

In the name of God Amen. I John Jackson being very sick, but in perfect sound mind, and in full possession of all the rationality that it has pleased Almighty God to bestow on me, calling to mind the frailty of human nature do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

First. I desire to give my soul and body to Almighty God who first gave it.

Secondly I desire for my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my wife, children and friends.

Thirdly I desire for all my Lawful Debts to be paid.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my five oldest children Viz. Henry, Salley, Creasy, Jane and Keniah the six hereafter named Negroes, Sam, Amy, Mary, Ned, Muldah, and Tom, to be equally divided among them, to them and their heirs for ever, to have and to hold. And let it be distinctly understood, that the negroes, formerly given to them that is one apiece they are to have and to hold as formerly given Sampson was named too much and I have stricken out his name from the first five children

Fifthly I loan to my beloved wife so long as she shall live a widow the following property, for the use and appropriations, hereafter named. All my Lands in Alabama, all the rest of my Negroes not above named, Viz, Fan, Peter, Isaac, Bill Ben, Aaron, Silvy, Sampson, Jim, Mingo, Wiley, Stephen and Barbary. All my stock of Horses, & Waggon, so much of the Farming tools as they can conveniently take to the Alabama and so much of the household furniture as they can conveniently take to Alabama, the half of my money and the half of the debts due to me, the half of money arising from the sale of the property sold, the property to be sold, will hereafter be mentioned, the above property loaned to be applied in the following manner to enable my wife and her

school her children and when her boys comes of age they are to have one negro apiece and the priviledge of occupying a part of the Land in Alabama, the Girls as they come of age are to have a Negro, my wife to manage the loaned property to the best advantage, for her and her childrens comfort, and at her death or marriage, my four sons to divide all my lands in Alabama Viz Ephraim, James, Greenlee, John Newton, & Isaac the rest of the property at the marriage or death of my wife to be equally divided among her seven children Viz. Barbary, Elizabeth, Ephriam, James Grenlee, John Newton Isaac Louisa. The tract of Land I now live on to be sold, the stock of cattle, the stock of hogs, stills, the tools, that my wife cannot conveniently take to Alabama, the corn, fodder, & cotton house hold furniture, Kitchen furniture, that she can not take to Alabama and all other things on the plantation, that cannot be conveniently taken, or that is not required for them to live on before she starts to Alabama to be sold, and the sales arising therefrom to be divided among the following named children equally Viz my son Henry and my daughter Viz Sarah, Gresey, Jane, Kesiah, Barbary, Elizabeth and Louisa to have and to hold, to them and their heirs forever, let it be distinctly understood the property to be divided among my son Henry & seven Daughters is the half of the sales arising from property named to be sold the division that is to be made among my son Henry and my seven Daughters, that is the last division is the half of money and debts and the half of the sales arising from the property named to be sold, and the other half to be loaned to my wife and at the time of her death or marriage to be divided in the same manner equally among her own children, my first wifes children to hold the divide first mentioned also. This my last will and testament revoking all others but this and this only.

Septm in the year of our Lord Christ 1833.

Signed in presence of us

I do appoint my son Henry, and  
my friend Bartlett Meacham my

Sole Executors.

John Jackson (LS)

Signed in presence of us

Edward Smith

Mary Orenshaw

John Jackson (LS)

S. Graham

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