

Eighteen hundred and thirty seven Henry (Hops) (Dec)
deceased died in the presence of
Adam Brantley, Asa Ham, Hordrupfield, John Campbell
Appendix - I now still being in my perfect mind and
memory and after reflection and deliberation, I make
the following alterations in my last will and testament
(made the third day of the present month, 1837) My lands
are to remain in free possession of My wife Sarah until
her death, and then they are to be equally divided between
my two youngest sons Henry Lewis and Obadiah
Leonard Gibson. And all the other gifts and distributions
now before mentioned are to remain as they are expressed
In witness whereof I have subscribed My name and
affixed My now seal the eighteenth day of January
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty seven
affixed and acknowledged in the presence of Henry (Hops) (Dec)
W. J. Morris, Le Roy P. Patton
The foregoing will was admitted to probate and ordered
to be recorded, per Minutes of page 93.
Charles W. August 1837
James D. Craig clk

Michael St. Remond's Will

The State of Alabama, Dallas County, I Michael
St. Remond of the State and County aforesaid being of sound
mind and of sound and disposing memory, do hereby
wish to make a final and complete arrangement for the disposal
of my property and the proper settlement of my
affairs after my decease, do for those purposes hereby
make, publish and declare this my last will and
testament. And for the purpose of carrying into effect the
provisions hereinafter made, I appoint My wife Eliza
Remond, My daughter, and My kinsman Col. Thomas Remond
of Dallas County, and My friends Genl. Gilbert Shuman
of Selma, President of the Court of the City
of Mobile and Doctor James Threault of Monroe County,
Georgia, or such of them as may consent and be legally
qualified to act herein, My Executors. The majority of
of said persons hereby appointed including my said
daughter or the majority of such of them as may consent
and be legally qualified to act in pursuance of this appoint-
ment shall have and to such majority as hereby
granted all the powers and discretion which may be
conferred upon the Executor of this County, and

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Collectively, except as hereinafter excepted, and the acts of such
Majority, shall be as proper, binding and effectual, as if the
Whole Number of persons above appointed had expressly concurred
in and assented to such act or acts of such Majority, except
as otherwise expressly excepted. To avoid repetition of the
term Executors the word executors will hereinafter be used
to mean and include my wife above appointed Executors
as well as the other persons above appointed, except in cases
in which it is intended to exclude her actions, and in such
cases the term Male Executors will be used and in such
cases the Majority or such Male Executors shall be competent
to act as above provided. It is my will and desire that
all Just and legal Claims against me be settled and
paid off as soon as convenient, and in making provision
for the payment of my debts my Executors are requested
to pay in the first place what I may be owing Mr. Isaac
Curtis of New York, and that provision be made for the pay-
ment of my debts without interfering with the property
I may bequeath to my said wife Eliza, as I desire that
she shall have such property free and without in any
manner being disturbed by my wife Eliza. I leave for
her own special use, and have fit forever, the plantation
on which I am residing, which I purchased of Mr. John
Candler together with all household and kitchen
furnitures my family Carriage and Carriage Horses,
all plantation utensils, and the live stock which may
be on said plantation at the time of my decease, with such
Number of Mules and Work Horses as may be amply
sufficient for the Cultivations of said plantation, and the
Worth of the provisions on hand and of
the crop which may be growing on said plantation at
the time of my decease, as may be necessary for the proper
support of my wife and family and supplying them with
articles of necessity for the space of one year. And for
the purpose of supplying my wife with so much money as
she may require for her personal necessity and convenience
for a time, I bequeath her the sum of five hundred dol-
lars in cash to be paid as soon as practicable and at
such time as she may desire. I further give and bequeath
to my said wife Eliza the thirty five next following
named Slaves, which formerly belonged to her, together
with their future increase, that is to say Hannah
and her eleven children, Minney, Spencer, Jack, Jim,
Daniel, Dallas, Toney, Phereby, Hal, Frederick and
Nestly and his wife and husband of said Hannah. And

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Milly and her son Viz: Amy, Lang, Oskar, Harry, Peggy,
Selma, Dick, Pelina, Andy and Let. also Margaret and
her two children Hampton and Miken also Malinda and
her four children, Maria, Jane, Laura and Prince.
also Sarah, Edenburgh and a Woman known as old
Let, together with their future increase is expressed. To
My daughter Ann Eliza I give and bequeath a negro
boy called John Shoppard aged about fifteen years
to My son Michael I, a negro boy called John, son of
Rhody, and to My son Uriah I give and bequeath a
negro boy called Morgan, also a Son of Rhody. I desire
that my next three named Slaves may be sold, so soon
as my Executors may deem it proper and advisable viz:
Leona Westly (not the Westly bequeathed to my wife) and
John Johnson: and should my Executors think it proper
and advisable under the circumstances which may present
themselves, they are also authorized to sell two other of my
Slaves at such time as they may think proper, viz, Cornelius
and Edward, with regard to my faithful servant John
Thomas Parker by trade, my will is that he be permitted
to carry on his trade at such places as my Executors may deem most suitable
on his own account, and that my Executors afford him such
pecuniary aid as he may need in procuring a Shop and
implements of trade, requiring him to pay from time to time
such portion of what he may earn as they may think proper
to direct; and when the sum thus paid by him shall
amount to what my Executors may esteem a moderate
and reasonable value for the said John, taking into con-
sideration the sum or sums advanced him, if he should
continue to conduct himself in a proper and becoming
manner, it is my will and desire that he be liberated
and my Executors are authorized and requested to adopt
such means as well in their opinion most properly
and effectually secure to him his free dom. The Blooded
horses I own viz: Quarter Girls, Hanna Luca, two
Paint Colt and a Sorrel Mare called Cate and Mall
I'll Colt by her side, a Leviathan filly five years old
out of Quarter girl and Cate a fine Blooded mare of the
Singleton Stock, my Executors are requested to sell at such
times and in such manner as they may deem most proper.
Besides these I own the half of Farming ham and Parabe
the other half is owned by Mr. Oliver I believe who
resides in New Orleans, before selling my interest
in these two horses I request, that my Executors if prac-
ticable may wait until they see Mr. Oliver or where else

May own the other half of these houses. I Own in the city of
 Mobile, a valuable Cotton press and lands adjoining. Which
 I purchased of Col George I Walker. Before I purchased
 said property, of Col Walker he had by Mortgage or deed of trust
 given a lien on it to certain persons to secure the payments of a
 large sum of money, owing by him. I have fully paid him for
 the property, and he is bound to release it from said lien and all in-
 cumbrance, and he ~~is~~ as partial. As partial security for this object, he
 gives me a mortgage on his plantations in Dallas County. My Executors
 are authorized and authorized and requested to take such measures
 if any should be necessary as in their judgments may be most proper
 and best calculated to ensure the proper fulfilment of said
 Walker's obligations relating to this property. I also own in the
 City of Mobile two lots on Royal and Monroe Streets, which
 I purchased of Mr J M Estlin, the titles to which have not
 been made complete to me. I give my Executors full power
 and discretion to sell and dispose of my real Estate in Mobile
 or such part thereof as they may think advisable to sell
 at such times, in such manner and on such terms as to them
 may appear most advantageous and advisable. And until
 such ^{time} as said real Estate may be sold, I desire that it may be let
 on the most advantageous terms, securing the rent of the cotton
 press to be paid, in the months of February, April and July.
 In renting the Cotton Press, I desire my Executors for the next
 year, and longer if they should consider it advisable, to hire
 to the person renting said Cotton Press, to be employed at it
 twenty five or my able bodied Negro men, the hire to terminate
 on the first of July, and the negroes after that time, or as soon
 as the usual months of sickness) removed to some healthful situa-
 tion to be hired or otherwise employed the balance of the year
 or until it may be thought advisable to have them again
 employed at the Cotton Press as aforesaid. I own in the Cho-
 ctaw County, so called, between 2500 and three thousand acres of
 land, which I purchased in company with Mr James Sewell.
 The certificates from the land office are in his name but I
 have purchased his interests in these lands and he has agreed
 to me the certificates. I also have his deed of conveyance
 for the land. I desire that these lands may remain in sole
 for the benefit of my children or at least until they are
 divided among my children. The division not to take place
 until one or more of them marry or arrive at the age of
 twenty one years. After the payment of all my debts and
 legal debts and except the property above bequeathed to my
 wife, all the residue of my Estate of whatever kind whether
 real personal or mixed and wherever to be found in or

out of the United States Which I May own and possess at the time of My decease or Which May at any time hereafter be possessed or received. I give and bequeath to My daughter Ann Beliza and to my two Sons Michael it, and Abisha, equally and to their heirs and assigns forever. The property thus bequeathed to my said three children it is My will and desire May remain in common and undivided until such time, as one or more of them shall marry, or shall arrive at the age of twenty one years. In either of Which events if the one Marrying or arriving at the age of twenty one years should desire her or his portion of this bequest, separate and divided, then and in this case it is My desire that the division be made in the most just and equitable manner all things to each of My children as near as may be, their equal part of My Estate bequeathed to them, taking into consideration the sums or amounts Which Prior to said divisions may have been advanced or expended in their maintenance and education of each. Until such time as the division of the property bequeathed to my children shall take place it is My desire that so many of My Slaves as have not been otherwise disposed of and My personal effects shall be kept together if it shall appear practicable, and that the interests of my children would be thereby promoted and for this purpose My Male Executors are empowered to purchase on the joint interest of said children, with any means belonging to them, a tract of land or plantations of proper size for the purpose of employing said negroes thereon for the benefit of my said children jointly, and to make such arrangements for proper management and cultivation of said plantation and employ such person or persons to manage and superintend the same as they may deem necessary and proper. My personal My Executors may here to which my said children may be settled upon and above what may be desired for their proper maintenance and education, I desire may be invested in stock of the bank of the United States, should their be such bank in existence and operation, provided it can be done on fair and equitable terms, if such investment cannot be made then let the investments be made in such other stock as may be considered entirely secure and will bear a proper rate of interest. I desire that my Male Executors may be guardians to my sons and take the entire control of their conduct and education. I own or am justly entitled to between six and seven ^{thousand} acres of land in Texas to the regard to which I hereby invest my Executors with full power and discretions trusting that they will

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adopt such measures as they may deem best and may seem
to them best calculated to secure the titles to these lands or
make them profitable to my children. And for this and all
other purposes pertaining to, or growing out of this instrument
they are authorized to appoint and employ such agent or agents,
attorney or attorneys, at law as they may think proper, allowing
and paying what they may consider just and adequate compensation,
with full power to institute and maintain a suit or
suits at law or in Equity, giving the said agent or agents, attorney
or attorneys such power and discretion as in the opinion of
my Executors, may be needful and proper, and the act or acts of
such agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, if authorized by my
Executors, shall be as proper and effectual as if done by
my Executors, jointly and in person. I have a claim for eight
thousand dollars for money advanced Col. James W. Hannon, a
late of Texas, no part of said money having been refunded.
My Executors are requested to give this claim early and suitable
attention. A memorandum of it will be found among my papers.
All acts in this instrument required or authorized to be done
and the manner of performing such acts, (except where the
manner may herein be designated). I give my Executors full
power to do and perform without the necessity of applying for
or obtaining judicial orders, having the fullest confidence
that my Executors will in all respects be actuated and
controlled by a desire to guard and promote in the best
possible manner the interests hereby committed to them. In
testimony whereof I the said Michael & Hannon have set
yet my hand and affixed my Seal this fifteenth day of July,
A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty seven, and of the independ-
ence of the United States of America, the sixty second
Year.

M. J. Hannon Seal

Executed and published, By said
Michael & Hannon in the presence of
Lewis J. Moore - Archibald Fair, Isaac Moore

The foregoing will was admitted to probate, and ordered
to be recorded, Los Minutos 9 page 145.

Recorded 1st September 1837

James D. Craig cl^k