

requests of the said Vestator on the day and year therein
expressed. (Signed) Curtis D. Ivy
Sworn to and Subscribed in open court before me this
31st day of May 1832. James D. Gray, Clerk
Recorded the 7th day of June 1832.
James D. Gray, Clerk

Martha Vaper's Will

State of Alabama Dallas County. In the name of God
Amen. Be it Remembered that I Martha Vaper of the County
and State aforesaid being of Sound mind and disposing Memory
but in declining health, and mindful of my Mortality, think
proper by this my last Will and Testament to make the following
disposition of such worldly property as it has been my fortune to possess
Viz - Item 1st My will and desire is that after my death, my five
negro Slaves, namely a girl Floo, a boy Sam, a boy Thomas, a girl
Dinner and a boy Henry and their increase be and remain with my
dear mother Samarah Vaper, Subject to such use and controul as
my Executors hereinafter mentioned may direct as most beneficial to
the objects of this bequest, until my nephew Lawrence Augustus
Davis shall attain to the age of twenty one years, or until my
Niece Ann Caroline Davis shall be married which ever event may
first happen. Then my further will and desire is that said negro
property or such part thereof as may then be in existence shall
be divided into two equal parts, one of which by these presents
I give and bequeath to my said nephew Lawrence A. and the other to my
said Niece Ann Caroline, and to the lawful issue of their respective
bodies if any to be possessed and enjoyed by them forever, Subject however
to the directions, Conditions and Limitations hereinafter expressed
that is to say that the right and interest in and to the Slaves
aforesaid be and enure to the proper use and benefit of said Lawrence
A. and Ann Caroline jointly, until the happening of one or the
other of the events as above contemplated; and that if previous
or subsequent to such event, either of them should die without
having and bearing at the time of such death lawful issue of
his or her body, then and after that event, all the negro property
aforesaid with the entire interest therein to be and accrue to the sep-
arate uses, and absolute ownership of the survivor of said Legatees
and the lawful issue of his or her body if any; but if both said Legatees
shall die, the last survivor leaving, at the time of his or her death no
lawful issue of his or her body, then and in that event only
I give and bequeath all the aforesaid negro property which may
then be in existence, and by the terms of this bequest belonging

to such Survivor previous to and at the time of such death to my said Mother Samariah Vasser, to have and enjoy during the residue of her natural life if then in being. But shall she not survive the survivor of the two Legates first mentioned or if she should from and after her death, in either of said latter events, then my farther will and bequest is that the residue of said negro property, with the increase thereof, be, secure and accrue to the proper use and benefit of my Brother Dr John E Vasser, and my Sister Francis Rebecca Mulhouse for ever to be equally divided between them or their respective heirs. Item I also give and bequeath to my said Mother Samariah Vasser my three other negro Slaves, namely a woman Anakey a man Sam and a girl Charlotte, to have, possess and enjoy during the term of her natural life, and from and after her death by these presents I give and bequeath, said Slaves and their increase to my said Stephen & niece Lawrence Augustus Davis and Ann Caroline Davis, and the lawful issue of their respective bodies or to the survivor or between my said Stephen and niece, if both or either of them should survive my said Mother, the same to be possessed and enjoyed by them and the lawful issue of their respective bodies as aforesaid for ever Subject however to the same directions Conditions and limitations as are prescribed in the first Item of these bequests respecting the Slaves thereby given and bequeathed to the same Legates except with regard to my said Mother, and as far as the same are applicable to this Item of my bequests, so that in the same event or events, by the happening of which my said Brother Dr John E Vasser, my Sister Rebecca Mulhouse, are created legates in respect to the Slaves mentioned in the said first Item of my bequests, they are also, by these presents created Legates in respect to the other three Slaves and their increase as described in this Item and in the event of their title thus accruing to said three Slaves then last mentioned they and their respective heirs are to possess and enjoy the same forever in equal part between them as is directed in respect to the other Item. My farther Will and desire is, that the Horses and Mares known as my property, if not disposed of in my lifetime be sold shortly after my death, by my Executors on such terms as they may deem proper, and that the proceeds of said Sales be retained and appropriated by my said Executors to the separate use and benefit of my said niece Ann Caroline Davis according to their direction. And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Brother Dr John E Vasser and my brother-in-law Philip Mulhouse, my true and only Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Signed sealed and published by me before this 27th day of October A.D. 1835 in presence of (Signed) Martha S Vasser (Dr John Smith, Wm Foster Reuben Abbott (Probate) The State of Alabama. Callad Cornette personally appeared in open Court the within named William Foster one of the subscribing witnesses.

to the foregoing last will and testament, who being duly sworn on
Oath said that he saw the within named Martha Vasey the Testatrix
whose name is thereto subscribed sign seal and execute the same as and
for her last will and testament, that she was of sound mind
and disposing memory at the time of executing the same, that
he signed the same in presence of and at the request of the
Testator, and that he saw John Singley and Houben Hafford the other
subscribing witnesses sign the same in presence of and at the
request of the Testator on the day and year therein named. Sworn
to and subscribed in open court this 18th day of June 1832.
Test Richd Clinton Judge of Circuit. J. Foster

Probate taken on the foregoing will and it orders to be
Recorded see minutes 73 page 263 Recorded 27 June 1832

James H Gray Jr

A Collins' Will

The last Will and Testament of Arthur Collins of Dallas
County and State of Alabama. Arthur Collins of the County
and State aforesaid Considering the uncertainty of this mortal
life and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be Almighty
God for the same) do make make and publish this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)
first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Collins
all my household and Kitchen furniture of every kind and descrip-
tion Consisting of Beds, chairs, Tables, Glasses, Pots, ovens, Pails, tubs
furthermore all my stock of horses, sheep, cattle, also all my plantation
tools or implements of Husbandry of every kind and description
to have and to hold to her own proper use forever. Item I give and
bequeath unto my said Wife Martha Collins, the following tracts or
parcels of lands situate and being in the county of Dallas and State
of Alabama Generally known and distinguished according to the offi-
cial Plats of the Survey of the said Lands in the State of Alabama
returned to the General Land office by the Surveyor General (viz) the
North East Quarter of Section two in Township thirteen of Range eleven
Containing one hundred and sixty two acres and twenty hundredths of an
acre; the East half of the South East quarter of Section Twenty
five in Township fourteen of Range eleven Containing Eighty acres
the West half of the South East quarter of Section thirty five in
Township fourteen of Range eleven Containing Eighty acres, to have
and to hold to her own proper use and benefit during the Minority
or Legal infancy of my son Wiley Collins. And if my said son
Wiley Collins should die in his minority that is before the said
Wiley Collins is twenty one years old then and in that case, to have
and to hold to her my said Wife Martha Collins to her and to her heirs