securely invest a fund amply sufficient in every event to produce said sum of seven hundred dollars per annum for her. And this trust I particularly & specially impose upon my said son alone faithfully & honorably to carry out. I will that my wife have from the residue of my estate during her widowhood & then to return to my residuary legatee any negro man she may select.

Item 6th To my grand son Stephen Robert Palmer I will my nego girl Rose daughter of Patience & her future increase. To my grand son George W. Palmer I will my nego girl Nancy (daughter of Mary) & her increase. To my grand son John J. Palmer I will my nego girl Hannah (Whose mother is dead) & her future increase.

Item 7th I will to my son Stephen & to my daughter Sarah Palmer each a bed, bedstead & furniture for the same to be selected by them before any furniture is set off to my wife.

Item 8th In relation to the Residue of my Estate after paying debts & charges above made I will one half thereof to my son Stephen G. Pettus. the other half I will to my daughter Sarah Palmer & to her children free from the Contracts or liabilities of her present or future husbands. Which property is willow to said Sarah at her death to vest in her children And I wish my son in Law George W. Palmer to be the Trustee of the

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