

inquiry herein making to his wife & children. Item 9th In case any of my sons, sons in law or daughters bring up any charge or claim for service of any kind against me after my death I wish that their legacy be diminished exactly to the same amount & the same so taken out to be given to my other children who bring up no such claim & if any such claim is brought up by Dr G W Palmer this provision is to affect the legacy given his wife & children as though the claim was brought up by her

Item 10th I appoint as Executors to this my last will & testament my son in law George W Palmer & my son Stephen G Pettus

Item 11th I will my wife to select from my stock two cows & two sows to have for her use.

Signed, sealed, published & declared as the last will of Stephen G. Pettus Sr

In our presence June 13th 1856

G. P. Cozart

J. M. Hysom

W. M. Reese

Stephen G. Pettus Sr

Georgia Wilkes County In person before me Camd Green P. Cozart & James M Hysom & being duly sworn depose & say that they saw Stephen G. Pettus Sr the within & above named testator sign, seal & publish as his last will & testament the annexed paper bearing date June 13th 1856 purporting to be signed by said Stephen & attested by deponents & W. M. Reese. That the same was signed in their presence & the said Stephen G. Pettus Sr was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of signing that he executed the same voluntarily without any manner of undue influence, that they witnessed his signature & publication at his request, signing & attesting as witnesses at his request in presence of said Stephen G. Pettus & of each other.

Sworn to & Subscribed

before me this 6th May 1861

G. G. Norman Ordry

G. P. Cozart

J. M. Hysom

Recording May 7th 1861

Georgia - Wilkes County

Item 1st I Chenoth Callaway of said County do declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me

Item 2nd I wish my debt paid from my debt due me at my death from any crop on hand and from proceeds of the farm to be hereafter made

Item 3rd I wish my executors to keep up my plantation to keep together all my negroes land and stock of every kind used with and necessary to the plantation for the purposes as above stated of paying my debts and for the support and education of my wife and Children during the support and education to be under the direction of my Executors

Item 4 I wish my executors as fast as my Children become of age or marry (the marriage of the Girls I meaning to give off to them such portion of my Estate as they may see fit leaving in every event and under all circumstances an ample allowance to support my wife during her widowhood

Item 5th

If my wife should marry I then desire my executor to have my estate valued in the valuation that has been given off by them to children coming of age or marrying to be considered & divided and the whole to be equally divided between my wife & Children & the same falling to my wife to be for her life & after her death to my children

Item 6 If my wife should not marry I desire that the parts retained or her during her widowhood shall at her death be equally divided between my children & in no event shall any one child receive more from my Estate than another

Item 7 I will that these several provisions for my wife to be in lieu of all claims on my estate for dower widows allowance & any other claim & if said claim should be set up by her then she is to forfeit all interest in my estate & whatever is herein

given to her I will to my children
 I am & I hereby nominate & appoint as
 my Executors to this my last will & testament my
 brother Aristides Callaway & my friend William
 M. Ruse desiring them to carry out this will
 fully & faithfully.

Witnessed, sealed & published as the last
 will of, Whinoth Callaway in
 our presence this 24 January 1861 { Whinoth Callaway
 James E. Maddy }
 B. V. Bowdre
 Parker Callaway

Georgia Wilkes County & in person before me came
 Benjamin V. Bowdre & James E. Maddy & being duly
 sworn say they said the above named Whinoth
 Callaway sign & publish the above as his last
 will & testament & that he was at the time of so
 doing of sound & disposing mind & memory &
 Executors said will freely & voluntarily & that they
 witnessed the said signing & publishing on the day
 & date above written at the request of the said
 Callaway & in his presence & in the presence of
 each other & of Parker Callaway & that said
 Whinoth Callaway executed the said will duly
 & legally
 sworn to & subscribed
 in open Court 5th June
 1861. J. S. Norman ordinary

Recorded June 5th 1861

604
Georgia { Elizabeth Moor of said state
Wilkes County { and County being of sound mind
and memory do declare this to be my last will and
testament I will and desire that all the property
of which I may die possessed shall be divided accord-
ing to the Statute of distributions except that the
portion that might fall to the children of my
deceased son John H. Moore I will & bequeath to
my son William H. Moore

Signed Sealed & published in the presence of
the undersigned witnesses who attested the same
in the presence of the testator and in the
presence of each other this 1st day of November
1858 Elizabeth Moore *Test*

William H. Poff
Alexander H. Eckles
James A. Edmonds
Van & Eckles

Georgia { Court of ordinary
Wilkes County { at Chambers June 4th 1861

Personally came before me Van & Eckles
who being duly sworn depose that & say that
he said Elizabeth Moor signed & sealed the
within instrument which she acknowledged
as her last will & Testament at the time
of signing she was of sound disposing mind
and memory. that he signed the same as witness
in her presence at her request together with
William H. Poff Alexander H. Eckles & James
A. Edmonds Van & Eckles
Sworn to & subscribed
before me June 4th 1861
G. G. Norman ordy

Recorded 9 mo Aug 1861

Georgia { George W. Palmer of said County
witness County, being of sound mind, do make
the following last will & testament

Item 1st I desire all my just debts to be paid
Item 2nd I desire my beloved wife Sarah & W.
Palmer. and my three sons. Stephen. R.
George and John & Palmer to share equally
in my estate

Item 3rd I desire to confer upon my Executors
the most ample powers to manage my estate
according their judgment of what is best.
I do therefore, confer on them power to sell.
purchase. reinvest & manage, according to
their judgment

If consistent in their opinion, with
the interest of the Estate. I desire it to be
kept together until in their judgment a
division is necessary. They are at liberty
however to make a division of the whole
Estate among all the legates, or to set off
to any legate a share. or to set off to all or
each a portion of a share. at such times &
in such ways as they deem advisable.

In the event of the marriage of my
wife I desire her share to be set off to her
that she have the selection of such house
hold, Furniture as she may need in part of
such share. I desire Low (Indian) to
be included in Stephens share Charles in
George and Henry Clay in Johns share.

If said Legates (or ships children) or either
of them should not be living at the division
then my leg to serve thereby to the legate
out his full share to be given.

I desire to impress upon my children
the necessity of economy. industry. good
conduct & regularity in life. and to commend
them to the favor & blessing of God. It is
my earnest desire & hope that they may be
Christians & good Citizens. discharging their
duties faithfully to God and man.

06 I desire my Executors to be faithful in the
selections of overseers - to chuse Faithful and
Sober men & to discharge for neglect of duty
dissipation, or inhumanity.

I desire particular attention to be paid
to the treatment of my servants. I wish them
treated humanely. Provided with comfortable
accommodations, good food & clothing, and
to receive such occasional religious instruc-
tion as may be practicable.

If my Executors think it necessary or
proper they may have a separate account
kept of the expence of the different kinds
inequalities of expences. and the excess or
deficit to be made up at the final division.

I desire my son John W. Solmer to re-
ceive a good literary education, and the
expence not to be considered as extra charge
on his interest in my estate.

Item 4th. I appoint my friend Robert
H. Dickson and my son John W. Solmer
Executors of this my last will & testament
& hereby express my own confidence in
their good management, & abilities. I desire
it to be distinctly understood that the power
conferred on them are ample to be
liberally construed. I desire that an appraisement
be made of my estate. and at the
division or divisions I wish my Executors to
appoint three Competent disinterested persons.
not under oath to effect the division, as
friends. and my Executors to return a statement
of the part or parts set off to the ordinary.

In witness whereof I have hereunto
my hand & seal this 17th day of April 1847
George W. Solmer

Signed. Valid. declared & published as his
last will & testament the day & year above
written by George W. Solmer. in presence of the under-
signed who signed at his request. in his
presence and in presence of each other
Sam Barnett

30)
Jas R Dubose Jr
O L Battle

Georgia, Wilkes County

Before me come Oliver L Battle
and Sam Barnett subscribing witness to the
will of George W Palmer decd. who being duly
sworn depose & say that they saw said
George W Palmer sign & publish as his last will
& testament the within instrument on the day
& year therein stated

that they witnessed the same at his request in
his presence & in presence of each other that
the same was voluntarily executed by him
while he was of sound mind, disposing mind
and memory

Sam Barnett
O L Battle

Witness to and subscribing
before me this August
4th 1861

W L Foreman clerk

We did 8th day of, August 1861

30 I ~~last will of~~ ~~James Anderson~~ ~~deceased~~
I will & desire that my Executors here
after named pay all my last debts and
bury my body in a decent manner.
Item I will to my Executors ~~Wm~~ ~~James~~ ~~son~~
& James H. Miller in trust for my wife 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
and be divided with the other property
herein willed to be between the legatees
named in the residuary clause of this
my will. I also will to my wife ~~the~~
~~the residue of my estate~~ ~~like a married wife~~
to be settled in her own way & to receive
also from my furniture a good bed & bed
stead & such other articles as would fur-
nish a room.

Item I do not intend my son John V.
Anderson, or his children, to share in my
estate having previously given to him
as much as I intend for him.

Item I wish the children of my son
Edmond, it considers, to have a share in
the said gift formerly made by me,
to his first six children, to receive the
following property to wit & contribute Willis
Jacob & Linda, also the tract of land on
which Edmond W. Anderson now resides
I do hereby give said property to James H.
Miller and Wm. Anderson in trust for said
Edmond W. Anderson & his six youngest children
and to any others who may be born of this wife
(so as not to be subject to the debts of said Edmond)
and at his death to be divided among said
younger children when the youngest comes
of age provided that if their shares should
exceed those of the six elder children under
the date of March, 1848, then the excess after
equalizing said share with the elder children
shall go to my lawful heirs -
Item I desire the residue of my property

held said. all my children except Edmond W
Anderson & John W Anderson to wit -
Mrs Rinder. Mrs Willis - Mrs Barksdale Mrs
Walton - Mrs Webster - Mrs Leslie & W L Anderson
to share equally in my Estate. a memorandum
book will be found in my desk. in which I
have charged the value of property given & the
amounts paid out for my children respectively
which amounts therein set forth must be
accounted for in the division that they may
share equally in my Estate & my Executors
shall have the privilege of purchasing such
property as they may see fit at the sale
it is my further will that in the sale of my
land as above be made of the grave yard
& that the same be properly enclosed at the
direction of my Executors & that the expense
of enclosed. be paid out of my Estate.
When I hereby nominate & appoint
James R Willis my son in Law and
my son William L Anderson Executors
of this my last will
Signed. Sealed & published
by me the Testator Thomas Anderson
to be his last will and
Testaments in presence
of us who signed the
same as witnesses in his
presence this 8th day
of September 1857
Thos L Anderson
Thomas R Lowe
Thomas A. Heard

State of Georgia } Thomas Anderson of said
Wilkes County } State & County having him-
-before (to wit) on the 8th day of September
1857 made my last will and Testaments
in which will I nominated & appointed
my son William L Anderson as a co-Exec
-utor with James R Willis. Said William
L Anderson having departed this life
I hereby nominate & appoint my friend

~~from as an attorney as executor~~ with ~~said~~
James B. Mills to carry out my last will
& Testament hereby ratifying & confirming
my said will in every particular. Making
the only addition, for alterations in appro-
-inting the said Thos W Ballaway as
Executor.

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged Thomas Anderson
by the Testator the 4th day
of Octy 1859.

J. M. Wyson
Garnett Andrews

Nicholas Wylic

State of Georgia. I, Thomas Anderson of said
Middle County, & County aforesaid, having
heretofore (to wit) on the 9th day of September
1857 made my last will & Testament in
the 4th day of Octy 1859 adding a codicil
thereto. do make this additional codicil which
I desire may be considered as a part of my
last will & Testament & carried out as such
item. I will & bequeath unto my two grand
sons Andrew Anderson & James B. Anderson
Sons of my deceased son John W. Anderson
the sum for, one thousand dollars each -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this 5 day of April
1860

Signed, sealed, published &
declared by the Testator

In our presence the Thomas Anderson

day & year above written

John W. Anderson

G. B. Wunch

Rudley Jones

Recorded 9th August 1861

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Last will of Seaborn Callaway
Seaborn Callaway of the
County of Wilkes & State of Georgia revoking
all wills heretofore made by me do declare
this to be my last will

Item 1st I wish all my Just
debts paid from the proceeds of crops on hand
or to be made hereafter if I should not have
notes & demands & money sufficient to pay
the same.

Item 2nd I wish all my property
kept together & used as I have used the same
during the life of my wife, she to have
the privilege with the consent of my
Executors of giving off to my children as
they become of age or marry such parts
as she & they may select to accounted
for in the final division - as shall
be also what I have given heretofore
to any of my children.

Item 3rd At the death of my
wife I wish my property equally ~~divi~~
- dived between my children

Item 4th I wish my younger
children not educated to receive out
of the proceeds of my property kept
together as above described, to be educated
in a plain & substantial manner and the
same not to be charged to them.

Item 5th If any of my chil-
- dren die without leaving children I
wish the share given to them by this
will to revert to my other children.

Item 6th I wish my negro man
Thompson in corp & all events to be and
remain with my wife & younger children
& not to be divided during her lifetime.

Item 7th In the event of my
wifes marriage I wish her to have an
equal part of my estate set off to her
which shall at her death revert to my
children under the above limitations

Item 8th I wish my son Leason
Parker Callaway & my son in law Henry
& Sprattling to be Executors to my last
will

Signed, Published & delivered
as my last will in presence

of us
Wm M Ruse
E C Jones
W B Pertuit

Seabourn Callaway Jr

25th August 1861

Georgia Wilkes County In open Court Came
William M Ruse and being duly sworn
saith he saw the within named Seabourn
Callaway Jr of said County sign and
publish the within last will as his own
last will; that said Seabourn Callaway Jr
executed said will of his own free will
voluntarily; that he was at the time
of publishing & signing said will of said
& disposing mind & memory; that he
said Ruse with the other witnesses
named E C Jones & W B Pertuit witnessed
said signing & publishing at the request
of said Seabourn in his presence & presence
of each other

Sworn to and Subscribed
in open Court before Wm Ruse
me this 7th day
of September 1861
R L Foreman ordy

Recorded 11th September 1861

Georgia & V. Arden Evans Sr of said State
Wilkes County & County do hereby declare this to
be my last will & testament, revoking all former
wills by me heretofore made -

Item 1st I will & bequeath to my mother
in law Mary Rouse the sum of five hundred
dollars -

Item 2nd I will & desire that my old
negro Man Ben be allowed to select his owner
& that my Executors be authorized to provide
for his support during life -

Item 3rd I will & bequeath all the balance
of my property real & personal be equally
divided among my nephews & nieces that
may be living at the time of my death,

Item 4th I will & desire that the amount
that may fall in the division to my neph-
ew Owen Bates son of my sister Hannah
Bates, shall be surrendered by my Executors
to whoever my said nephew may select
and be held by the individual so selected
in trust for the use & benefits of my said
nephew & his children during his life & after
his death to be equally divided among his
children, the same to be in no way subject
to the debts or contracts of my said nephew,

Item 5th It is my will and desire that
all my property both real & personal be
sold by my Executors for the purpose of a
division either publicly or privately my
said Executors to have power to sell the same
in any manner they may think to be the
best advantage - my negroes to have the
privilege of choosing their masters & to be
sold in families as far as practicable -

Item 6th I hereby appoint my friend
Isaiah Irwin & my nephew Arden Evans Sr
the Executors of this my last will & testament

Signed sealed & published in the
presence of the undersigned witnesses who attested
the same in presence of testator & in the presence of
each other this 5th of January 1860

J. H. Wall
J. H. Wall
J. H. Wall
J. H. Wall

Arden Evans Sr
his mark

14 Georgia, & I Arden Evers Sr of said State
Wilkes County do hereby nominate
Samuel Barnett one of my executors in place
of my friend J. S. Irwin dec'd -

Signed Sealed & published in the
presence of the undersigned who signed in the
presence of testator & of each other this 21st
day of November 1860

Arden Evers Sr
his mark

J. S. Wall
Griffin Matthews
Israel Wellmaker

Georgia, Wilkes County
The foregoing will & codicil duly
read before me, the will by the
oath of J. S. Wall & J. S. Wall & J. Matthews, and
the Codicil by the oath of J. S. Wall & J. Matthews
were read 22nd 1861
R. D. Gorman only

Georgia, Wilkes County
Before me Rufus D. Gorman
Ordinary of said County at Chambers for
22nd 1861 -

Came Thos J. Wall & Griffin Matthews two
of the subscribing witnesses of the aforesaid last will and
testament who being duly sworn depose & say that the
said Arden Evers Sr in & dec'd did on the day and year stated in
said will & on the day and year stated
in said Codicil sign seal declare & publish said
will & said Codicil as his last will & testament
& as the Codicil thereto that they witnessed the same
at his request in his presence & in presence of
each other and that he did the same voluntarily
and was of sound & disposing mind and memory
when the said instrument was so executed also
Benjamin H. Wall who swore to the same facts
as to the will -

Thos J. Wall
Griffin Matthews
B. H. Wall

Sworn to & Subscribed
before me 22nd 1861
R. D. Gorman only

Georgia Wickes County

County being of advanced age & in feeble health do make the following last will & testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made
Item 1st I will all my just debts paid & all the residue of my property to remain with my beloved wife Esther Rhodes during life & widowhood for her support & maintenance & to be used in such manner as she may desire

Item 2nd At the termination of my wifes life or widowhood I wish all the property to be equally divided among my children but the share which would come to my son Joseph to go to her four children by his wife Catharine Rhodes & if either of said four children should die before the age of twenty one years the survivors to take the share so left

Item 3rd I appoint my beloved wife executrix & my son William Rhodes Executor with power to carry out my will
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
This April 23rd 1862
Sam^l Rhodes 
mark

Saying I seal declare & publish as the last will & testament of Samuel Rhodes in presence of us who signed in his presence & in presence of each other at his request
April 23rd 1862
Sam^l Barnett
James H Lane
J C Armstrong

Georgia Wickes County Court of Orphans
June Term 1862
Personally appeared in open Court J C Armstrong & Sam^l Barnett two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within instrument who being duly sworn depose & say that they saw Sam^l Rhodes sign & seal the same which he acknowledges 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 at his request together with James H Lane
Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court June 2nd 1862
J C Armstrong
G. G. Norman Clerk

State of Georgia I Thow all men by These presents that I
 Wilkes County Thaddeus A Strother in the County of Wilkes &
 State aforesaid Farmer being of sound mind & memory do make &
 publish this my last Will & Testament as follows

I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Ella V. Strother all of my Estate
 real & personal after paying of my just debts to be hers until my
 son Henry J Strother becomes of age but my son Henry J Strother
 must be schooling & supported out of my property during his raising
 Now should my wife Ella V Strother marry during her widowhood
 before my son Henry J Strother becomes of age then my Estate
 both real & personal shall be equally divided between my
 wife Ella V Strother & my son Henry J Strother.

I appoint my Father T. A. Strother Exr of this my last will
 & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & seal & publish & declare this to be my last will and
 Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below
 this the 3rd day of March in the year of A. D. 1862

Thaddeus A Strother

Being sealed publishing & declaring by said Thaddeus A Strother
 as his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at
 his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other
 have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

David Campbell
 Thomas A Strother
 Chapley A Campbell

Georgia
 Wilkes County Court of Ordinary June Term 1862
 Personally appearing in open Court David Campbell one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within instrument & being duly sworn
 deposeseth & saith that he saw Thaddeus A Strother sign & seal
 the same which he acknowledges as his last will & Testament
 & at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind
 & memory that he signed the same as a witness in the presence
 of the Testator at his request together with Thomas A Strother
 & Chapley A Campbell

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court } David Campbell
 June 2nd 1862
 G. G. Norman Ordinary }

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
 Wilkes County } Francis Colly of the State & County aforesaid being
 in good health & of sound disposing mind & memory knowing that it is
 appointed to all men to die do make publish & declare the following
 to be my last will & Testament

1. I direct that all my just debts if any be paid -
2. I give to my son Dempsey C Colley my negro boy Willis & on consequence
 of the affliction of said boy. I direct that he shall be charged only three hundred
 dollars for the same
3. I give to my son Zebulon B Colley when he become of age the following
 negroes, Haywood, Bill & Martha & such bedding & furniture as may be thought
 suitable & proper. And if either or all of the above named negroes should
 die before the said Zebulon shall become of age then I direct that
 some other or others as the case may be of equal value be given him
 out of my Estate and if either of the above named negroes before the
 majority of my said son shall be injured or become disabled by
 disease or otherwise I direct that they be returned back to my
 Estate & other sound & of like value be given him in their stead
4. To my beloved daughter Sarah A & Robert wife of Milton G. Robert
 for her sole & separate use for & during her natural life. free & exempt
 from the debts of her present or any future husband & no her debt
 to such child or children as she may leave. I give & bequeath the
 following negroes. Isaac, Harriett, Milly & Sophy also such bedding
 & furniture as may be suitable & proper a pecuniary for which last
 item no charge whatever shall be made. And in the event of the
 death of my daughter leaving no child or children then the
 negroes & property herein given shall revert back to my Estate & become
 a part & parcel thereof & be distributed as is herein after provided for
5. My servant Woman "Chloe" I give to my beloved wife Frances Colley
 during her natural life & on her decease to my daughter Sarah A &
 Robert without any charge for said Woman & on the same terms lim-
 -itations & Conditions as are containing in the 4th item of this will
 And in the event of the death of my daughter, then the said Woman
 Chloe shall have the privilege of selecting any one of my sons for
 her master. And the one selected shall take her without any charge therefor
6. The limitations & restrictions in the 4th item of my will attending
 the bequests to my daughter are not intended to debar her husband
 Milton G Robert from the use of said property & negroes for the
 support of his family during the natural life of my daughter
7. I give to my beloved wife Frances Colley all the remaining
 negroes & personally in my possession at their increase & all the
 lands of which I did possess in the County of Wilkes to be

here during her natural life & at her death to my Children or their representatives. The portion falling to my daughter Sarah A. & Robert is given under the same limitations & conditions as are contained in the 4th item of this will.

8 All the real Estate of which I die possessing being & lying out of the County of Wilkes I direct to be sold & the proceeds distributed among my Children. The portion falling to my daughter Sarah A. & Robert is given subject to the before mentioned limitations & conditions.

9 Having already before the date of this instrument given off the following named property to my sons to wit

To my son John Owen Colley, Phils Value at \$600. Jefferson \$600 Susan & her Childs \$600. a tract of land \$500 two horses Saddle & bridle at \$82. the whole amounting to Twenty three hundred & eighty two dollars.

To my son Henry F. Colley Aaron Value at \$600 Eli \$600 Maria \$500. a tract of land \$1600 a horse & saddle \$72. the whole amounting to the sum of (\$3372) thirty three hundred & seventy two dollars.

To my son Wm. C. Colley Israel Value at \$600. Frank \$500. Willis \$300 Margaret \$500 a horse & saddle \$85. Amounting to the sum of (\$1985) nineteen hundred & eighty five dollars.

Now I direct that when on the death of my wife my Estate shall be distributed as directed in the seventh item of this will. then the above Valuations already given to my sons together with such other sums as I may yet give after the date of this instrument & which may be found charged in my account book kept with my Children for this express purpose shall be respectively charged to each. so that the inequalities which at present exist shall then be rectified & each share equally alike.

10 I appoint my sons John A. Colley, Henry F. Colley & Wm. C. Colley Trustees of all the property herein bequeathed to my daughter Sarah A. & Robert. I also appoint them together with my wife Frances Colley Executors of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of September in the year 1850

Francis Colley

Signed Sealed & declared by Francis Colley as his last will & testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our names here in the presence of said Testator (at his request) & of each other this fourteenth day of September in the year 1850

R. R. Randolph
F. J. Wingfield
Stephen G. Petten
E. M. Burton
A. C. Alexander

Georgia Wilkes County 3 Court of Ordains

June Term 1862

Personally appearing in open Court F G Wingfield & A L Alexander Jno of the Subscribing witnesses to their above & foregoing will & after being duly sworn depose & say they saw the Testator sign & seal Francis Colley sign & seal the same & at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory, acknowledging it to be his last will & Testament that they signing as witnesses to the same in his presence at his request & in presence of each other together with R R Randolph Stephen G Petter & G M Burton.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court A L Alexander
June 20 1862 F G Wingfield
G G Norman Ordains

State of Georgia Wilkes County 3 Whereas I Francis Colley did on the fourteenth day of September in the year Eighteen hundred & fifty sign seal declare & publish my last will & Testament in presence of R R Randolph F G Wingfield Stephen G Petter & G M Burton & A L Alexander who signing said will & Testament as witnesses & Whereas I am desirous of altering & changing bequests & devises in said will. I therefore make & publish this Codicil to said will.

First. I revoke & change so much of the fourth item of said will as relates to the property given to my daughter Sarah A & Robert. which I change so that it shall not revert back to my Estate in case of her & her childrens death, but shall fall to the use of her husband M G Robert & shall be his without any reversion to or claim from my Estate & I further appoint the said M G Robert trustee for my daughter during her life, thus to enable him to make a more profitable use of said property.

Secondly. In consequence of the death of my son John A Colley I desire all the bequests & devises yet to come to him from my Estate shall be given to his only child Sarah Francis Colley & in the event of her death before marriage said property shall revert back to my Estate & become part of my Estate & subject to the same division as specifying in my will & in case of her marriage to be free from the liabilities & debts of her husband & at her death to be equally distributed between the children of her body & in the event of marriage & death without issue said property to fall to the use of her husband if living. without any claim from my Estate.

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but to be her without any limitations or restrictions. but if
her husband should die before her & she die without issue then
said property to revert back & become apart of my estate & be
subject to the same divisions as mentioned in my will

June 16th 1854

Francis Colley

signed & sealed & declaring & publishing by Francis Colley as a
Codicil to his last will & Testament of the fourteenth day of
September in the year eighteen hundred & fifty in the presence of
in the Subscribers who Subscribing our names here in the presence
of said Testator & of each other this June 15th 1854

S. C. Ellington

C. L. Botton

Lewis S. Brown

Georgia Wilkes County } Court of Ordinary June Term 1862

Personally appearing in open Court Simon C. Ellington one of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the above Instrument & after being
duly sworn deposed & said that Francis Colley signed & sealed
the same in his presence acknowledging it to be a Codicil
to his last will & Testament & at the time of his so doing he
was of sound disposing mind & memory. That he signed the
same as a witness in the presence of Testator at his request
together with Charles L. Botton & Lewis S. Brown

Sworn to & Subscribing in open Court

June 2nd 1862

S. C. Ellington

G. G. Norman Secy

Georgia Wilkes County } Whereas I Francis Colley do on the
fifteenth day of June eighteen hundred & fifty four sign & seal
declare & publish a certain Codicil to my will which was
made on the fourteenth day of September eighteen hundred &
fifty. Which said Codicil was signed as witnesses by S. C. Ellington
C. L. Botton & Lewis S. Brown & I now being anxious to make some
alterations in said Codicil & in said will do make this my second
Codicil to said Will Viz

First I desire to revoke so much of second Item in my Cod-
icil to my will as will allow Sarah Francis Colley daughter of
my son John A. Colley deceased to inherit my negroes & instead thereof
I desire & will that all of my property in negroes shall be appraised
at the final settlement of my Estate & the other heir or heirs (come or
all though none shall be prevented from participating against
his will or Compelling to do so against his will) shall respond
to her in money instead of negroes yet in case of them

refusal to do then & he to receive Negroes. Said money
to be subject to the same limitations & restrictions as mentioned
in said Second Item of said Codicil.
Secondly. I charge so much of my will as relates to my
real Estate & hereby make the following disposition of my
real Estate in said County. Viz I give to my son Henry
& John A Colly plantation adjoining Lane. Neary. Bottom &
Callaway to be valued at five thousand three hundred & sixty
dollars (\$5360.00) also my "Middle place" including all
my lands adjoining it, adjoining Byron. Carter. Alexander
Ellington. Mayfield. Callaway & Langster & Bottom I give at the
final settlement of my Estate to my son Zebulon A Colly, said
tract of Land to be valued at three thousand (\$3000) Dollars. yet
I hereby reserve a lifetime use for myself & my wife Francis
A Colly in both the above tracts of Land, at the same time
allowing my sons Henry & Zebulon a free use of both of said tracts
of Land to build upon & improve &c at the present time, also
the house & lot upon which I now reside I give at the final
settlement of my Estate to my daughter Sarah A & Robert with
the same restrictions. Conditions & limitations of all other property
devised to her. said premises to be valued at fifteen hundred
(\$1500) Dollars. I reserving said premises as a home for myself
& wife for & during our natural lives, allowing my son in Law
Milton & Robert the privilege of improving said premises at the
present time as he may desire.

Which I desire that at the final settlement of my Estate
a book of accounts against my children (both of sons & daughters)
shall be refug to & all be made equal each one accounting
for what he or she has heretofore or may hereafter receive.

Decr 28th 1859

Francis Colly 

Signed & duly declared & published by Francis Colly as
a Second Codicil to his will & Testament of the fourteenth
day of September Eighteen hundred & fifty & to his Codicil of June
the fifteenth Eighteen hundred & fifty four in the presence of
us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence
of said Testator & of each other this date as above written.

A Pope Sen
G P Cogart
B. J. Bonchier
G. Toombs

Georgia Wilkes County } Court of Ordinary June Term 1862
 Personally appeared in open Court G. P. Cogant & Gabriel Towns
 two of the subscribing witnesses to the above instrument which
 was signed & sealed by Francis Colly in our presence & acknowl-
 -edged by him as a deed to his last will & Testament & at
 the time of so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory
 that they signed as witnesses to the same in his presence
 at his request together with A. Pope Sen & B. J. Bowdrie
 sworn to & Subscribed in }
 open Court June 2nd 1862 } G. P. Cogant
 G. G. Norman Clerk } G. Towns

State of Georgia } Last will of Sarah S
 Wilkes County } Wingfield of said County
 Item 1st I Sarah S. Wingfield declaring this to
 be my last will do hereby revoke all wills here
 to fore made by me

Item 2nd I wish my Executors from such
 property as to them may seem most suitable & conven-
 -ient to pay my just debts

Item 3. I will to my son Asbury Tate whatever
 descent men to be selected by the Ordinary of Wilkes
 County three in number may at the time of my death
 shall say is the value of a negro man Alfred, said
 Alfred having been originally one of the Tate negroes

Item 4th The entire residue of my property of
 every kind real personal & mixed I will to my two
 daughters Sarah & Wingfield & Frances S. Wingfield
 and in event of their marriages the property herein
 willed to them I will to be theirs for their sole and
 separate use not subject to the debts or liabilities
 of any husband & if either of them should die
 without living descendants the property herein willed
 to go to the surviving sister & if both of them should
 die without living descendants the property
 herein willed to them shall become the property
 of the children of Asbury Tate if he has any
 living & if none of such children are living to become

the property of said Albany Tale
 Item 5th I wish my friends Samuel W Wyman & William
 M Reese to Execute the will & my children if still
 in their minority at my death to be placed under the
 care & Control of my sister in Law Mrs Ficklen to
 be raised & educated
 as the last will of Sarah S. Wingfield this
 28th March 1862

In our presence
 & Ficklen
 May Ficklen
 Sarah & Ficklen
 Sarah S. Wingfield

Georgia Wickes County } In Open Court on the 7th day
 of July 1862 at the regular Term of the Court of Ordinary
 of said County personally came Fielden Ficklen & being duly
 sworn dep on oath that he saw the above named Sarah S
 Wingfield sign the foregoing as her last will & testament that
 when she signed she was of sound & disposing mind & memory
 that she executed the same as her will freely & voluntarily
 that she signed the same as her will in the presence of
 all the named witnesses himself & the others & that they
 all signed as witnesses in her presence & in presence
 of each other & that she then & there published the same
 as her last will
 & Ficklen

Sworn to & Subscribed
 before me this July 7th 1862
 G. G. Norman Clerk

Wickes Court of Ordinary
 July Term 1862. The above & foregoing will of
 Sarah S. Wingfield having been duly proved in Common
 form. Ordering that the same be admitted to record
 & that letters Testamentary issue to Samuel W
 Wyman & William M Reese with issue to qualify
 in vacation & that the usual warrant of apprehension
 issue a prayer for
 G. G. Norman
 Clerk

24. Wilkes County Georgia. In the name of God amen
I Harmon J Norman of the above naming State & County being of
sound perfect health & disposing mind & memory & having volunteered
in the Confederate States Army do make this my last will & testament
Item 1st I will that my body be decently buried. Commending
my soul to its creator.

Item 2nd I will that my property of all kinds both real & personal
of all kind be kept & held by my wife Cynthia Norman for
the support of her & my four children by the said Cynthia during
her widowhood but should she the said Cynthia Marry after my
death then I will that my property of all kinds be equally
divided share & share alike between each of my children
& my wife the said Cynthia Norman

Item 3rd I appoint my wife the said Cynthia Norman the
Executrix of this my last will & testament

Signed, sealed, publishing & declaring this 7th day of
February 1862

Wm C Dent
Thos M Norman
B W Heagy J P

Harmon J Norman

State of Georgia }
Wilkes County } Court of Ordinary Sep Term 1862
Personally appearing in open Court B W Heagy Wm C Dent
two of the subscribing witnesses to the within Instrument
who being duly sworn depone & say that they saw Harmon
J Norman 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 at his request & in
presence of each other together with Thos M Norman
sworn to & subscribed in

open Court Sept 1st 1862
G. G. Norman Clerk

B W Heagy
Wm C Dent

Recording Sep 2nd 1862

Georgia 3 In The Name of God Amen
Willis County 3 I Henry F. Colley of State & County being of sound disposing
mind & memory. Knowing that I must depart this life deem it right &
proper both as respects my family & myself, that I should make a dispo-
sition of the property with which is kind Providence has blessed me
I do therefore make this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking &
annulling all others heretofore made by me
First I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent & Chris-
tian like manner suitable to my Circumstances & Condition in life
Secondly I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors
or Executors herein after named & appointed & in the way herein directed
Thirdly I desire that all my property real & personal shall remain
together until each of my Children shall arrive of age on the part
of the Males & Mary, or arrive of age on the part of the females & then
each to receive his or her proportionate part of my Estate subject
to the stipulations & Conditions herein after mentioned
Fourthly I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella M. Colley
my house & lot whereon I now live in the Town of Washington, said
State & County & a lot of Tract of twenty four acres of land lying within the
incorporate limits of said Town, with all the rights, members & appurtenan-
ces to said house & lot & said tract of twenty four acres of land in any way
belonging free from all Charge or Limitation whatever except that this
Consideration together with some things hereinafter mentioning shall clear
her from any claim of Dowry I also give & bequeath to my said wife
all my household & Kitchen furniture, Rockaway & Buggy together with
two horses she may choose. Otherwise I desire my property to be equally
divided between my wife & Children as before directed. This portion
going to my daughter I desire shall be theirs during their natural
lives & afterwards to go to the Children of their bodies & in case
of marriage & no issue to go to their husbands, provided the husband
is the longest liver. Otherwise to revert back to my Estate subject
to all the stipulations & Conditions herein laid down for the settling
& disposition of my Estate
Fifthly I desire that if any thing is necessary to be sold to pay
the debts of my Estate that my plantation be first sold & if that is
not sufficient, then to sell my stock & provisions or a part of them
as far as may be necessary. If this is not sufficient then I leave it
to my Executors or Executors in their best judgment. In case my
plantation is sold I desire a farm rented to work my slaves
upon, or for them to be hired out privately, so as to secure them
humane Masters
Sixthly I desire all my debts to be compounded when it is
claiming

226 I desire that each of my Children shall be given as good an education as my Estate will admit of & this shall be free of any charge Extra to each Child, provided this shall not apply to a professional education

Eightly I hereby Constitute & appoint my wife Isabella M Colley Executrix of this my last will & Testament - It is my desire that my son first arriving of age may be Executor with his Mother, providing the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County think from his habits & Capacity, that he is qualified, & if he is not, then the first that does arrive of age who they think is qualified.

This October 18th 1861

H. F. Colley. 

Signed, sealed, declaring & publishing by Henry F. Colley as his last will & Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his request special instance & request & in the presence of each other, this October 18th 1861

Thos. C. Hogan

R. L. Foreman

G. B. Brunch

R. M. Callaway

Georgia 2 Court of Orleans
Wilkes County 2 October Term 1862

Personally appearing in open Court R. M. Callaway one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument & being duly sworn deposes & saith that Henry F. Colley publishing & declaring the same to be his last will & Testament & at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory, that the same was done in his presence & in the presence of the other witnesses, who together with himself signed as witnesses in the presence of Henry F. Colley the Testator & at his request & in the presence of each other

Sworn to in open Court

Oct 6th 1862

G. G. Norman Clerk

R. M. Callaway

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen
Wicks County } I John H. C. Wynn of the State & County aforesaid know
ing that life is uncertain & that death is certain & being of sound & disposing
mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament
Article 1st I desire that my body after death shall be decently buried
in a Conclition proper & suitable to my Circumstances in life
Article 2nd After my funeral Expenses are paid I desire that all my just
debts of any character whatever shall be promptly paid as soon as it can
be done according to Law
Article 3rd After my death I desire that all of my personal property
be valued according to Law & then divided equally between Samuel J.
Wynn & Mary M. Pharr & then in case either or both of them should be
dead then to their heirs & in case either or both of them should die leaving
no heirs then all of my personal property shall go to John L. Wynn &
in case the said John L. Wynn should be dead & all the above Contain-
ing shall have according thereto I give & bequeath all of my personal
property to the poor School fund of Wicks County in the State aforesaid
Article 4th I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint Samuel J. C. Wynn
Executor of this my last will & Testament

The above will & Testament being duly published & declaring to be the
last will & Testament of John H. C. Wynn who signed & sealed it in the
presence of us the Subscribing witnesses who signed it in the presence
of each other. Signed, Sealed, declared & published in the
presence

Frederick J. Hudson
Blanton B. Faison
Whitson G. Johnson
this 28th day of July 1862

John H. C. Wynn (Seal)

Georgia Wicks County } In person before me came
Frederick J. Hudson & being duly sworn he said he saw the within named John H. C.
Wynn & he did publish the within paper as his last will & Testament at the time
& place set forth therein that he was then of sound mind & disposing memory that he
executed this paper as his last will voluntarily & without any Compulsion or restraint
of any kind that he deponent witnessed this paper as said John H. C. Wynn's
last will in the presence of the Testator & at his request & that the other persons
named as witnesses signed at the same time with him as witnesses & saw
all that he did & signed as he did in the presence of the said John H.
C. Wynn & at his request

Frederick J. Hudson

Subscribed & sworn to before me
3rd Nov 1862 in Open Court
G. G. Norman Clerk

Wildes County Georgia } The last will & Testament of Mary Ann Hubbard
 I being of sound mind & disposing memory make
 & declare this to be my last will & Testament
 1st I want my body decently buried
 2nd I wish all my just debts paid
 3rd I wish all my property both real personal & mixed of whatever kind
 at my death to go to & become the property of my Father Irwin Jackson &
 my Mother Eliza Jackson jointly to have or either or both shall live
 & at their death (& by this I mean the last survivor) I wish the property
 of whatever kind both Real personal & mixed equally divided between
 all my brothers & sisters In testimony of which I hereunto subscribe
 my hand & seal this 23rd day of May 1862
 Signed, Sealed & acknowledged in the presence of
 L M Hill
 W M Pope
 J B Wootten J C

Georgia Wildes County } Court of Ordinary
 according to Term 1862
 Personally came into open Court John B Wootten & Wyeir M Pope
 & being duly sworn depose & say that they saw Mary Ann Hubbard
 sign & seal the within which she acknowledged to be her last will
 & Testament & at the time of 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 together with L M Hill
 sworn to & subscribing
 In open Court Nov 4th - 1862
 G. G. Norman Clerk

Georgia Wildes County } Codicil to the last will & Testament
 of Mary Ann Hubbard
 I Mary Ann Hubbard being of sound mind & memory this day
 having made & executed a will on the 23rd day of May 1862 & the
 same having been witnessed by L M Hill, Wyeir M Pope & John
 B Wootten J C & having then neglected to appoint any one to
 execute & carry out said will. I hereby nominate my Father
 Irwin Jackson Executor & my Mother Eliza Jackson Executrix
 to execute & carry out my last will & Testament as made on
 the day & date above written. In testimony whereof I hereunto
 subscribe my hand & seal this 10th day of July 1862
 Signed, Sealed & acknowledged in presence of
 L M Hill
 W M Pope
 John B Norman

Georgia 3 Court of Ordinary
 Wilkes County 3 adjo Term Nov 4th 1862
 Personally appearing in Open Court Wylie M Pope who being
 duly sworn deposes & saith that he saw Mary Ann Hubbard
 sign the within which she acknowledged as a codicil to her
 last will. at the time of her so doing she was of sound dispo-
 sition mind & memory. that he signed the same as a witness in
 her presence at her request together with L M H & C
 Johnson Norman. I sworn to & Subscribed in
 Open Court Nov 4th 1862 W M Pope
 G G Norman my 3

Last Will of Benjamin Wallace of Wilkes County Georgia

Item 1st Revoking all wills heretofore made by me I
 declare this to be my last will

Item 2nd I give to my wife Frances E. all the property which
 she owned before my intermarriage with her 22nd Decr 1861 to wit
 four negroes (viz) Lina a woman about 48. Jean a man about
 24 Mary a woman about 23. Sarah a girl about 15 money fif-
 teen hundred dollars being the amount due her on notes, which
 fifteen hundred dollars with interest from this date I give
 to her 1 horse & buggy worth two hundred dollars. meaning by this
 she is to have from my Estate a horse & buggy worth \$200.00
 also all her beds & bed clothing also I give to her the tract
 of Land whereon I now live containing 6 1/5 acres more or less
 also I give to her 7 negroes (viz) Pomp a man about 48
 Sam a man a Blacksmith about 24 Jan a woman about
 48. Harriet & her 3 children also said Harriet & her increase
 & the increase of all the negroes above & herein given also
 one two horse carriage & harness. Four horses or mules to be
 selected by her also 100 Barrels of corn 30 Bushels of wheat
 2000 lb of pork also all the household & Kitchen furniture
 of every description intending by this donation to include
 whatever may be in my house from which I desire nothing
 to be taken out for sale by my Executors

Item 3rd I give to my son Marion D Wallace the sum of fifty
 dollars & no more

Item 4th I give to my son in Law Elisha C Nixon & to his
 wife Celia Ann Nixon the property which they have hereto-
 fore received from me & no more

330 Item 4th I give to my grand daughter Anne William Wallace daughter of William & Wallace deceased Eighteen hundred dollars

Item 5th I give to my grand daughters Children of Charles J Wallace (to wit) Cornelia Dorsey & Ellen Joseph Wallace each the sum of eleven hundred dollars

Item 6th I give to my son James J Wallace the sum of one thousand dollars from which he is to pay Sarah Wallace annually so long as she lives forty dollars & then the legacy to be his part of Charge

Item 7th The residue of my Estate after paying my debts & the legacies above enumerated, whatever the property may be which I may have at my death I wish to be equally ~~divided~~ between James J Wallace John B Wallace the Children of Newton Wallace standing as one share & the Children of Thomas J Wallace standing as one share meaning hereby the Children of Thomas J Wallace by his first wife meaning that their residue shall be divided into four equal parts having reference however to what I have heretofore given to any of said legacies. Either said James said John the Children of said Newton or the Children of said Thomas J. so that each of them shall account for & be charged in the division of said residue with what I have given them & all shall be made equal the one to the other which Charges & advancements will be found in my Memorandum Book. In this division of the residue I require my Executors not to separate the negroes from their parents & Husbands & Wives when it can be possibly avoided.

Item 8th I wish my son James J Wallace & my friend Wm Reese to act as my Executors & carry out this will signed, sealed & published as the last will of Benjamin Wallace this 23rd December 1861 in our presence as witnesses at his request

Sam V Barnette
J H Crenshaw
George Beeley

Georgia }
Wilkes County } In person before me called George
Bailey & Spotswood H Crenshaw & being duly sworn
say on oath that they saw the within naming Benjamin
Wallace sign the within will as his last will &
Testament that when he signed the same he was

of said & disposing mind & memory, that he executed the
 same voluntarily & of his own accord that they being
 the same as witnesses with Samuel Barnett at his
 request in his presence & in the presence of each other
 Subscribing & sworn to before
 me this 1st Dec 1862 } S. A. Breunhauy
 G. G. Norman Clerk } Geo. Bailey

Georgia Wilkes County } I Samuel McFuskin of State & County aforesaid
 do hereby make the following as my last will & Testament hereby revoking
 all others. Viz. After the payment of my just debts I desire all my
 property to go to my brothers & sisters of the full blood & if any brother or
 sister is then dead the children of such brother or sister then living if
 any to take his or her part & if no children to represent deceased
 brother or sister then the surviving brothers & sisters as aforesaid to
 receive all. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
 signed this July 18th 1860 Samuel McFuskin (S)

Signed, sealed & declared as his last will & Testament this
 July 18th 1860 by Samuel McFuskin who signed in our presence
 & we in his presence & in the presence of each other
 Samuel Barnett
 S. R. Palmer
 James D. McCreary

State of Georgia
 Wilkes County } Court of Orlumay March Term 1863
 Personally appearing in open Court Samuel Barnett one of the Subscribers
 witnesses to the within Testament & being duly sworn says he saw
 Sam McFuskin sign the same which he acknowledges as his last will
 & Testament & at the time of so doing he was of sound disposing mind
 & memory. that he being the same as a witness in his presence, at his
 request together with S. R. Palmer & James D. McCreary
 sworn to & Subscribing
 in open Court March 2nd 1863 } Sam Barnett
 G. G. Norman Clerk }

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 my Benjamin
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332 Georgia 3 I George Graham of said State & County being
 Wilkes County 3 in good health & of sound disposing mind & memory
 do make this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills by
 me made Item 1st It is my desire that all my just debts be paid
 Item 2nd I hereby give & bequeath the whole of my Estate to my beloved
 wife Nancy S. Graham during her natural life for the support & maintain-
 = nance of herself & Children, but as my Children arrived at lawful age
 it is my will that my wife give them from my Estate such property
 as she can best spare having it appraised by discreet persons & the
 Child so receiving to account for the same at a final division of my Estate
 Item 3rd But should my wife marry again then it is my will that
 a division of my Estate take place to be equally dividing share & share
 alike between my wife & all my Children but if she (my wife)
 remain single then the final division to take place at her death
 to be equally dividing share & share alike amongst all my Children
 Item 4th I hereby nominate my beloved wife Nancy S. Graham
 Executor to this my last will. Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
 as his last will by George Graham

In our presence March 8th 1862

a a Cleveland
 James Harris
 G G Norman

George Graham

State of Georgia 3 Court of Ordaining April Term 1863
 Wilkes County 3 Personally appeared in open Court A A
 Cleveland & James Harris two of the subscribing witnesses to the
 within Instrument & being duly sworn depose & say that they saw
 George Graham sign & seal the same which he acknowledged
 as his last will & Testament & at the time of signing he was of sound
 disposing mind & memory that they signed as witnesses in his presence
 at his request together with G G Norman

Sworn to & Subscribed in
 Open Court Apr 6th 1863
 G G Norman only

a a Cleveland
 James Harris

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Georgia Wilkes County, I Allen J. Amory of said State & County being of sound mind & memory do declare this to be my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made

I will & bequeath to my wife Fannie Amory during her natural life or widowhood the following property to wit the tract of land whereon I now live known as the home place six acres more or less to be selected by her that are able to work. I give & sell the same. I cart a wagon & four work horses, a mule, such plantation tools or utensils as she may need & such household & kitchen furniture as she may want provisions such as meat Corn fodder wheat oats &c as may be needed by her for one year support & such number of Cows, hogs & Sheep as she may need & after her death or intestancy the above named property to be equally divided among her children -

I will & bequeath that all the balance of my property of every description shall be equally divided among my children Simon C. Amory Moses H. Amory Oliver H. P. Amory Susan D. McKenney & Richard P. Amory share & share alike with the understanding & on the Condition that the part that may fall to my son R. P. Amory shall be held by my son in Law Cicero McKenney in trust for the sole & separate use & benefit of my said son Richard P. Amory & his children during the life of said Richard P. & after his death to be equally divided among his children the same in no way subject to the debts defaults or contracts past or future of the said Richard P. Amory

I hereby appoint my son in Law Cicero McKenney & my son Moses H. Amory the Executors of this my last will & Testament

Signed, Sealed & publishing this 5th of Sept 1860 by the undersigned Testator in the presence of the undersigned Witnesses who subscribe as witnesses to the same in the presence of the Testator & in the presence of each other

Allen J. Amory

Isaac J. Irwin
Sam Barnett
J. Corbin

Georgia Wilkes County, In the Court of Ordinary of said County Personally appearing in open Court Sam Barnett one of the witnesses to the within will who being duly sworn deposes that he saw Allen J. Amory sign & publish the within as his last will & Testament that Testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory that the other witnesses Isaac J. Irwin & J. Corbin witnessing the same with this deponent at the request of Testator & that the same was executed by him the said Allen J. Amory voluntarily on the 5th Sept 1860

Subscribed in open Court April Term 1863
L. G. Norman

Sam Barnett

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen. I John 2 West
 Wilkes County } of said State & County knowing that I must
 shortly depart this life deem it right & proper both as respects
 my family & myself that I should make a disposition of the property
 that the kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my
 last will & Testament hereby revoking all others.

I Item I desire & direct that my body be buried in a decent
 & Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances & condition
 in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with my Redeemer
 as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits & atonement
 of the blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ whose religion I have
 professed & as I humbly trust enjoy for a number of years.
 Item I will & direct that all of my just debts be paid
 by my Executors herein after named without delay
 Item I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Eliza West
 all of my property of every kind & description consisting of land
 negroes plantation tools household & kitchen furniture stock
 of all kinds & every other thing or kind of property that I have
 own or possess at my death to her own proper use & benefit
 & behoof forever in fee simple. to be her to use & enjoy & dispose
 of as she shall at any time think proper.

Item 4th Whereas James A. Gresham now lives on forty six acres
 of land belonging to me said land adjoining Mrs. Jane Gresham
 & her heirs & others lying & being in said County. I will & direct
 that Sarah A. Gresham wife of said James A. Gresham is permitted
 to continue to live on said land as long as she may think proper
 for her & her childrens use & benefit free of all or all a charge
 but when the said Sarah A. thinks proper to leave said
 land then the same to revert back to my Estate & belong to
 my wife the same as all of my other property.

Item 5th I hereby constitute & appoint my beloved son
 Thomas B. West & my son in Law John B. Willcox my
 Executors of this my last will & Testament.

I J. West Seal

signed, sealed, delivered & published by John 2 West as his last
 will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses
 who subscribing our names hereto in the presence of said Testator
 (at his special request & request) & of each other this
 the seventh day of February Eighteen hundred & fifty four

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Georgia } Court of Ocrumain at Chambers
West County } July 16th 1863
Personally appeared before me John W Heard
& John H. Dyson two of the subscribing witnesses to the fore-
going instrument & being duly sworn depose & testify
that they saw John B West 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 the same was done voluntarily by him that they
saw the same at witnesses in his presence at his
request & in the presence of each other together with
J C Armstrong. Given to & Subscribed
before me July 16th 1863 John W Heard
J H Dyson
G. G. Norman Clerk

Court of Ocrumain August Term 1863
Upon the presentation of the foregoing will to me in
open Court by Thomas B West one of the Executors & the proof
of the Execution thereof by the testator in the presence of the
subscribing witnesses made by two of the same viz by
John W Heard & John H Dyson & of the other facts in the foregoing
affidavit. It is ordered that the same be admitted to
record as proof in Common form & that letters Testamen-
tary do issue to said Thomas B West & upon his
application to John B Willson also & that they or either
of them have leave to qualify in open Court or in
Vacation

State of Georgia I Jonathan Smith of said County of Wilkes
County, being of feeble health, but of sound disposing
mind & memory do make this my last will & testament hereby
revoke all former wills by me heretofore made
Item 1st I desire that my body be buried in a decent manner
Item 2nd I will my just debts be paid
Item 3rd I will & bequeath to my beloved wife all my household
furniture, my Carriage & the two mules that are now
walled to the Carriage & my man Wm. Huggins two Colours & Colours such
as she may select from my stock of cattle one year support for
herself & her two children & the servants that may fall to her
& them in another year of this will. It is further my will that
my wife have as much of my Trade of Lard as may be necessary
to make the negroes that she & her children may get from my
Estate to include the amount of their schooling
Item 4th I hereby bequeath from to my daughter Elizabeth W. Huff
wife of S. W. Huff as much as I desire her to have from my
Estate I therefore leave her nothing further in this my last will
Item 5th It is my will & desire that the balance of my Estate
after my wife shall receive the above moneys be in the 3rd
Share of this my will be equally divided amongst my
wife & children naming in this place should I share alike those
who have already recd any portion from me to account for
the same in the division which amounts recd will be found
in a Memorandum Book now in my possession the names of
those who are to participate in this share are as follows
My wife Eliza Smith William F. Smith Thomas S. Smith
Joseph W. Smith Albert S. Smith James F. Smith Henry C.
Smith Jonathan P. Smith & Maria
Item 6th I appoint my beloved wife Eliza Testamentary
Guardian for her children Jonathan & Maria
Item 7th It is my will & desire that the negroes coming to
my wife & her two children remain & work together for the
mutual support & benefit of

State of Georgia I Jonathan Smith of State & County
Wilkes County I aforesaid being of feeble health but
of sound disposing mind & memory do make this my last will
& Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me
heretofore made. Item 1st I desire that my body be
buried in decent manner. Item 2nd I will my just
debts be paid. Item 3rd I will & bequeath to my beloved
Wife all my household kitchen furniture, my Carriage & the
two mules that are usually working to the Carriage & my mare
& buggy two Cows & Calves such as she may select from my
Stock of Cattle, one years support for herself & her two children
& the servants that may fall to her & them in another Item of
this will. It is further my will that my wife have as much of
my ~~Watt~~ of Land as may be necessary to work the negroes
that she & her Children may get from my Estate to include
the residence & other buildings. Item 4th Having
heretofore given to my daughter Elizabeth J. Huff wife of
L. W. Huff as much as I desire her to have from my Estate I
therefore give her nothing further in this my last will.
Item 5th It is my will & desire that the balance of my Estate
after my wife shall receive the Items will her in the 3rd Item
of this will be equally divided amongst my Wife & my Children
named in this Item share & share alike those who have already
received any portion from me to account for the same in the
division which amounts rec'd will be found in a memorandum
Book now in my possession the names of those who are to
participate in this Item are as follows. My wife Eliza Smith
William F. Smith. Thomas E. Smith. Joseph W. Smith. Albert G. Smith
James F. Smith. Henry C. Smith. Jonathan P. Smith. Nora E. Smith
It is my further will that my wife have the privilege of
selecting the shares of negroes that may be coming to her & her
Children Jonathan P. & Nora E.
Item 6th I appoint my beloved wife Eliza Testamentary Guar-
dian for her Children Jonathan P. & Nora E. & it is my will
& desire that the negroes coming to my wife & her two Children
remain & work together for the mutual support & benefit of my wife
& her two Children until they arrive at lawful age. but should
my wife die before they arrive at lawful age then the property
to be divided & at my wife's death all the property given her
in this will to be equally divided share & share alike amongst
my Children named in the 5th Item of this will.
Item 7th I nominate & appoint my wife Eliza Smith Executor
& my son Thomas E. Smith Executor of this my last will.

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& wife & in the 4th Line of 5th Item entitled before signing
signing, sealing & publishing by
Jonathan Smith the Testator as his
last will & Testament in our presence
& in presence of each other May 8th 1863

S. H. Perkins
J. C. Kent
James Smith
G. G. Norman

Jonathan Smith

Georgia Wilkes County
Court of Ordinances

James Smith one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within
will of Jonathan Smith deceased being duly sworn deposes &
saith that he together with S. H. Perkins, J. C. Kent & G. G. Norman
the other subscribing witnesses saw said Jonathan Smith execute
the foregoing will by signing the same in his presence & in the
presence of the other witnesses, that they signed as witnesses in
presence of the testator that testator executed the same freely &
voluntarily & that testator whilst not equal in mind to his condition
in health was yet of sound & disposing mind

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
in Open Court Sep 7th 1863
G. G. Norman Clerk

James Smith

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State of Georgia
Wilkes County

In the name of God Amen
I John D. Chase of said state & county bring

middle-aged and of sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that I must at some time depart this life, deem it right and proper, both as respects my family & myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament.

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First, I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it. We hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Secondly, I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executive hereinafter named & appointed.

Thirdly, I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Catherine the house and lot in the town of Washington the county aforesaid whereon we have resided, with all the rights, members and appurtenances to said house and lot in anywise belonging, free from all charge and limitation whatever. To her own proper use benefit and behoof forever; with full power to dispose of the same by Will or otherwise, as she may deem proper. I also give & bequeath to my beloved wife in the same unreserved manner, my household & kitchen furniture, I also give & bequeath to my beloved wife, some thousand dollars in money. The property devised & bequeathed to my wife, is in full & satisfaction of her whole right of Dower in my real estate.

Fourthly, I desire that my store-house and merchandise thereof shall be disposed of at such times, & in such manner as my Executive shall deem best, suggesting that the merchandise be sold at private daily sales & the business be continued until closed out by my clerk, Jack Adams - son - as heretofore or such other persons, as said Executive may employ for that purpose.

Fifthly, - The residue of my property both real & personal wherever & whatever it may be, I give bequeath & devise to my five children to share & share alike, & when any of them marry or become of age, that the respective shares be given off to them.

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Sixthly - I desire that my Executor make no return to the
Ordinary and be not held liable for any loss or respon-
-sible to any one for the management of my estate.
Seventhly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved
wife Executor of this my last Will & Testament and
Guardian for my children -

Signed, sealed, declared and published by John D. Chase a
his last Will, and Testament, in the presence of us the under-
signed, who subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of
said Testator, at his special instance & request & in the presence
of each other, this 28th July 1863. John D. Chase

J. G. Cotting
J. D. Smith
Wm. M. Booker

Georgia

Witnesses } In person appeared before me in open court
James D. Smith & Wm. M. Booker - subscribing witnesses to
the within Will of John D. Chase, who being duly sworn
depose & say, that the said John D. Chase signed, sealed &
published the within instrument, as his last Will & Testament
in their presence, that he was of sound disposing mind
& memory at the time, that they signed as witnesses in
his presence & by his request & in presence of each other, that
it was so published by him voluntarily on the day it
purports to have been signed, J. G. Cotting, J. D. Smith &
Wm. M. Booker being the witnesses thereto.

Saw & subscribed in
open court Dec adjourned term
in presence of

James D. Smith
William M. Booker

Dec 10th 1863 -

J. G. Norman only

Last Will of Esther Booker
of Wilkes County Georgia.

Item 1st Revoking all Wills heretofore made by me I declare this to be my last Will

Item 2nd I will to my son Simpson Booker now in the war, the plantation whereon I reside & all the land cultivated & used with it, adjoining Jerry, Booker, Benajah Prather, A. T. Holliday, Hebron Paschall and Graham lands & other receipts, so much of the same as is known as the mill tract, which I will to my son Efford M. Booker. the land herein willed to be to each in fee simple

Item 3rd I will to Martha Booker (daughter of Richardsons) a nego boy for sometime lived with me, a nego boy named Watt, aged about 15, to be kept during her life & after her death for her sister Nancy Walker & her children, the said nego Watt, not to be subject to the debts of the husband of said Martha Booker, nor Martin Collins, nor to the debts of said Wang Walker's husband,

Item 4th I will to my grand daughter Mary Booker, daughter of William M. Booker, now living with me, a nego girl named Emily aged about 18 or 20, not to be subject to the debts of any husband she may marry,

Item 5th I will to Anna Booker, daughter of Jerry Tom Booker, one thousand dollars to be invested in a nego girl by my Executors at such time as they think best, or if Executors prefer a nego girl from my Estate, to be selected by them to be worth said sum in ordinary times, said legacy herein given, not to be subject to the debts of any husband she may marry,

Item 6th The residue of my Estate I wish to be equally divided, between my sons, Efford M. Simpson & my grandson Charles, the son of Jabez M. Booker now deceased,

Item 7th To said Mary Booker & said Ann Booker each a bed, bedstead & clothing for the same for winter & summer use, to be selected by the wife of Efford M. Booker from my furniture I will & bequeath, Item 8th To my son Simpson if he should return from the war, I will two beds, bedsteads & clothing used with the same in the room in my house generally occupied by him when at home & all the furniture now in the parlors,

Item 9th I will that my sons Simpson & Efford Booker
act as Executors to this my last Will.
Signed, sealed & published as the
last will of Esther Booker
This 10th August 1863. in our presence
and in the presence of each other,
W. H. Reese
A. T. Holliday
Thomas Elliott

As a Codicil to the above will, I further will that my
son Simpson Booker act as the Guardian & Trustee of the property
herein Willed to my son Charles Booker, son of Jabez W. Booker
& in the event that said Charles dies before he has capacity
to make a will, which so far as this property is concerned
shall be at the age of 18 years, then the property herein
willed to him, shall revert & become the property of my
sons now in life Simpson & Efford, said Charles if he reaches
18 years of age, to will the said property to whomsoever he
shall see fit, Esther Booker.

Signed Published & declared as
a Codicil to the same Will
- Esther Booker, by her 10th August 1863
in our presence & the presence of
each other.

W. H. Reese
A. T. Holliday
Thomas Elliott

State of Georgia

Wilkes County

I in person before me in open Court, came
Thomas Elliott & Allen T. Holliday & being duly
sworn, they say that they saw Esther Booker the named Testa-
tor sign & publish the above foregoing papers to which her name
is attached, as her own last Will & Testament upon the day & date
above specified - that she was then of sound disposing mind &
memory - that she executed the same voluntarily -
that they & W. H. Reese signed as witnesses to said will
in her presence & in the presence of each other & at
her request & that the foregoing paper was signed as her
last Will by said Esther H. Booker,
Subscribed & sworn to in Open Court before me this
2nd Dec 1863 -

G. G. Norman Clerk

In a second Codicil to the last will & testament of mine executed 10th August 1863, I Esther Booker, ratifying & confirming said Will in all other respects, do declare & will this change & attestation of said Will, - to wit, that the negro named Matt given in Item 3rd of said will to Martha Collins I do hereby give & bequeath to Anne Booker, named in Item 3rd with the same limitations as to use & management, as the property already given said Anne, said negro & all other property given by me to her by Will & Codicil to be held & managed by my son Offord G., until said Anne becomes of age or marries

Esther Booker

Signed, Published & declared as a Codicil to Will of Esther Booker this 3rd Sep. 1863, in our presence and in presence of each other at her request
 Henry G. Harper
 W. B. Paschal

State of Georgia Wilkes County

In person before me in open Court came Horace E. Paschal & being duly sworn says that he saw Esther Booker, sign the foregoing paper hereto attached, to which her name is affixed as a codicil to her last will & testament upon the day & date set forth therein, that she was then of sound disposing mind & memory - that she executed the same voluntarily, that William M. Reese and Henry G. Harper, signed with him as witnesses to said will in his presence, & in the presence of each other & that the foregoing paper was signed as her codicil to her last will by said Esther Booker,

H. E. Paschal

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court before me this 2nd Nov 1863,
 G. G. Norman ordy

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 Wilkes County 3
 In the name of God Amen
 I Denny C Colley make this my last will & Testament revoking
 all others heretofore made, feeling that I am of sound & disposing mind
 & memory & it being necessary to make some disposition of the property
 with which a Kind Providence has blest me knowing the uncertainty of life
 First I desire that my body shall be buried in a decent &
 Christian like manner suited to my Condition & circumstances
 Secondly. I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid
 by my Executors hereinafter naming
 Thirdly I desire that (& direct it to be so) all my Estate after
 the payment of my just debts be thrown into my Father's Estate
 & become part & parcel of the same & subject to his will & in case
 of his (my Father Francis Colley) death before my death then to
 go to my Mother Francis Colley according to my Father's will
 Fourthly I hereby constitute & appoint Zebulon D Colley
 My Executor Oct 21st 1861

D. C. Colley

Signed & delivered in the presence of Testator & of each
 other this Oct 21st 1861

M G Robert
 S. E. Colley
 W F Colley

Georgia 3
 Wilkes County 3
 County of Wilkes at Chambers
 January 6th 1864
 Personally appeared before me M G Robert one of the Subscri-
 -bing witnesses to the within Instrument & being duly sworn
 says that he saw D. C. Colley sign & seal the same which he
 acknowledges as his last will & Testament & at the time of so doing
 he was of sound disposing mind & memory that he subscribed the
 same as witness in the presence of the Testator together with
 S. E. Colley & W F Colley, & that they all subscribed the same at
 his request in his presence & in presence of each other
 Sworn to & Subscribed }
 before me Jan 6th 1864 } M G Robert
 S G Stornell over }

State of Georgia - Wilkes County -

I, Alexander Pope Senr of said County, being of sound and disposing mind, and memory do make, and explain the following last-will and testament hereby revoking all other wills, and codicils -

Item 1. To my beloved wife Cornelia Pope I give the houses and lots on which we live, and the furniture belonging thereto including silver, bedding, and all other articles for household, and kitchen use - the rockaway and gray horse usually driven in it - the carriage the two bay carriage horses - also the following negroes - viz. Silas Ann Emily - Charles - Minerva - Maria - Cordelia - Bob - Dinne - Anthony - & John (the son of Silas Ann) - also the wood privilege hereafter named. And also if she shall deem it necessary to her support - Fifty shares of Georgia R. R. Stock the dividends of which she can draw any year that she desires to draw them in case of deficient income - And also the interest in the proceeds of the River place herein after described. All the foregoing property during her natural life, and at her death to go as hereafter described -

(Also in fee simple the hogs, & birds on the lot, & the fowls on the River place the wagon, & tools on the lot, & the two cows which came from my brother John. The foregoing bequests in lieu of dower it being my desire to make ample provision for the support of my wife -

Item 2. I desire any plantations on Little River to be kept up for the benefit of my wife, and the children of my last marriage my Executors employing competent overseers from time to time. The negroes on the place to be subject to division as exigencies require. The income of said place to be applied so far as needed to the support of the above named - & the surplus income to be invested from time to time in good stocks, or bonds or well secured notes -

Item 3. I desire the plantation, and negroes in Small County with the stock & other valuable thereon to go to my sons Hunter C. Pope, & Balling A. Pope & my daughter Mary S. Cooper but no account to be required of them of the proceeds of said place - If the property shall exceed their distributive share of my estate the surplus to be accounted for and if it should fall below the deficiency to be supplied out of my other property. I appoint my son Hunter C. Pope Executor as far as to attend to this portion of my estate, and as there will be little or no sale of property on which commission will arise. I desire him to have one per cent of the property (other than his own) so administered by him in addition to ordinary commissions.

Item 4. I desire to have the place now worked by my son William A. Pope to go to him the whole tract usually spoken of as the Campbell & Fisher places. The said land to be charged with the upkeep of wood for fuel, & repairs of houses, & fences on the lot left my wife, such supplies to be hauled, & delivered to her during her life when the said charges

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And if by reason of assignment of shares or otherwise my Execu-
tors deem it expedient to sell the whole or part of the River place
or the property thereon; such sale may be effected & the proceeds in-
vested subject to like purposes with the property. I desire all the
expenses of my wife & six youngest children paid from income &
from accumulations of former income, never touching principal
unless absolutely necessary. If my son Bower desires it he
may keep his portion of the estate after coming of age, whether
divided off to him or not, on the River place, & in that event shall
have an equal share in the profits of the plantation over & above
expenses. If in the opinion of my Executors either of my three
youngest sons, Marshall, Frederick or Mason seems to be dis-
posed or otherwise likely to waste their estate, I desire & charge
my Executors to retain possession of their share of the property
instead of assigning it to them, until my Executors think
it prudent to turn it over, meanwhile using the income
for the support of such son, & accumulating the surplus for his
benefit. And to pursue the like course if either of my daugh-
ters Annulet or Lucy should marry one in whose management
they could not confide. All the powers vested in my wife &
me, to belong to the survivor if either should die.
Item 8th It is my wish that the sum of One Thousand dollars
be allowed to each of my six older children, over & above the
share of each of my six younger children, this not for the
sake of inequality but the reverse as the shares of the younger
if well managed could exceed those of the older children.
I am aware that the attempt at equalizing is only an approx-
imation, but I sincerely desire to do justice with an equal
hand among my children & to give no advantage to one
over another. Could I do this with exactness I would do so
& feel relieved. With the above exception intended to
equalize to the best of my judgment, I desire all my chil-
dren to participate on an equal share alike, in my property,
as the successive shares are given off. And unless for
reasons given in last item, I desire each child on com-
ing of age or marriage to receive his or her share. At the
death of my dear wife I desire an equal distribution of
the property given her for life among all my children.
Item 9th The crops on each place at the time of my death
I desire to be completed before any divisions take place.
The cotton crop of each place to be appropriated & used
as if I were in life, the same parties enjoying the benefit.

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I desire my old & faithful servant Lewis to have
 Saturday for himself as usual, & to be made comfortable
 & treated with great kindness & indulgence, And his wife
 to remain on the river place, but to be accounted for as a
 part of my estate, Bob & Betsey on the Cornell place
 are not my property nor to be inherited as such,
 I desire the sum of a dollar a year for each of the
 five years succeeding my death to be paid to the preacher
 stationed in Washington, by the Georgia conference of the
 Methodist Episcopal Church South, I desire no board to
 be paid by my daughter Mary S. Cooper or her family

for the year 1862 - I also give to my wife for life Ann about 12 years
old, on the lot, I also desire to leave it to the discretion of the
parties that my daughter Annie may or may not have her hands
& negroes on the River place taking a proportionate part of the crop
provided an arrangement to that effect - can be made agreeable
to all parties to wit: to herself & my wife & Mrs. The increase
of the negroes left my wife are to be divided at her death &
any accrued share by death of a child to be also so divided -
If Bomer works his hands on the River place a reasonable
deduction to be made for the use of the land, to be
agreed on between him & my executors, Jan 8th 1862
I witness my hand & seal, Alexander Pope

Signed, sealed, declared & published as the last Will and
Testament of Alexander Pope Senr. who signed in our presence
& we in his presence & in presence of each other, & at his
request, Jan 8th 1862 -

Saml Barnett
G. Wingfield
R. H. Vickers

George
Wilkes County, I Personally appeared before me G. B. Norman
Ord. of said County, Saml Barnett, Garland
Wingfield & Robert H. Vickers, who bring duly sworn
deposits & says that they saw the said Alexander
Pope Senr. late of this county, declare, sign seal &
publish the within paper as his last Will & Testament
on the day & year therein named, that he signed in
their presence & they in his presence & in presence of each
other & at his request & that he was of sound mind,
that he signed voluntarily & of his own accord,
I now do subscribe before me
this Day 13th 1864

G. B. Norman only

Saml Barnett
G. Wingfield
R. H. Vickers

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Georgia }
Wilkes County } I, Alexander Pope Sr. being in feeble health, but of sound
mind, do add the following to my last will & testament
hereby confirming the said will except in so far as has been altered
viz. In the event of the death of my son Bolling A. Pope before my
own death, I give & bequeath to his legal representative, or in failure
of one duly appointed, then to my executors in trust for the same, and
so much of my property as may be necessary for the payment of
the debts of my said son, provided it shall not exceed his
share in my estate, to be appropriated to the payment of his
debts. I do also hereby confirm the gift made to my said son
Bolling A. Pope of a negro boy named Brown aged about 14 years
& I acknowledge that I hold said boy from my said son
Witness my hand & seal this 25th day of June 1863.

A. Pope Sr. 

Signed, sealed, declared & published as a codicil to his last will
& testament by Alexander Pope Sr. in our presence & we signed
in his presence & in presence of each other, June 25th 1863.

E. Hargfield

J. D. Smith

Sam Barnett

Georgia }
Wilkes County } I, Alexander Pope Sr. do make the following
additional codicil, hereby affirming the foregoing in all
respects not altered herein,
viz. In the division of the crop of the cotton crop on the River
place the year of my death I desire my daughter Annie to
participate with my wife & six younger children, provided her
interest in my estate shall not have been set apart, prior to the
culture of the crop.

I do desire my son Wm. A. Pope to pay over to my wife all
or any portion of the dividends of the 50 Shares Geo R. R. Stock
referred to in the 1st item of my will, as she may need them,
3rd Having full confidence in his using his best endeavors to
subserve the interest of my family, I desire that my son Wm.
A. be not held responsible for any loss in any investment of the
funds managed by him.

In witness whereof I have signed at my hand & seal this
July 31st 1863.

A. Pope Sr. 

Signed, sealed, declared & published as a codicil to his last will & Codicil, July 31st 1863, in presence of us who signed in his presence & at his request in the presence of each other,

G. Wingfield
J. D. Smith
Sam. Barnett

Georgia } Personally appeared Garland Wingfield, James D.
Wilkes County } Smith, & Sam. Barnett, who being duly sworn say
They saw Alexander Pope Brown, sign, seal & publish the
several papers as Codicils to his last will & Testament, that he
did the same in their presence & they in his presence & in presence
of each other & at his request, that he was of sound mind &
memory, & did the same voluntarily,
Signed, sworn to & subscribed
before me July 13th 1864
S. S. Norman - Clerk

G. Wingfield
James D. Smith
Sam. Barnett

State of Georgia } I Nimbo S. Turner Considering the uncertainty of
Wilkes County } this mortal life & being of sound mind & memory do make
& publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form following
Item 1st I wish my Executors to pay all my just debts as soon as
possible after my death to be paid of the effects of my sale
Item 2nd I give to William & M. Johnson & Robert J. Johnson each
five thousand dollars to be paid in money the Currency of the Country
Item 3rd Now I wish the remainder of my Estate to be, equally
divided between mine & my wife's nearest relations except my
real Estate. I mean Brothers & Sisters here to have half &
mine the other half those that are living
Item 4th I do hereby appoint my friend Wm J. Watton my Executor
to this my last will & I do also give & bequeath unto my friend
& Executor John A. Watton all of my lands for the King feeling
I have for him In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand the 13th January 1864

N. S. Turner (Seal)

Witnessing & publishing by N. S. Turner as his last will & Testament in our presence as Witnesses thereof
by his request this the 13th January 1864
John M. Bookin (Seal)
Levi Randall (Seal)
Nancy Bullard (Seal)

Signed, sealed, declared & published as a codicil to his last will & Codicil, July 31st 1863, in presence of us who signed in his presence & at his request in the presence of each other,

G. Wingfield
J. D. Smith
Sam. Barnett

Georgia } Personally appeared Garland Wingfield, James D.
Wilkes County } Smith, & Sam. Barnett, who being duly sworn say
They saw Alexander Pope Brown, sign, seal & publish the
several papers as Codicils to his last will & Testament, that he
did the same in their presence & they in his presence & in presence
of each other & at his request, that he was of sound mind &
memory, & did the same voluntarily,
Signed, sworn to & subscribed
before me July 13th 1864
S. S. Norman - Clerk

G. Wingfield
James D. Smith
Sam. Barnett

State of Georgia } I Nimbo S. Turner Considering the uncertainty of
Wilkes County } this mortal life & being of sound mind & memory do make
& publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form following
Item 1st I wish my Executors to pay all my just debts as soon as
possible after my death to be paid of the effects of my sale
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