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 That they said the said John & Joseph the Executors signed and
 sealed said Will as and for the said Will and
 testimony that said Testator Was of Sound mind and
 disposing of himself at the time of executing the same
 that they then presented and R. Rufus King signed the
 same as Witnesses in the presence of said at the request
 of said Testator and in presence of each other on the
 day and clear then named J. J. Monahan
 John & Joseph deposed in Open Court & J. P. Ferguson
 before me 18th May 1843 Will & said Judge
 witnessed 18th May 43 1843
 Sanford & Hann etc

Charles S. Matthews Will
 The State of Alabama Dallas County. Be it known to
 all whom it may concern that I Charles S. Matthews of said
 County being of Sound mind but advanced in Years &
 declining to distribute & dispose of my Estate with as little
 of the Interference of Court as possible do hereby make &
 publish this my Last Will & Testament as follows First
 I have divided out & given a large portion of my Estate
 both real & personal to & among my four sons & their issue
 to wit to Thomas M. & Peter S. Matthews such as Land
 negroes horses mules Cattle furniture (namely) retails &c
 also such personal such as money & gifts to them &c to be
 them respectively & give them full & complete title to the
 same so that each one shall have a perfect right to all
 such property & as has been given to them and my Will
 & Grace is that none of such property or of any other I may
 hereafter give to any or either of my sons shall be
 brought into Court or in any way avoided or charged
 against either of them in the division of the residue of my
 Estate Secondly I have also bound the sons of my said
 sons some negro man & hereby give to each the negroes
 bound to him respectively except one named or Mobile Peter
 & Bluford who are bound to John S. Matthews & the boy
 Peter who is bound to Thomas M. Matthews I will also
 they would & should have it done my self before my death
 that my son Peter S. Matthews be allowed one other negro
 man or the value thereof in money in lieu of the one bound
 to him which is named Mingo in negro man owned & his
 wife & give to my son Thomas M. Matthews Fourth all
 the real Estate in the City of Mobile & Shreve to be divided
 between me to my son Thomas M. Matthews & Charles

Alike but should they not be able to agree upon a division
then I wish it to be decided into Lots by themselves
or some disinterested persons & the Lots drawn for all
my other real Estate in the State of Alabama this I wish
to be equally divided between them John & John alike
by lot or should they of them prefer it to be divided
by my Executors & the proceeds thereof equally divided between
my said sons John & John alike I wish that I have
made in the State of Virginia as Executor of my father's
Will in which Case I paid for William Wood whose my
dear the said being brought after I as Executor have
distributed all the assets of the Estate among the Legatees
Except about five thousand Dollars (which I have brought together
with the sum of twenty thousand Dollars I desire my Executors
to retain in their hands in money or such part of my Estate
as they deem will be most profit & readily convertible into
money until the termination of said term but as a form of it
indemnify my said son John such sum is determined
such portion of it as shall not be made to be applied
to said sum or to be paid for said indemnity shall be
divided among the said Legatees in this Will
except the five thousand Dollars which belongs to my
father's Estate & if not needed to be disposed of according
to said Will it is my Will & desire that all my money
on hand at the time of my death all my Bonds Debts
& other such I found all my Chances & other notes &
bonds all all the remaining & residue of my Estate
Whether real or personal not hereafter disposed of or not
otherwise divided or liquidated in this Will shall be equally
divided among said John & John alike I wish
It is my Will & desire that my Executors do not bind
any Obligation or appointment of my Estate or be liable
to make any returns to any Orphans or other Court
Rightly I appoint my then Sons John & John &
Thomas M. Matthews Executors of this my Last Will &
testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & affixed my Seal this eighth day of May
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& forty two John S. Matthews Esq. The following
instrument signed, sealed, published & declared by
the said Charles S. Matthews as his Last Will &
in our presence on the day therein
& in his presence & in the presence
same as Witnesses Charles S. Matthews
J. Matthews Thomas M. Matthews

The State of Alabama Dallas County Special Order
Court 27th July 1843 Personally appeared before me
Will & P. R. R. Judge of the Superior Court of said County
Thomas H. Wiley, One of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing
will (the same) first duly shown, depose and testify that
he, John Charles Matthews the Testator sign, seal and execute
said Will as and for his Last Will and testament that
said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at
the time of executing the same that he was sober and of
sound mind and Charles S. Edwards signed the same as
Witness in the presence of and at the request of the said Testator
and in the presence of each other by the other and years
Thomas H. Wiley
Shown to & Subscribed before me July 27th 1843
Witnessed 12th August 1843 Will & P. R. R. Judge
Sanford W. Hammer

Heasant Lees Will

In the name of God amen I Heasant Lee of the
County of Dallas and State of Alabama, laboring under bodily
affliction but being perfectly sound and competent in mind
Knowing the certainty of Death and yet the uncertainty of
the time when that solemn event may take place
think it necessary for me to arrange my Temporal Concerns
at this time and do hereby do make and Ordain this my
last will and testament in manner and form following
viz: First I bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Coff
During ~~my~~ her natural life the following property to wit
Ethereal Regimes Sewing, Dilla, Sewing, Caroline -
Grace, Vilett, Sandy, Jane, Martin, Anne, Bobe
and Cydial and also two Beds and furniture and two
Red Stands and four Stands of Curtains One large
Chest One Trunk One Space Candle Stick One
gig, Trunk and one female Dog and if my daughter
Elizabeth Coff should have a heir or heirs of
her body of her body to live I give the above
named property together with the increase to her child
or children as the case may be and if my daughter
should have no heir or heirs born of her body
then I give the above property then in that
I give the above named property
unto my Grand Child
daughter Anne Anne