

The State of Alabama,) I Margaret Black of the county and  
Lowndes County,) state aforesaid, do make and publish  
this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annull-  
ing all other Wills and Papers testamentary of every descrip-  
tion whatsoever by me, At any time heretofore made or publish-  
ed, being of sound mind and memory, for which blessings I am  
thankful to Almighty God.

In the first place, It is my Will, and I so desire that so  
soon after my decease, as circumstances will permit, that all  
my Just debts be paid, out of any money that may be on hand.  
And I hereby give and bequeath to my son Charles Black, and  
to my daughter Eliza M Sams, wife of Dr. Melvin Sams, all my  
property both real and personal, both in South Carolina, and  
Alabama, to be divided between my said son Charles, and my  
said daughter Eliza, share and share alike, and equal propor-  
tions, with the exception of one large Barouche and wagon and  
Gear, which I give to my son James A. Black.

It is further my Will, and I so devise, that all that  
portion of my estate, both real and personal, which shall  
fall to the lot of my daughter Eliza M Sams, shall be se-  
cured to her, and her children, free, and exempt from all the  
present and future debts, contracts and liabilities, of my  
son in law. Dr. Melvin Sams. It is further my Will and de-  
sire, that the two Judgements, which I now have against my  
brother Alexander Bodie, be staid, and no collection then  
made, until after the death of him the said Alexander Bodie,  
and his wife Charlotte Brodie. But after their decease, I  
wish the same collected, and it is my will, that they be so  
collected and the amount thereof be equally divided between  
my son Charles Black, and my daughter Eliza M Sams.

It is further my will, and I so devise, that my planta-  
tion in Lowndes County Ala. shall be kept up and cultivated  
and all the property thereon kept together as long as my son  
Charles, and my son in law Dr. Sams, shall think advantageous,

Plantation for my daughter Jane A. Cline, and that she be permitted to reside thereon, and be maintained out of the proceeds, of said plantation during her natural life. And I further Will and bequeath the Gold Watch, left by my son Thomas Black and the likeness of my son William Black, to my daughter Eliza M Sams.

And I hereby appoint my Son in law Dr Melvin Sams and my son Charles Black, my Executors to execute this my last will and testament, and as my estate is unembarrassed, It is my Will that they may not be required to give securities as such Executors.

In Testimony, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 4th day of August A.D. 1849.

Signed sealed and delivered  
in presence of

Ben W. Harris

R.B. Dickerson

H Chappell

The State of Alabama } Personally appeared before me Edward Lowndes County } W. Cook, Judge of the County Court, in and for said county, the above named Benjamin W. Harris one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Testamentary Paper, who being first duly sworn, on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he saw Margaret Black, whose name is subscribed thereto, sign seal, publish and declare, said testamentary paper, to be her last Will and testament, that he this deponent subscribed his name as a witness thereto in the presence of the said Margaret Black, and that he saw the other subscribing witnesses R.B. Dickerson and H Chappell, sign the same in the presence of the said Margaret Black, and in the presence of each other, on the day and date therein mentioned, and that it was at the special instance and request of the said Margaret Black, and at the time of the

signing, sealing, publishing and declaring of said testamentary paper, the said Margaret Black, was of sound disposing mind and memory.

Sworn to, and subscribed to Ben. W. Morris  
in Open Court before me this  
the 10th day of December A.D. 1849

Edw'd H. Cook - Judge

The State of Alabama } I Morgan B. Hinkle Clerk of the coun-  
Lowndes County } ty Court for said County, do hereby  
certify that the foregoing pages contain a full and true copy  
of the Last Will and testament of Margaret Black deceased,  
which was propounded for Probate in the Orphans Court of the  
said county and State, and admitted as such, and only Record-  
ed in my office.

Witness Morgan B Hinkle Clerk of said Court at office this  
the 15th day of December A.D. 1849

M.B. Hinkle - Clerk

State of South Carolina } I, Charles H Black & M M Sams do  
Richland District } solemnly swear that the within  
writing contains a true Copy of the last will & Testament of  
Margaret Black deceased that we will well and truly execute  
the same by paying first the debts and then the Legacies con-  
tained therein and that we will make and return a true and  
perfect Inventory of all the Goods and chattels, rights and  
credits of the said deceased within the time prescribed by  
Law

C.H. Black

M.M. Sams

Sworn to before me 5 January 1850

JAMES S. Galignani

Ordinary