

Fanny H. Cleveland's Will

"Aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death I have determined while in the enjoyment of health to make a disposition of all my worldly possessions. To the God who gave it I bequeath my soul hoping for a resurrection with the just through the merits of a crucified Redeemer. It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall cause my remains to be deposited in the grave in a decent and Christian like manner: and that all my last debts be paid with as little delay as possible. I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Leventhal Caloway wife of William Caloway during her natural life, my negro woman Minor with her children Finney and Green together with her increase which may hereafter be born: and on the demise of my said daughter Leventhal Caloway I give and bequeath the above named negroes together with their increase to my Grand children the children of my said daughter Leventhal, to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Leaster H. Cleveland during his natural life the following negroes, Rachel, Malinda, Judy, Boston and Sampson and after his decease, to my will and desire that they and their increase may be equally divided among the legitimate children of my said Son Leaster H. Cleveland, and I hereby give and bequeath the above named negroes to my beloved grand children heirs of my said Son Leaster to them and their heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my Son Leaster H. Cleveland all my stock of Horses, Cattle and Hogs, also one feather bed and furniture as he paying my debt and funeral expenses. I further give and bequeath to my daughter Leventhal Caloway, one feather bed and furniture. I constitute my Son Leaster H. Cleveland Executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 25th September 1817. Fanny H. Cleveland
Witness, William H. King, Jacob Givhan

The foregoing will was admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded in the minutes of page 22. Recorded 25th Sept 1818

James H. Harris, etc

Vacot Silvers Will

State of Alabama. Dallas County. To all men to whom these presents shall come. Know ye that I Jacob Silvers of the County and State aforesaid being feeble in health but sound in mind and being fully aware of the precarious nature of human existence have thought proper to declare the following statement in the event of my decease my last will and testament, that is to say, in the first instance I wish to be interred in a respectable and Christian like manner all my medical and funeral expenses promptly paid. I wish from such funds as may have on hand also I wish all just demands to be equitably adjusted, furthermore it is my wish that my Boy Sebastian should be sold and out of the proceeds thereof and out of the proceeds I have on hand, I give and bequeath to Thomas