

Say that they saw Jacob Stewart the testator sign his
and execute said Will as & for his last Will & Testament that
said testator was of sound Mind & Desposing Memory at this
time of executing the same that they these Deponents James
& Stephen signed the same as witnesses in presence of and at
the request of said testator in the presence of each other on
the day & year above named. Notation Stephen Samuel H. Gilmer
Subscribed & subscribed before me on this 23rd day of October A.D. 1800. James W. Black, C.R.A.

Thomas Arnold's Will

The State of Alabama Dallas County. The last Will
and Testament of Thomas Arnold, I Considring the
Uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind
and memory do make, and Publish this my last Will
and Testament in manner and forme following that is
to say & First I bequeath my soul to God who gave it
Secondly I will that immediately after my decease my property
be sold enough of my personal property to pay all my just
debts and funeral expenses. Thirdly I will that my
Beloved wife Mary Arnold shall have all my estate
both Real and Personal during her natural life, and
after her death I give it to my children herein after
named. I give to my Daughter Anne H. Franklin and her
heirs for ever all the land belonging to me which land
I believe is worth something more than the lands I
have given to my other children, but it is my will that
they should have it for the trouble and expence the said
Anne H. Franklin has had and will have with me my
wife, and several other Servant Slaves belonging to me
and it is my will that said slaves be sustained by said
Anne H. Franklin after the death of my self and wife.
The distribution that I have heretofore made among my
children I think to be Equal and just. I will that
immediately after the death of my wife, Mary my executors
proceed to make an Equal division of my personal property
With the following exception and first my daughter
Temperance Ross and Family have had the use of Three
Hundred Dollars more than I have given to the rest of my
children it is my will that said three hundred dollars be
included in their part of the division of my personal Estate
and secondly I give two hundred pounds to my daughter
Sarah Ross and the lawful children of her body
one half the part of my personal Estate during the natural

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life of my daughter Sarah P. King which is a life Estate and I
appoint Anne H. Franklin and John H. Franklin Trustees in behalf
of my daughter Sarah P. King and her lawful Children and it is also
by My Will that the above Named Trustees ammediately after the division
of my Personal Estate to proceed to sell the said one fifth of my Estate
and put the same to interest and that my daughter Sarah P. King
Not to receive any thing but the interest of said one fifth during her
natural life and after her death said proceeds to be Equally divided
among the lawful children of her body. It is my Will that Williams
B. Arnold Thomas H. Arnold Temperance West and Anna H. Franklin
have an equal division in the remaining four quarters of my Personal
Estate with the exception of the three hundred Dollars I have already
named which Temperance West and Arnold has had, and it further
appoint Anne H. Franklin and John H. Franklin my Executors
to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former
Wills by me made, In witness whereof I have executed this my
hand and seal this the Eleventh day of December one thousand
Eight hundred and Forty Three. — J. H. Arnold Esq.
Signed Sealed and Published and declared by the above named
Thomas Arnold to be his last Will and Testament in presence of
us All at his request and in his presence have Subscribed our
Names as witness, his Executors this the Eleventh day of Dec: 1843
John Marshall Beale, William Henry Gould, William H. Allen Esq.
The State of Calama Dallas County, Texas before Court of Probate
Dec 1844 personally appeared in open Court William Evans & William
H. Allen two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will
who being first duly sworn depoist & saith that they, saw
Thomas Arnold the Testator sign Seal & execute said Will
and for his last Will & Testament, that said Testator
was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of
executing the same, and that that these deponents signed the
same & witnessed the execution of the same at the request of
and in the presence of said Testator & in the presence of each
other on the day aforesaid Maria Arnold, William Evans
deposited & Subscribed in open Court by William H. Allen
Before me this 8th April 1846 Sasey Blawell

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