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his oath say that the Writing here exhibited
is the true Last Will and Testament of James
Murdock as the Witness hereby believe that he
this deponent signed the same as Witness thereto
in the presence of said testator and at his request
and in the presence of Hilley Hamerath and
McWaters who signed the same as Witness thereto in
the presence of said testator and in the presence
of each other J. A. Fair

I sworn to and subscribed in open Court 13th
November 1837 J. R. E. canis Judge

The foregoing Will was admitted to probate
and ordered to be recorded See Minutes & page 172
Recorded September 3rd 1838

James J. Craig Clerk

I of Chance Will

In the name of God amen I Jesse Chance
of the County of Dallas and State of Alabama
weak in Body but in strong mind do give grant
and Will unto my wife Polly Chance the Land
on which I now live for during her natural life toge-
ther with all my my Stock and other Property after
paying all my just debts for the purpose of raising
and supporting of my children and at her death
to be sold and equally divided among all my children
But if she should die before the youngest child comes of age
then I will that the whole of my estate remain together
and be applied to the raising of my children and in
case of her death when the youngest child comes of
age for the whole of my estate that there remain to
be sold and equally divided among all my children
and that I grant to my sons as long as they remain
single the liberty of clearing and cultivating any part of
my lands that may remain unoccupied to have hold
and cultivate the same so long as they live unmarr-
ied or in case they may not their children shall
run out when the youngest child comes of age this
is my last will and testament. In witness whereof
I have set my hand and seal this 5th January 1836
H. B. McDonald Jesse Chance
Hiram Tipton State of Alabama

Dallas County In open Court personally appeared
Henry B. McDonald one of the subscribing Witnesses to
the foregoing Will who on his oath say that he

Signs & the same as witness thereto in the presence of 154
J. C. Chance the testator and at his request and in the
presence of William Tipton who also signed the same
at the request of said Testator and that he, the said
testator of sound mind and disposing memory
at the time of executing his said Will & H. C. McDonald
sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court
this 13th Nov 1837 J. K. Coombs Judge.

The foregoing Will was admitted to probate and
ordered to be recorded 20 minutes & page (172)
Recorded Sept 14th 1838

James H. Craig Clerk

Nathan Thrash's Will

"In the name of God Amen. I Nathan Thrash of the
County of Dallas and State of Alabama considering the
uncertainty of this mortal life and being of disposing
mind blessed by Almighty God for the same do make
and publish this my last will and Testament in manner
and form following viz. First I wish all my just debt
to be paid. Second I give and bequeath unto my loving
wife Patsy Thrash during her natural life or so long as she
the tract of land I now live on my negro girl Mary and
her increase with all my Stock of Horses Cattle Hogs and
the grain I have and had with my cash that I have one
hundred in five all my estate at her Command for the
use of her self and family my wish is that my beloved
and wife should wish to remain elsewhere she will be
at liberty to sell the said tract of Land and purchase
Land elsewhere with the same money. I hereby appoint
my beloved wife Patsy Thrash & George W. Taylor my
Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby
revoking all other former wills by me made. In Witness I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal this 28th day of April
1838. Nathan Thrash Read Signed and published
and delivered by the above named Nathan Thrash
to be his Will and Testament in the presence of us
who having heretofore subscribed our names as Witnesses in
the presence of the Testator. Andrew Yeast Charles V.
Kennedy Isaac Taylor. The State of Alabama Dallas
County Personally appeared in open Court Andrew Yeast
and Isaac Taylor two of the subscribing Witnesses to the
foregoing Will who being duly sworn depose and
swear that they saw Nathan Thrash the Testator sign seal
and execute that said Will and for his last Will and
Testament that said Testator was of sound mind and