

of his natural life. Thirdly, And after his decease I gave
to my three grand children (to wit) Fanny M. Black Mary Black
& Rebecca E. Blake the children of my daughter now Mary
Beddingfield the Lot or parcel of Land I now live on being
a part of the West half of the South West quarter of Section one
Township Southern & Range Eleven of the Lands sold at Cahaba
containing fifty nine acres & $\frac{25}{100}$ of an acre to be equally divided
among them & to be enjoyed by them forever. Fourthly And all
the balance of my estate both real & personal of what nature
or kind soever it may be I give to my grand children that
is the children of my daughter Sarah Beddingfield deceased,
the children of my daughter Amy Campbell and the female
children of my daughter Lucy Boye man to be equally divided
among them & to be enjoyed by them forever. I the Witness
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal
this 22nd day of January A.D. 1840 Thomas B. Carroll (Test)
Signed sealed published and declared as & for the last Will &
Testament of the above named Thomas B. Carroll in presence
of us Thomas Gibson. Athelston Andrews, J. A. S. Harrison
The State of Alabama Dallas County In open Court
this day came Thomas Gibson one of the subscribing
witnesses to the foregoing Will who being duly sworn depose
and saith that he saw the Testator sign seal and execute the
same as and for his last Will and testament that said testator
was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he
executed the same and that he the deponent Athelston Andrews
and J. A. S. Harrison signed the same as witnesses thereto
in presence of and at the request of the said testator and
in presence of each other on the day and year therein
named - Thomas Gibson - Sworn to & Subscribed in
open Court before me this 6th June 1840 James D. Craig, Clk

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James D. Craig, Clk

Thomas Watts' Will

State of Alabama
County of Dallas In the name of God Amen.
I Thomas Watts of the County and State
aforesaid being mindful of my mortality
and of sound mind and disposing memory
do make and publish this my last Will and
testament in manner here following. That

And to say. First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah the following negro slaves namely. Sam a man. Harriet his wife and her child Emily. Jacob a man. Amy his wife and Pleasant her child (a mulatto boy.) Georgia a man, and Mary his wife. Randal a man. Gabriel and Old man and Hannah his wife. Linn and Old woman. Barbary a mulatto girl Edy an old woman and Dawson her son. Mariah a girl Tilda a girl Haze a man. Lee a man and Wulda her wife Cilea a girl Rinda a woman. Beck a woman. Alfred. Ives and Ned three boys who are brothers. Sina a girl. Manda a girl Sam a boy and Anderson a boy. So have and enjoy the ^{use} of the above named slaves and their natural increase to her my said wife during the time of her natural life. Subject to the qualifications here in after expressed.

Second I give and bequeath to my son Simon Andrew Watts as trustee of and for the use of my daughter Julia Ann Watts subject to the qualifications and directions hereinafter mentioned. The following negro slaves namely. Pinkard a man Eliza his wife and Jane & Jefferson her children. Peter a man. Haley his wife and Nelson her child. Moses a man. Nuvy his wife and Robiana Harriette her children Lurisa a girl. Susan a girl. America a girl John a boy Andrew a boy. Ben a boy. Sam a man and Sarah his wife. Lucy an old woman. Caesar a man. Green a boy Polly a woman and Madison her child and Menerva a girl.

Third I give and devise to my said wife Sarah and to my said son Simon as trustees as aforesaid of and for my said daughter Julia Ann to be used for their joint and equal benefit, the entire tract or settlement of land on which I now reside lying on both sides brush creek including my present dwelling and out houses and home plantation consisting of various divisions and subdividing of sections in Township Fourteen Range Eleven in the district of lands sold at Caddo and in said County of Dallas. Containing about Two Thousand, ~~and~~ three hundred acres, together with all the improvements and a pertinencies thereunto belonging. I also give and bequeath to them in like manner, all my household and kitchen furniture of the various descriptions the provisions on hand at the time of my death, my riding Carriage, all the horses and mules on the home plantation the Wagon &c. Cart, all the plantation tools and utensils all the cattle, hogs, sheep &c. on said plantation for the joint and common use (subject to limitations hereinafter expressed) of my said wife Sarah & daughter Julia. I do

by them (possessed) and enjoyed as well the real as personal property and all rents issues and profits by this item disposed of for and during the term of my said Wife's natural life,

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my said Son Simeon A. as Trustee as aforesaid of my said Daughter Julia A. for her separate use, after the death of my said Wife Sarah five choice mules from such as may then be on the plantation the riding carriage the match of Carriage horses in and all the house hold and Kitchen furniture that may be then in use by the family the same to be and remain subject to the qualifications & restrictions hereinafter mentioned. Fifth estate in remainder of my said home plantation and settlement of lands with all the improvements, appurtenances

thereunto belonging, all horses mules stock of cattle hogs sheep and all plantation tools & utensils on hand at the time my said Wife may die not being herein otherwise disposed of. I give bequeath & devise to my Son Edward A. aforesaid to my said Son Simeon as Trustee of my said daughter Julia A. for her separate use and to my said Son Simeon A. in his individual right to be equally divided between them shares and share alike in reference to quantity and quality. The shares or portions of my said Sons intended for their individual use are hereby vested in them. To have and to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever. The share or portion intended by this item for the use of my said daughter I direct to be subject to the qualifications and restrictions hereinafter mentioned.

Sixth I will and direct that my said daughter Julia A. shall be placed for two years more in a good female Academy for the general improvement of her education that the expenses thereof and all my just debts remaining unsatisfied shall be paid out of the proceeds of my present years crop or that which may be on hand at the time of my death, and of the monies to be collected from debts owing to me: Or that if this fund prove insufficient any balance of unpaid debts against my estate I direct shall be discharged out of the proceeds of the subsequent crops which may be raised on my said home plantation as hereinafter provided for. Seventh My Will & directions farther are that all the negro slaves and other personal property above bequeathed to my said Wife Sarah and to the Trustee for the use of my said daughter Julia A. shall by my Executors hereinafter nominated & appointed be kept together and worked or used upon my said home plantation & settlement of lands for and during the term of my said Wife's natural life.

Eighth I further will & direct that all the net proceeds of the entire crops to be raised ^{and} grown as aforesaid on my said home plantation for & during the years eighteen hundred & thirty nine and eighteen hundred and forty together with one half of the net proceeds of all the crops subsequently to be raised or grown during the term of my said Wife's natural life: after paying my remaining balance of debts against my estate as aforesaid and supplying all the various necessities & expenses of my said wife daughter & family shall by my said Executors be put on interest well secured & paid

It So Continued during the term of my said wife's natural life; and after her death and so soon as a final settlement of my estate shall have been effected I direct that this fund be equally divided between my said two sons Edwards T & Simon and my said Daughter Julia A. or their legal Representatives the portion thereof to my said Daughter to be received and applied to her use by her said Trustee as in other cases. Ninth I further well desire & direct that the remaining half of the nett proceeds of all the crops to be made and grown on the said plantation after the year eighteen hundred and forty and during the life of my said wife shall be & inure to the separate use of my said Daughter Julia A. and be paid over by my executors to her said Trustee annually so soon as realized for the purpose aforesaid.

Tenth, Having heretofore given & conveyed to my said son Edward T various tracts & parcels of lands; also given & placed him in possession of his portion of negro slaves horses mules &c I now in addition thereto and other provisions in his favour herein contained give & devise to him all the lands contracted & sold to one by Person Davis whether conveyed or to be conveyed by him which are situated lying & being in Section or Fraction No thirty five in Township sixteen Range Ten also in Fraction Twenty six in said Township sixteen Range Ten both being East of the Ala River, and in said county of Dallas also the South West quarter of Section Twenty eight in Township fourteen Range fourteen in the County of Lovins all in the District of lands sold at Cakawba: To have and to hold to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Eleventh, I give and devise to my said son Simon A in addition to other provisions herein made for him individually the following described tracts or parcels of land viz the North East quarter of Section three in Township fifteen Range Ten the East half of the North West quarter of said Section Three Township fifteen Range Ten the West half of Section Two in the same Township & Range the West half of the South East quarter of the said Section Two in the same Township & Range; the East half of Section thirty four in Township sixteen Range Ten and the East half or division of Fraction Twenty seven East the Ala River in said Township fifteen Range Ten to be divided by a line running North & South through the Center of said Section the other half or division of said Fraction having been conveyed to my said son Edward T. The settlement of lands above described as called & known as the Davis plantation, and is hereby devised to my said son Simon A. To have and to hold to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Twelfth, I give & bequeath to my said son Simon A the following slaves & other personal property viz John a man married his wife and Andrew Peter & Frank her children Matt a man (mima) a woman Mary a girl Joe a boy George a boy Jackson a boy Charity a woman Jiner &

George her children David a man Charles a man Abner an old man, 175
Caroline a girl Louisa a woman & Sophia a girl and Levi & by his children
- on Jack a boy Martha a girl Mingo a boy and Henrich a girl Also
five mules and all the stock of Cattle hogs &c and tools & utensils now
on the said Davess plantation devised as above to this done all to
the property in this item embraced to the proper use benefit and behoof
of him the said Simeon & his heirs and assigns forever to gather within
a soul more which I also give & bequeath to him in like manner
I also give & bequeath to him my said Son Simeon the net
proceeds of the present years Crop (made & grown on the said Davess
plantations herein devised to him as aforesaid except the sum
of One thousand dollars which I reserve and Charge against
the same for the payment of the Overseers and a part of the
expenses of his education. This tenth. I hereby declare & provide
as qualifications and explanations of all the foregoing Gifts, bequests
and devises to my said Son Simeon, & as trustee of my said Daughter
Julia I. as aforesaid, that all the estates real and personal so created &
declared: together with all rents issues & profits occurring from the same
shall be held managed & applied by my said Son Simeon & in
trust to and for the proper use benefit & behoof of my said Daughter
Julia & and her heirs & assigns forever. Subject however to the
express condition that if my said daughter shall die leaving in
- existence no lawful child or issue of such in that ^{event} & from that time
I give bequeath & devise all the remainder and residue of the estate
real and personal with all the rents issues and profits arising
from the same, which are herein intended to be secured
to her & her heirs as aforesaid, to my said Sons Edward I and Simeon
I. equally to be divided between them or their legal representatives:
To have & to hold to them their heirs & assigns forever.
And as a further qualification of all the foregoing provisions
made & declared for the use & benefit of my said daughter
Julia I. I order and direct that all the property real and
personal and all rents issues and profits which may arise
from the same be and remain to & for the sole & exclusive
use benefit and behoof of my said daughter and her heirs sub-
ject to the foregoing condition in the event of her death
leaving no lawful child or issue of such and that the
same shall at all times be & remain entirely exempt & unincum-
- ed by & from all Contracts or responsibilities of any kind for or on
account of any husband which my said daughter Julia I. may have
should she ever marry and continue subject to the possession
and Contrall of her said Trustee and my Executors untill she
shall attain the age of twenty one years or marry. After either
of these events which may first occur. authority & discretion
is hereby vested in said Trustee to place the said trust property
or any portion thereof in possession of my said daughter the lessee

If my ~~trust~~ to remain subject to her use and direction for the separate & exclusive support benefit and behoof of herself and legitimate Children if any, and to permit the same to remain with her so long only as it shall appear to be safely & judiciously managed for the uses & purposes aforesaid.

Fourteenth All the residue & remainder of my real Estate not herein specifically divided of whatever nature and description and wherever the same may be situate lying or being I also give & devise to my said Sons Edward & and Simeon & individually to be equally divided between them according to quantity & quality To have & to hold to them their heirs & assigns forever. Fifteenth I hereby explain & direct that nothing contained in the above thirteenth item or any other part of this Will shall have the effect or be so construed as to vary the tenure of the Estate or quantity of interest created for the use & benefit of my said Wife and Daughter as expressed and provided in the foregoing third item of this my said Will but the same shall remain subject to the limited tenure as expressed in said third item.

Sixteen I also give and bequeath to my said Sons Edward & Simeon A each one Ham & Six Cows to be taken from my flock of Sheep on my said home plantation and to the latter I also give the Waggon now on the aforesaid Davis plantation. The same to be at any time possessed and enjoyed by them my said Sons respectively.

Seventeenth In as much as my said Son Edward & I heretofore by my assent first occupied and afterwards Contracted and sold to George Givhan of Louds County the following lands to wit the West half of Section Six in Township Thirteen Range Fourteen and the East half of the South East quarter quarter of Section One in Township Thirteen Range Thirteen lying & being in said County of Louds land district of Cahawba and executed his bonds to secure to said Givhan titles to said tracts or parcels of lands, and in as much as the said titles reside in me and my said Son has by delivery transferred to me the notes of said Givhan taken to secure payment of the price or Consideration of said lands. Now Therefore I do hereby Authorise empower and direct my Executors herein after named to make & execute to said Givhan or his assigns a legal and sufficient Conveyance for each of said tracts or parcels of land pursuant to the obligation of said Edward & I and as to indemnify and protect him against the same.

Eighteen I now hereby nominate and appoint my two above named Sons Edward & Simeon & I Executors of this my last Will & Testament with authority to carry into effect all The provisions thereof, hereby revoking all former wills

and Codicils by me at any former time made. In Witness 180
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 31st day
of September in the year of our Lord 1838. Thomas Watts
Test. The above Instrument Consisting of nearly three sheets
or eleven pages having the words "I am a boy in the 16th line of the
1st Item fourteen" (in lieu of eight erased) in the 16th line
10th Item "Limeon &c." in the 1st line 11th Item and manged in
the conclusion of the 13th Item was now here subscribed & sealed
published and declared by the above named Thomas Watts,
the Testator, in the presence of each of us as his last Will
& Testament: and we whose name are under written have at
his request signed our names as Subscribing Witnesses to the
Same in the day & year above written. James ^{his op} Pylant
Estate Pylant, Margaret Pylant, Reuben Saffold

State of Alabama Dallas County Regular Orphans
Court - October Term 1840. Personally appeared in open Court
James Pylant one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will
who being duly sworn saith that he saw Thomas Watts sign
the foregoing instrument purporting to be his last will and
testament and that he was at that time of disposing mind
& memory and that he was called upon to sign said will
as a witness there to. James ^{his} Pylant

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court - Sanford Blum clk
"The foregoing Will was admitted to probate and ordered to
be Recorded see minutes D, page 434 -

Recorded 30th October 1840 -

Sanford Blum clk

John Davis, Will

The State of Alabama Dallas County
In the name of God amen I, John Davis of said
County do hereby make and declare this my last will and
Testament. 1st That all my just debts & charges be paid
2nd I do give to my beloved wife Maryann Davis one Choice bed & Bedding
and furniture one Bay mare named Fanny Also I do leave to my wife two
negro women viz Louiza & Mill during her life or widow hood and at her
marriage or death shall be disposed of as directed hereafter 3rd I do give and
bequeath unto my son Moses Davis the following named negroes York Sally
Boney Claring and Mill together with all their increase and at the death
of the said Moses Davis the above named negroes is to go to Mary Catharin
Mary Jane & John Bradley Davis to be theirs forever. I also give unto
my son John Bradley Davis one horse by name Whisper