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344 This day witnesseth unto me by division or sale as he may  
think proper to make distribution of my estate during or by the  
third cleare of my wife, the witness whereof I have caused to  
set my hand and seal this the Twenty first day of July  
Eighteen hundred and forty six, at the town of Bell (S.C.)  
Signed sealed in our presence by the testator and by us substituted  
in his presence & in the presence of each other N.L. Gifford  
E.S. Morris, H.L. Bowden, State Carolina Edgewood  
District Personally appeared before me C.J. Morris who being  
duly sworn in the name of Almighty God deposith  
that he was present and saw Catherine Hill sign seal and  
acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be and contain  
her last will and testament and that the said Catherine  
Hill was then a sound disposing mind memory and understanding  
to the best of his dependents knowledge and belief over that he together  
with N.L. Gifford & H.L. Bowden signed their names as  
witnesses at the request of the testator in her presence and in  
the presence of each other same time preceding. John A.  
Nicholson Notary Public the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1848 At the office of Dr.  
Shawlee (See Minutes C. S. 1848)

11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1848. Wm. C. Hume atts.

At the day of God above named Wm. C. Hume  
of Bluffton being in sound mind and knowing  
the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life  
of the world and declare this to be in this will  
and testament. First I desire my seal unto  
the hands of Almighty God. Having now living  
in a number of my years by the mercies and  
mediation of dear Christ. And my body  
removed to the earth to be decently buried. My  
children all having been married and have  
left me except my daughter Sarah Bluffton,  
and the custody of the son and attorney of  
my daughter Sarah Bluffton to me in my old age  
I give and bequeath to her the following negroes  
(to Mrs. Rosier, a Negro girl about fifty five (55)  
years of age, and her boy child named Joe,  
who is forty years of age. Dey about twenty  
two (22) years of age, and her girl child  
Honey about four (4) years of age. I also  
give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Bluffton  
the tract of land on which my house and  
residence now is being the south east of the  
East half (42) of the South West quarter (74)

of Section Twenty Six (26) of Township Twenty One (11) of Range Eleven  
W<sup>E</sup>. Containing about Twenty Six (26) Acres and all the improvements  
thereon thereunto belonging with all my bedding and  
house hold and kitchen furniture which may  
consist at my pleasure I also give and bequeath to my daughter  
Sarah Statler all my Stock of every kind, so one horse, two  
Cows sheep etc. I also give and bequeath to Jacob Underwood  
of Pleasant Hill Adams County Co. Negro boy by the name of Jack  
about three years of age to be his servant and apprentices  
I do further give for the said negro boy a sum of money equal  
to his daughters Mary Jane Zimmerman I desire the Negro boy shall not my  
daughter go into the hands of Cain Underwood as master to  
remain in the hands of the Deceased Sarah Statler until my  
Grand Daughter Mary Jane Zimmerman shall marry or come of  
the age of Twenty One years then the boy shall then be free unto her  
she is to be the sole executrix of the estate of Mary Jane Zimmerman  
or Martha her Master Mary and the Negro boy in her Stock  
will then go in to the widow Abigail Higginson the wife of James Higginson  
and in Case Abigail Higginson shall die before time the boy  
Shall then come back to my daughter Mary Jane Zimmerman  
and remain for ever. I do further give and bequeath to my  
Son (26) Acres of Land in the South End of Eighty Acres I  
leave now in the possession of my Son Abram Underwood  
to be sold at my death and the same to be sold off to  
the payment of my Rent and your just expenses and  
the residue of what I leave shall be left evenly divided between  
all my children. And lastly I do hereby bequeath and  
appoint my Friends Green Underwood and Allen Smith  
executors of this my last Will and Testament. At witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal  
this day of 1848. Martha A. Statler, Sealed  
Sealed and declared is and for the last will and  
testament of the person named Martha Statler witness whereof  
Sam H. Butter, H. H. Butter, H. G. Clegg,

The State of Alabama Dallas County Special Commissioner  
11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1848 Personalty appraised in open Court, Thomas  
H. Butter one of the Subscribers witness to the within Will  
not being able fully to make affidavit and certify thereto  
Martha Statler the testatrix Sealed and said will  
as and for her last Will and Testament, and that H. H.  
Butter and H. G. Clegg also signers the same, Subscribed  
Witness thereto and that he this deponent, and said H. H.  
Butter and H. G. Clegg signed the same in the presence  
of and at the County of said testator and in the presence of  
each other on the day and year above mentioned  
and that said testator was of sound mind and

346, and dispensing memory at the time of executing said will  
James H. Butler - Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of Nov 1848. Thos. Wm. C. H.  
333 I declare this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848. Thos. Wm. C. H.

Adam Ledlow, M. D.,  
In the name of God Amen. I Adam Ledlow,  
of the County of Dallas, and State of Alabama being in  
a low state of health or body, but sound in mind  
and memory, thanks be to God, Am now ready to  
make my last will and testament in manner and form as  
following. First, as soon after my decease as conveniently  
can be done & I wish all my just debts to be  
paid and if my debts cannot be paid without selling  
my property to do so I wish my land to be sold for  
that purpose, and a sufficient sum made. And after all  
my just debts, anything I do give to my blind  
wife, Obedience Ledlow, all land & my part and  
proportion of the Remainder of my estate both  
real and personal to her and to hold the same  
during her natural life or widowhood and after  
her decease or marriage of my said wife  
obedience Ledlow, I give and bequeath to William  
A. Stipe & certain Negro girls named Scappy and the  
H. D. Rose I give and bequeath a certain Negro  
boy named Hodie. After the death of my wife as aforesaid  
I wish all the land & stock household & other property  
to belonging to my estate, excepting the Negroes left above  
to the Negroes, they to be divided among them  
in the land now subject to be divided in the year  
1848 to be drawn for by my heirs of the Name of  
Ledlow. To Wit to my son Louis Ledlow & give and  
bequeath one of the said lots above mentioned but to  
be held in trust by William Thompson on a Augt. 1<sup>st</sup> 1848  
birth of the County of Tuscaloosa and State of Alabama  
and in the event of his death or removal of my  
son Louis Ledlow but not to be held by the said Trust  
in trust, for the sole use and benefit of my son Louis  
Ledlow during his natural life, and after his death  
to be equally divided between his children and to  
my son Adam & Ledlow. I give and bequeath one  
lot of the young lots above mentioned. But shall be  
held with each a Child or Children I will apportion  
part or lot of my estate to be equally divided