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James Mayes & A West Walker made the same day  
written in my presence and at the request of said testator  
and from the knowledge of each other on the day and year above  
named E. C. Dillingham from & subscriber before  
me in Open Court this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1824  
Recorded 25<sup>th</sup> Decr 1824 at Hartford, Conn U.S.  
Signed James Mayes

James Richard Mayes  
The State of Connecticut, Ninety & first Person being  
of sound mind, but knowing the uncertainities of life, ready  
make, publish, and declare his last will & testament  
regarding all that it is my desire that all my just debts, funeral  
expenses and the expenses of settling my Estate, & Executing this will  
be paid out of the property the effects of the Estate, now in this  
my Chast. may take place for the term of my life I give to  
my wife my Queen Anne out house to have and to hold during  
my lifetime my house & lands belonging to the same and the buildings  
etc by the W. Quarters Division of Land to the west, the same stones  
with all my plantation to the Utmost River which lies  
on the west side of the same Head, also the use of a sufficient  
expens supply of timber for the same time of plantation of from  
the Chas. Park to the Spring Woods, the uttering wages  
I now demand by me of the Estate of our Marriage, Remained  
after paying of debts her Chast. case with a bill or  
giving also I give to my wife Pm. the same lands  
thus William, John, & poor Widows Child David Remained  
to him & Roger I also give her, per ann the one fifth of  
share of all Christians, all the foregoing money except  
of losing Disposition I give to my wife for life only, to  
her, the sum of one hundred Dollars, and after her death  
the same to be equally divided between my three sons  
John & John White, as brother stated, except the wages  
and the income, of the same which are above stated to  
have been granted by me to my wife in our marriage, in  
which she has had a full Estate of the same with, my wife  
as much of the farming interests as she may need during a full and  
sufficient supply of the necessaries of life being fed & clothed & provided  
until she can gather the sum necessary for her debts, her  
husband to the other 1/5<sup>th</sup> part of giving, the eighth sum  
part of lands for my sons to and a tenth of the same lands  
also White I bought of H. Foster in the spring Woods  
also I give to my wife the use of my new Bleeding Station  
near White, set on the Head of the same land both

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all for the Natural Life Only, and after her death the same to be  
divided among my Sons as hereinafter stated also I give  
to Mrs. Ford the use of all the upland in the East Side  
of the Creek on my Brown plantation for a sufficient  
team of Horses to prepare the Pine Woods place for Cultivation  
I also give to Mrs. Ford the Negro Woman Maria whom during her  
Natural Life and after the death of Mr. Ford remains to her  
successors to be the property of my Son James I also give to  
Mrs. Ford Six Miles right about & besides Six Townships as a suffi-  
cient Support of pleasure, him & his son for her self myself jointly  
& her husband for One Year To my Daughter Mary Ford &  
the Rest of her Body I give all the property which remains  
for her use in use to her Husband Samuel P. Jones also to  
giving of her Will Probatibility & Probate Sam. P. also assumes  
to pay the rate of One Thousand Dollars Whick shall give me  
I P. Jones D. my boy for the Land or in Whick he now lies  
and to Whick his Son Henry can & doth the Execution  
of that Will to pay the same out of my Estate Without course  
on the same I P. Jones To my Daughter Elizabeth C.  
Aldis I doth the Rest of me body I give unto Virginia all  
the Property & Money her before given in use to me under  
the husband of John H. Miller also the following Sons Henry  
his wife Mary & her two children, and Virginia, & James  
to my friend neighbour William Williams I give and  
bequeath my Slave Peter & also with the Property herein  
left to my Daughters Mary Jones and Elizabeth Dr. Miller  
and which is now in the plantation to remain until the  
Execution of One Year after my Death & let the rest and  
Vidues of my Estate whether due or unpaid to Whither  
wherever it shall be in Nature, and to Whither it may be  
in Alabama or South Carolina including also the property  
therefore mentioned as given to my Will for life to  
Mr. Ford for life & a term of Years after the life time  
Estate Executed of Mr. Ford and my Wife Thoinette  
determining to give to my three Sons William P. Gowan  
Thomas P. Gowan and James H. Gowan to them and  
their heirs, joint & several that my Executors thereafter same  
shall keep the same together and Work and use the  
same together for One Year after my death and the  
Vidues of the property after dispaying all Debts and  
Expenses shall be equally divided & retain my slaves  
and Slave & Slave wife my said Sons after also to  
have a right of Way through the Land I have to  
my Wife to find the Woods Gate and the house & Appurtenances  
my said William P. Gowan and Thomas P. Gowan

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the execution of this my Will for witness wherein I have  
recently set my hand & affixed my seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
January A.D. 1842. Signed & Subscribed

I myself having published a declaration by the above  
name of said Giban as for his last will & testament  
in the presence of us who in the presence of his agents  
and in the presence of each other have signed the  
same as witness his wants the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January  
A.D. 1842. 616 Cleveland from Wm. & Edward Gantt

The State of Alabama Dallas County Special  
Obligations Court 34<sup>th</sup> day 1843 Personally appeared in  
open Court before me John Wm. & Edward Gantt Signed the  
same of the above in presence of and at the request  
of said testator and in the presence of each other  
the testator signing same in his Will as  
and for the fact Will and testimony that said  
testator was of sound mind & disposing memory  
at the time of executing the same and that he this  
day present John Wm. & Edward Gantt Signed the  
same of the above in presence of and at the request  
of said testator and in the presence of each other  
to the day and year herein named

Signed & Subscribed in open 3<sup>rd</sup> day Cleveland  
Court day 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1843. Testified & sworn to  
& dated 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1843

Signed William C. C.

### Second Part

The State of Alabama Dallas County In the name of  
God Alm. I Bernard Johnson of said County being of  
sound mind & disposing memory but unable of the invention  
to of self to make this my Last will & Testament & therefore  
desiring & wanting all others therefore of me made &  
to nominate & appoint my Robert Sanfater Gilbert Johnson  
the executor of this Will & charge & enjoin him faithfully  
to do all in his power to effect & my testametary Dispositions as  
hereinafter set forth & give & bequeath unto my wife  
Martha Johnson all the Land, or Claim in Section  
17 Township 15 Range 9 for & during the term of her  
natural life & after her death to my two Sons now living  
as hereinafter named with Reserve to them under of  
my Estate I also give to my said wife £500 and as  
much timber from any of my lands as may be necessary  
to erect for their good comfortable houses for their residence

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The State of Alabama Dallas County Special  
Obligations Court 34<sup>th</sup> day 1843 Personally appeared in  
open Court before the Honorable Chairman of the Board of  
Alvah Whimpers & the young wife the being first called  
from depth under oath did swear to say that Giban  
the testator signed same in the presence of Cook Other as  
and for the fact will and testamant that said  
testator was of sound mind & disposing memory  
at the time of executing the same and that he this  
day present John Whipple & Edward Gantt signed the  
same as witness the same as and at the request  
of said testator and in the presence of Cook Other  
to the day and year herein named  
I do make & subscribe in open 34<sup>th</sup> Cleveland  
Court day 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1843 before the Honorable Court  
of Probate on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1843

Signed William Cook

### Second Testimony

The State of Alabama Dallas County In the name of  
God Alvin J. Edwards, Notary of said County being of  
sound mind & disposing memory but unable of the invention  
to go before me to make this my Last will & Testament & therefore  
by calling & warning all other witnesses of me made &  
I nominate & appoint my Robert Giban father Giban  
the testator of this Will & charge & enjoin him faithfully  
to have in effect & my testamantary Dispositions as  
hereinafter set forth & give & bequeath unto my wife  
Martha Giban all the Land, Town or Claim in Section  
17 Township 15 Range 9 for & during the term of her  
natural life & after her death to my two Sons now living  
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to erect for their good comfortable houses for their residence