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sole executors. — I desire that the tract of land upon which I now reside be sold at public auction as soon as my executors may deem proper after they crop which will be made. The present year shall have been gathered the land to be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of one and two years. — I desire that after all my just debts are paid my property be equally divided amongst my wife and children that is to say. To my wife Margaret D. one fifth to my daughter Fatima D. one fifth to my daughter Anna & one fifth to my daughter Margaret H. one fifth to my daughter Sarah, one fifth to my wife Margaret D. — I desire however, that after the settlement of all my business here that my wife and children with their property remove to South Carolina under the protection of one or both of my executors. — I send a Duran, and advise them. Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Thirty nine.

John G. Alexander Esq.

Witness. E G Oliver, John A. Woodward

The State of Alabama, of Dallas County. Personally appeared in open Court the above named Enoch G Oliver, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will, who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he saw the same John G. Alexander the Testator sign seal and execute the same as and for his last Will and Testament, and that said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time executing the same. And that he this deponent said John A. Woodward signed the same at the request of and in the presence of said Testator, on the day and year above named. Sworn to E G Oliver

worn to and subscribed in open Court before me 11<sup>th</sup> April  
1839 James Craig Clerk

Recorded September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1839 Past Craig Clerk

Sam B. Blunt's Will

In the Name of Amen, I Sam B. Blunt, being of sound mind to admit and establish this my last Will and Testament. If this will is recorded before my negroes leave South Carolina City, I desire that all such articles, so as may have been brought to carry them to Alabama, may be sold, as also all other property not hereafter disposed of. If the said negroes shall have been carried to Alabama, then I request and desire the

15 Guardians of my sisters to list the negroes, failing to this lot  
to remain in it till they (my Sisters) become of age or  
marry, after my few little debts are paid, I give  
unto my brother Geo Blunt two thirds of the money that  
may be in the hands of him who settles my estate  
I also give him my man Pace, his wife Fanny  
and his daughter, & the other gifts to my brother  
Geo Blunt are made only on these conditions viz  
that he give formal bond and security that he will leave  
Southampton County Va. within ten months after this will  
is recorded, and will not be a resident of said County  
any time during the five succeeding years. If he fails to  
give the bond, or if he forfeit the penalty, then I  
give the said money & property or the penalty to my  
two sisters half to each. To my brother Geo  
Blunt I give unconditionally my gold watch &c.  
I desire that the balance of my negroes may be  
equally (or as near so as not to tell one, or part brother  
and small child, or if he & his wife) divided between  
my sisters, Margaret and Frances Blunt. I desire  
also that the balance of my money may be  
equally divided between my said sisters. If however,  
in the division of the negroes between my sisters,  
it should be found convenient to increase the value  
of one lot with very a large proportion of the property  
money that I have just directed to be equally  
divided between my sisters, I desire it to be done  
without reference to the quantity of money that either  
of my sisters may receive. To Dr J. Jeffries  
I give my cuffing instruments. If he shall have  
carried my negroes to Alabama then I give him  
one hundred dollars to be taken from the sum of  
my negroes for 1836 To Mr W. M. Appling I give  
my pocket Case of instruments. To Dr St G. Mazy  
I give all my medicines &c &c, and such of my medical  
books as he has no copy or only an old one off. I also  
give him such of my literary Miscellaneous, and school  
books as he may think proper to accept. The rem-  
ainder of my book I give unto Dr A. S. Surge my  
kins proptor, except Pokes large edition of Shake-  
speare which I give to Dr Murray. If my negroes  
are in Southampton City when this will is recorded  
I request the present master of my Sister Frances  
to see it executed. If however they are in Alabama,  
desire to Dr J. Jeffries to do the same. Ben O. Blunt  
Signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned witness

John S. Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup>, & Marie-Louise James D'Orange  
Do I remember that on this twenty sixth day of October by the  
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty  
eight and the fifty third year of the Independence of  
the United States of America personally came  
and appeared before me J. Borrmuday Judge of the  
Court of Probates in and for the Parish and City  
of New Orleans State of Louisiana, James O'Deane, John  
S. Palmer, and T. Hall Wiltshire who being summoned to  
appear in pursuance of a Commission from the Governor  
the Judge of the County Court of Dallas County Alabama  
stating witness to certain Interrogatories concerning the last Will and  
testament of the late Benjamin S. Plant and Witnesses being  
severally sworn according to law answer as follows to wit.

If the 1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory they said they saw said Benjamin  
S. Plant sign & seal the instrument. Wiltshire I and heard  
him acknowledge the same. To the 2<sup>d</sup> Interrogatory he appears  
to defendant at the time of so doing to be of sound disposing  
mind & memory & done the same of his own free will and  
inclination. To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Interrogatory they signed their  
names at the foot of said instrument at New Orleans by  
request of the testator and recognize their signatures thereon  
James D'Orange, T. Hall John H. Palmer  
Sworn to & subscribed before me at New Orleans this 27<sup>th</sup> October  
1838 J. Young Judge United States of America  
State of Louisiana by Edward D. White Lawyer of  
the State of Louisiana These are to certify that J.  
Borrmuday whose name is subscribed to the instrument of  
Witness therein named is now and was at the time of  
signing the same Judge of the Court of Probates  
in and for the City and Parish of New Orleans  
that his signature is genuine, and that all his offi-  
cial acts has been done under full faith and  
credit. Given at New Orleans under my hand and Seal of  
the State this second day of November One thousand  
eight hundred and thirty nine and of the Independence of  
the United States the fifty third by the Governor  
E D White Being Attest & Seal Secretary of  
State  
Received Sept 2<sup>d</sup> 1839  
Signed Oct 1<sup>st</sup>