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Lewis Tidwell? Will
The State of Alabama Sacred County, I Lewis Tidwell being
feebler of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory make
Constitute and declare this my last will and testament. I desire
that my body shall be decently interred, at the cost of my estate.
Secondly, That all my just debts be paid by my Executor as soon
as practicable. Thirdly, I will and bequeath to my trusty friend
Lorenzo Griffin of the State and County aforesaid, my negro Woman Fanny
with her future increase of any but upon this Trust the just and
strict fulfilment of which is confided to his honour and in-
tegrity; That as the matter of the said Fanny, he will Command
Guard and protect her according to his own sense of Justice humanity
and propriety; and that he will permit her to all and enjoy with out mo-
lestation the fruits and emoluments of her own Labor, so long as she
may live; and if it be her wish that he will allow her to go to some
State where domestic slavery does not exist, and take with her any
children she may have; if she should here after have any. But if she
prefers remaining where she is, that she be permitted to do so I trust
that my friend Mr Griffin will take all rightful and proper steps
to ensure the fulfilment of my wishes in relation to the said Fanny.
I am fully apprised that in bequeathing her to him as I do he will
be under no legal Compulsion to respect my wishes respecting her.
Yet I have full confidence that my wishes thus expressed, will not
be disregarded. If Fanny should become Mr Griffin he is requested
earnestly so to provide, that my wishes respecting her and her issue
should then be my in future, shall be strictly carried into effect;
that she and any Child or Children she may here after have be
permitted to enjoy the fruits of their own labour during life, and be
permitted if desired, and it be practicable, to remove to some
State where slavery does not exist. Fourthly I will and bequeath
to the said Lorenzo Griffin even the life of the said Fanny or so long
as she may remain in this State my house and lot in the town of
Selma, with the appurtenances; and that the said Fanny be permitted
to occupy it so long as she may wish; and and if it be leased
or rented, that the said Fanny be permitted to have enjoy the proceeds
after defraying the expenses of necessary repairs and taxes on the
death of the said Fanny or her removal from this State, then the
said house and lot to descend and belong to rightful heirs then
living. Fifthly, the remainder of my Estate of what ever Kind
(after the payment of my debts), I will and bequeath to my brothers
David & and Charles M. Tidwell to be equally divided between
them with out adul if practicable. Lastly I appoint my
said friend Lorenzo Griffin Executor of this my last will
requesting at the last favour I will probably ever ask of him
that he will accept the appointment which it is hoped and
believed he will not find onerous. Given under my hand

in Selma in the State and County aforesaid, the twenty fifth day of October
A.D. Eighteen hundred and forty five
Signed by Lewis Thamm and acknowledged by him - Lewis Thamm
as his last will and Testament the date above written
in the presence of the under signed Witnesses the 10th line from the top of the first
page obliterated before the execution Wm M. Lapley Wm H. Lee James
Hall, State of Alabama Dallas County Personally appeared in open Court
William H. Lee & James Hall two of the Quorum being witnesses to the foregoing
will who being duly sworn depose and saith that they saw Lewis Thamm in
the testator sign seal and duly execute as and for his last will & Testame-
ment that said Testator was of sound mind & disposing memory at the
time of executing the same & that they these deponents and Wm M. Lapley
signed the same as witnesses in the presence of and at the request of said
Testator and in the presence of each other on the day and year therein
mentioned Wm H. Lee James Hall, Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this 19 day of October 1845 Not a Notary, Clerk of Court
Recorded 21st October 1845 Not a Notary, Clerk of Court

Bartholomew Smith's will
In the name of God Amen

I Bartholomew Smith
of the County of Dallas and State of Alabama, being full
in health and in the expectation of death but sound in mind
and in full possession of my reason do hereby and herein most
ordain and declare on this nineteenth day of June A.D. 1845
this my last will and Testament, revoking all others
Item 1st My body I desire to be decently interred in the
public burial ground at Selma upon a square of ground
which I desire my Executors to be hereinafter appointed, to
purchase and handsomely enclose, my soul I commend to God
trusting for its reunion with the body at the last day and
its everlasting salvation to the merits of Jesus Christ
Lord to whom be glory and honor forever and ever Amen
Item 2nd I desire all the expenses necessary for my funeral to be paid
paid and then I direct and hereby authorize the payment of One
Thousand dollars to Mrs. Perry Ann Wall to be by her appoin-
ted to the purchase of suitable monuments to be placed on
the remains of my first wife and her infant son and the erect-
ing of the same with a handsome railing of Iron should the
said sum of One Thousand dollars be not sufficient I hereby
give to the said Mrs. Perry Ann Wall power to draw upon
my Executors for the sum which may be wanting after the
One thousand dollars have been expended and hereby direct my
Executors to pay said balance The inscription on the monument
I leave to the direction and taste of the said Mrs. Wall