

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 Leontine 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 Leontine Caloway I give and bequeath the above named negroes together with their increase to my Grand children the children of my said daughter Leontine, 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 Leontine Caloway one feather bed and furniture. I constitute my Son Leaster H. Cleveland sole 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 Graham

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. I, Vacot Silvers, do call men to whom these presents shall come. Know ye that I Vacot 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

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I bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars, which amount I trust to my friend James Leavitt his father to invest in a lot or lots and improvements thereon for the benefit of said boy. I wish also that all dues due me personally be collected immediately and the residue after the donations to Thos. P. Leavitt as aforesaid, I wish to be held by the Executors of this my will and testament to be by them promptly paid to my Brothers, Sisters if there be any, in the event there should be none such then to the next relations in the line of Consanguinity. And further more I request and do hereby appoint Gilbert Shearer and Thomas P. Ferguson to accept and be the instrument duly attended, and I would refer them most respectfully for any information as regards my business to James Leavitt as the most proper person in affairs therein. Witness my hand and seal this 24th July 1836.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of Jacob Leavitt (Seal)
presence of H. Kirkland, R. H. Braswell Wm. Fredwell

The foregoing will was admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded
See minutes & page 23 June 25. 1836

James D. Long clk

(Charles Rose's Will)

I Charles Rose of the County of Dallas State of Alabama do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and conditions in life: And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my Estate real or personal. I Will and bequeath in the next place all my negroes viz Rose and her child Sam Lucy George also Harry, Baldwin, Sally, Maria, Malinda, Lucinda and Luke as well as their increase and all other slaves which at my death I may own to my beloved Niece Frances Roberts Wife of Alfred Roberts, for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between her four children James Amarantha, Mary Jane and Medora. I Will and bequeath in the third place all the money I have on hand at my death as well as debts due me or becoming me at any time to be equally divided between the three daughters of my Niece Frances Roberts viz: Amarantha, Mary Jane and Medora.