

Estimable Will

In the name of God, amen, I resign my soul to God, and commit my body to the dust from whence it emanated, and being now of sound mind and disposing memory, and not knowing when or how soon it may please Almighty God to take me from this world, I think it best to make a proper disposition of my property in the form of a will, and do now stand and declare this to be my last will and Testament. 1st It is my wish and desire that all my just debts be paid. 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucia Andrews one thousand dollars, to be invested in good property (Lands or negroes) by whomsoever she may select to purchase said property for her, and said property so purchased is to belong to my said daughter Lucia and to her children and issue of her body, and not to be liable or subject to her husband's debts or contracts in any form or manner whatsoever, but she is to have said property in her possession for her own proper use and benefit. 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Allen one thousand dollars to be invested in good property (Lands or negroes) by whomsoever she may select to purchase said property for her, and the said property so purchased is to belong to my said daughter Eliza during her natural life and then at her death to her two sons William Charles Allen, and Henry Augustus Allen, and if she marries the said property is not to be liable or subject to her husband's debts or contracts in any manner whatsoever, and she is to have said property so purchased in her possession for her own proper use and benefit. 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret, G. M. Mullard one negro girl named Maria and her increase and one negro boy named Parrell, and if my said daughter Margaret marries and have children, the said negroes and their increase is to belong to my said daughter Margaret during her natural life, and at her death to belong to her children, the issue of her body, but the above named negroes with their increase is not to be liable or subject to her husband's debts or contracts in any form or manner whatsoever, and she is to have said negroes and the increase thereof in her possession

for her own proper use and benefit 5th I give
and bequeath to my son William Willard Ten
dollars to be paid out of estate, 6th I give and
bequeath to my son Nathaniel. W. Willard Ten
dollars to be paid out of my estate (my reason for
giving my two sons so small an amount is
that I have given them their full share pre-
vious to this time.) 7th I give and bequeath
to my Wife Frances Willard the following man-
nerly property to wit, one negro man Abel, one
woman Betty, and one girl Alabama, and
their increase all my beds and bedding, house
hold and kitchen furniture, horses, hogs and
cattle, and one Carryall wagon to her during
her natural life, and at her death, the above
named negro girl Alabama and her increase
with two hundred dollars is to belong to my
daughter Margaret F. Willard, and if she mar-
ries to her children the issue of her body, but the
said negro girl and her increase is not to be
liable or subject to her husband's debt or contract
in any form or manner whatsoever, and she is
to have the said negro girl with her increase
in her possession for her own proper use and
benefit - all the balance at my Wife's death to
be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided
between my three daughters (viz) Fientia An-
drews, Eliza S. Allen, and Margaret F. Willard
- and for the purpose of carrying the above
into effect I do hereby appoint James McInnis
my executor and he will accept the office
intentional, In Testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and seal this 25th day of December
1848
Nathaniel Willard

Witness

James W. Kelly

James S. Senior

The State of Alabama Dallas County, Orphans
Court, July Term A.D. 1849. Personally appeared
in open Court James W. Kelly on the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing will of Nathaniel Willard
who being first duly sworn depose and say that
he saw Nathaniel Willard the testator sign and
seal and deliver said will as and for his last
will and testament and that said testator

was of sound mind and disposing memory at the
time of executing the same that he this Dependant
signed the same as a witness thereto in the presence
of said testator and at his request, and that he saw
the other witness James S. Lenoir sign the same
in the presence and at the request of said testator
and in the presence of each other on the day and
year therein named. James W. Kelly, Son of
and subscribed before you in open Court this 30 day
of July 1849 Jas W. Kelly

Read duly this 30 day of July ad 1849
Jas W. Kelly

Sarah Catherine Berry Will.

The State of Alabama Dallas County
I Sarah Catherine Berry being weak of body but of
sound mind and understanding do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form
following Viz- 1st I Will that all of my debts and
annual 24 pieces be paid out of the money that I
may have, or that may be owing to me at my death;
and the balance (if any) of said and bequeath to my
Sister Susan S. Berry. I also give and bequeath
to my Sister a slave woman called Negro Mary by the
Name of Erasmus and one Negro Girl by the Name
of Malvina, together with all other property I may have
at my death not mentioning I nominate Executor
and sufficient, James M. Lenoir, Executor of this my
last Will and Testament, hereby giving full power
and power with my me at any time made.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th May 1849
Teste J. Sarah Catherine Berry Seal
John A. Negro, J. B. M. Lenoir

The State of Alabama Dallas County Clerk's Court
July Term 1849. Personally appeared in Court
John Lewis B. M. Lenoir, One of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the foregoing Will of Sarah Catherine Berry who
first being duly sworn, deposes that he saw Sarah
Catherine Berry the testator sign and seal said
Will as and for her last Will and Testament and that
said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory
at the time of executing the same that he this Dependant
signed the same as a witness thereto in the presence of
said testator and at her request and that he saw