

John Strother Will

The State of Alabama Dallas County

In the Name of God Amen I John Strother of the State
and County aforesaid being in sound Mind and Knowing
that it is Appropriate once for all, Now to die here thought
it Proper to Nominate Executor and Ordain this my
last Will and Testament. In the first place give
and bequeath my sole and Almighty God who gave it.
and request that my body be interred in a decent manner

2^d It is my Wish that all of my just debts be paid and
that my Brother Zachariah D. Cooper be and act as my Executor

3^r It is my wish that my Executor in the first place after
admitting me in my Estate as soon as he can do so
take Harriet a Yellow Woman and her six Children
Mary, Eliza, William, Harry, Anna, Elizabeth, Oliver, Ann,
Joseph, to the State of Ohio and Free them. Then settle
them comfortable in the Country not in a City, and after
settling Harriet and her six Children as above named.
My Executor is requested to place in some Savings Bank
in Ohio the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be used
in the following Manner. They Harriet and her six Children
are to be supported from the Interest of the Ten Thousand
Dollars, the sum eight is not to be used until Harry
Marries, then she may draw for maintenance part of the
sum aple, and the same may be done with each Child's
Institution part as they become of age or Harry.

4^r It is my Wish that Harriet bring her six Children
here all of my Woods and Dead Cloths and my set of
Piano and Drums. 5th my Executor is requested
to pay all the expenses of Emburying and settling Jason
and his six Children as above named out of my Estate
before a chosen time place. After which I wish him

to give to her oldest Daughter Elizabeth Cooper a little
Yellow girl about 3 years old named Alice. That they and
Henry are to be so situated as to go to my Brother Henry
Heaven now is to be sold and the money divided among

my Heirs, Dick or to be sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars.
Can be obtained for him, in order that he may remain
in the State of Alabama. My property is to be equally divided
between my Mother and Sister with the exception of my
Brother Zachariah D. Cooper, and as a Compensation
for his trouble I will him a double Interest in my
Estate provided he carries my Will unto Execution and
if not he is to have but a quarter of one share
Signed in the presence of the undersigned witness this
the 8th day of May 1848. John Strother

Metnapes 17th C. Street, H. C. Morgan went there, 337
Witnessing Geo L Street - The State of Alabama Dallas County
Before me the 1st of January Clerk of the County Court for said County
Personally came W. P. Niblock the Spur Hunt was just having
duly issued to him with that he was right and true when
Hooper whose name appears to the foregoing will sign and seal
the same as his last Will and Testament and that he did sign
together with the other Metnapes & H. C. 17th C. Street, H. C. Morgan
Geo L Street and G. L Street all signed the same as
Metnapes in the presence and at the request the said Wm
Hooper had in the presence of Cook & Star and that the said
Wm Hooper was of sound mind and disposing memory.
I now hand subscribe before me on the 1st of January 1848
My heart this 1st day of July 1848 Wm L. Morgan C. H.
Dated this the 1st day of July 1848 Wm L. Morgan C. H.

William P. Dunham's Will

The State of Alabama Dallas County

William P. Dunham of the County and State aforesaid
being now of feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind
and memory, and being desirous also of the uninterrupted
of human life do make, declare and publish
the following as and for my last Will and Testament.
First - It is my Will and desire, that my executors hereafter
named shall as speedily as practicable, consisteth with the
interest of my estate and the paying my credits, pay off, and
discharge all the valid and just debts against me.
Second - It is further my Will and desire that my
plantation be kept up, and my negroes kept together
and worked, thenceon with all necessary stock implements
and utensiles for that purpose until such time as my
children be come of age, or until such time as a person
may from some other cause become irresponsible and
incompetent, and after the payment of all my debts it is
my Will that the rest proceeds and profits of my said plan-
tation, be divided annually into three equal parts, one part
of said Will profits to be for my beloved Wife, and one third
part for my children each, the one third part of said proceeds
to which my wife shall be entitled, shall during her widow-
hood, be paid to her annually, and in the event of her
sole and exclusive use and benefit for and whilst separate
estate and to be in no manner intermixed, and to the extent liable
to the children aforesaid, liabilities or control in
any future husband, she may have in said benefits
and authorizes and impowers to pay said profits proceed-
ing in case she shall hereafter marry into her own han-