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To the Clerk of Dallas County Ala.
Dear friend;

after my respects, these lines
will inform you that Noah Dykes died in
your County some time in the year 1832 &
made a will & had it recorded in Cahoon
Sir you will oblige your unacquainted friends
if you will be so condescending as to give
me all the particulars in regard to that will
I want to know how much he settled on his
daughter Sonannah, and in what way
if her heirs can come at it, his daughter
married Royal she died about 13 years ago
Royal married again he Royal died some
time during this year their intention is
to put the oldest children out, I married
one of the oldest heirs, Sonannah, Dykes
Heirs please give me all the particulars in relat
to that will I am a poor & a very infirm man
& I want my wife to have her rights that is
I want to know if the old man Noah Dykes settled his
property on her heirs, I think she had a Negro Woman
& some money I do not know how much let Dykes
you say & oblige your obt. servt. E. P. & family

Respectfully at Remick Lee County Georgia

When the said Mary was married before the attainder of
1790. Should this will be void the said Mary, to be
years or is married, then the property so herein bequeathed to her, to be
equally divided between the children of said sister Mary & Lenoir
I desire that my Executors shall not let the said Lenoir so bequeathed
as aforesaid, be separated or scattered but have them kept and worked
together. And if the property herein left to Mary Matilda Lenoir
shall not yield as much or be equal to the said Lenoir Pitts
Lenoir, the proceeds of the property of both to be equally divided until
the said Mary Matilda's part shall be as productive as the said
Lenoir's part. For the purpose of carrying the above into effect, and
having the fullest confidence in James M. Lenoir and Mary
Lenoir, I hereby appoint them my Executors and hope they
will accept the appointment. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of March 1832.
Witness my hand John C. Perry (signed) Geo. W. Pitts Seal

The State of Alabama Dallas County, Personally
appeared an open Court the above named James Lenoir, one of
the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing deed who being duly sworn
on oath said that he saw the above named George W. Pitts the
Testator sign seal and duly execute said instrument as and for
his last will and testament, that the said Testator was of sound
mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the same
and that he signed the same in presence of, and at the request
of the said Testator, and in presence of John C. Perry the other
subscribing witness, and that said Perry subscribed the same in
presence of and at the request of the Testator and in presence
of the deponent on the day and year therein named.
Sworn to in open Court before signed James Lenoir
on this 2nd day of March 1832 James Lenoir
Recorded the 7th day of March 1832.

James Lenoir

Probate was taken upon the last will and testament of
Joah Sykes and the same ordered to be recorded see
minute the page 260 - which is in the words and figures
following to wit - The State of Alabama Dallas County
In the name of God Amen. I Joah Sykes of the county
and State aforesaid being of sound mind but of feeble body
and wishing to prepare for coming events do make ordain
and decree this my last will and testament viz; I will
bequeath and devise to my trusty friend Lewis Johnson
his Executors and administrators my three negroes, Hannah
and her son Ben, and Violet, upon trust nevertheless that

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the said Lewis Johnson as Executor and administrator shall and will hold the said Negro Woman Hannah and her Son Ben for the sole use benefit and enjoyment of my daughter Lucy Keaton during her life and shall allow the said negroes to remain in the possession and subject to the control of my daughter Lucy Keaton during her life, and at the death of my daughter shall convey the said negroes Hannah and her Son Ben into the future in case of Hannah to the heirs of the body of my daughter Lucy Keaton and that the said Lewis Johnson will hold the said negroes

benefit and enjoyment of her and shall allow the same and subject to the use of her life, and at the death of her heirs and administrators and her future daughter I desire that the same have no heirs of her body and devise to my daughter and her heirs and administrators and that all the above shall be sold the proceeds be equally divided and I desire to them that both my real and personal property shall be divided as above. Thereby and Lewis Johnson as executor to this my will hereunto and seal my hand and seal this 24th day of March 1844

Witness of said Lewis Johnson and other the day and date above. J. M. Calhoun Personally appeared in and for the subscribers witnesses of the foregoing will who being duly sworn depose and testify that he saw the above named Sarah Dykes whose name is thereto subscribed sign seal and enter the same stand for her last will and testament and that the said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the same and that he the deponent together with John C. Dean and J. M. Calhoun the other subscribing witnesses thereto signed the same in presence of and at the

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To the Clerk of Dallas County Ala.
Dear friend

after my respects, these lines will inform you that Noah Dykes died in your County some time in the year 1832. Made a will & had it recorded in the Court. As you will oblige your unacquainted friend if you will be so condescending as to give me all the particulars in regard to that will and how divided I want to know how much the Settles or his daughter Sordannah, and in what way if her heirs can come at it, his daughter Maria Royal she died about 12 years ago Royal married again, he Royal died some time during this year. Their intention is to cut the the oldest children out, I mean one of the oldest heirs Sordannah Dykes. Please give me all the particulars in relation to that will. I am a poor & a very infirm man & I want my wife to have her rights that is all I want to know if the old man Noah Dykes a woman property on her him, I think she had a Negro Woman & some money I do not know how much but I think you do. & oblige your old friend E. J. Searcy

Witness at Remick Lee County Ala. the foregoing will who being duly sworn depose and testify that he saw the above named Sarah Dykes whose name is thereto subscribed sign seal and enter the same stand for her last will and testament and that the said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the same and that he the deponent together with John C. Dean and J. M. Calhoun the other subscribing witnesses thereto signed the same in presence of and at the

the said Lewis Johnson his Executor and administrator shall and well hold the said negro woman Hannah and her son Ben for the sole use benefit and enjoyment of my daughter Lacey Keaton during her life and shall allow the said negroes to remain in the possession and subject to the controul of my daughter Lacey Keaton during her life and at the death of my daughter shall convey the said negroes Hannah and her son Ben and the future increase of Hannah & the heirs of the body of my daughter Lacey Keaton And that the said Lewis Johnson his Executor and Administrator shall and will hold the said negro woman Violet in trust for the sole use benefit and enjoyment of my daughter Susan Sykes during her life and shall allow the said negro Violet to remain in the possession and subject to the controul of my said daughter Susan during her life and at the death of my said daughter Susan the said trustee his Executors & administrators shall convey the said negro woman Violet and her future increase to the heirs of the body of my daughter Susan in that may then be and should my daughter Susan have no heirs of her body then to the heirs of the body of my daughter Susan that may then be & further will be made and devise to my daughter Susan by her and her Executors & administrators and assigns forever all my estate of Cow cattle and two hundred dollars in money & further will and desire that all the balance of my property not mentioned above shall be sold by my Executors hereafter named and the proceeds be equally divided between my two daughters Lacey and Susan to them their heirs and assigns forever Unto that both my real and personal property not otherwise bequeathed specifically shall be sold by my Executors and the proceeds divided as above. Thereby constitute and appoint my true friend Lewis Johnson and my son in law James Keaton my Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this fourteenth day of July A.D. 1830 signed & sealed & signed Signed and sealed in presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of Noah Sykes and at his request and in presence of each other the day and year above written. John C. Beard Clerk I. J. W. Northam Medd State of Arkansas & Dallas County. Personally appeared in open Court Clerk I J. W. one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will who being duly sworn depose and testify that he saw the above named Noah Sykes whose name is thereto subscribed sign seal and execute the same as and for his last Will and Testament and that the said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the same and that he the deponent together with John C. Beard and J. W. Northam the other subscribing witnesses thereto signed the same in presence of and at the

requests of the said Testator 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 Control 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