

John Campbell's Will

The State of Alabama Dallas County In view of the uncertainty of life, and of my approaching dissolution, being feeble of health, yet of sound mind, and wishing to make suitable provision for my wife, and children herein after mentioned. I John Campbell of the County and State aforesaid hereby make public and declare this my last will and testament. In the first place, it is my will and desire that all just and legal debts which I may be owing at the time of my decease, if I shall then be owing any, shall be paid - In the next place I will and bequeath to my wife, Nancy two mules, one horse & my buggy the household furniture and as much of my stock of Hogs Cattle and Sheep as she may want at the time of dismission - also one negro man Lee and a woman Raster and three also one Yoke of Stear and Carte Kitchen furniture, and the sum of One Thousand Dollars to be paid her by my Executor, to purchase a homestead and also ample provisions for next year. I give and bequeath to my eldest son James Campbell one negro woman Dector and Child, and a boy named Henry, to whom I have hitherto given eight hundred dollars in cash provided he pay to my Executor the sum of two hundred dollars on the delivery of said negroes. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia Williams a negro boy named Ben to whom I have hitherto given a negro girl Roda, and other articles of personal worth one hundred dollars - also the amount of five hundred dollars to be paid her by my Executor, which said negroes I give for her own special benefit during her natural life, and afterwards to her children - I give and bequeath, as I have hitherto done, to my daughter Jane Rivine, a negro boy Jerry, and cash one thousand and fifty dollars, to whom said negro and money has hitherto been advanced I give and bequeath to my daughter Mahala Malley a negro girl Sarah and a mother named Harriet, which have hitherto been advanced to her also the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executor, which said negroes and money I give for her own special benefit during her natural life, and afterwards to her children - I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary A Reddingfield a negro Boy named Abram and a girl Theng, which have hitherto been advanced to her, also the sum of Two hundred & fifty dollars to be paid to her by my Executor - I give and bequeath to my son John W Campbell a negro boy Alfred and a girl Catharine and the sum of One hundred dollars, to be paid him by my Executor. I give and bequeath to my son Robert F Campbell a negro boy Antony and a girl Sally and the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid him by my Executor I give and bequeath to my son George W Campbell a negro boy Calvin and a woman Charety & her Child - and the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid him by my Executor. I give and bequeath to my youngest son William H Campbell a negro girl or girl