

Turner Joy's Will

The last will and testament of Turner Joy do hereby made and expressed by him the day previous to his death in presence of the, subscribing witnesses who were called on to testify thereto, and which was committed to writing the day on which he died, being the 27th July 1837. In the first place (said he the testator) it is my will that all my just outstanding debts be paid of. 2^d. It is my will and wish that the plantations on which I live be left my wife together with my family carriage during her natural life or widowhood, this is done that my wife may have a chance to raise the younger children, but at her death or intermarriage the said land and carriage to be equally divided among my heirs. 3^d. I give my daughter Sarah a negro girl named Joanna, a horse, bridle and saddle, feather bed and furniture, together with one hundred dollars in cash. 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca a negro girl named Mariah, a horse, bridle and saddle, bed and furniture, together with one hundred dollars in cash. 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susannah a negro girl named Charlotte, a horse, bridle and saddle, feather bed and furniture and one hundred dollars in cash. 6th. I give and bequeath to my son William & Joy a negro boy named Shade, a horse, bridle and saddle, feather bed and furniture. 7th. It is my wish and desire that my present growing crop be gathered, one third of which I give to my sons Curtis & Henry, to be sold and after paying out of said proceeds their little debts, the balance to be paid on notes I hold on them for which they are to receive a credit to the amount paid, the notes being for land sold them in the Choctaw Nation & for which titles are to be made. 8th. The remaining part of my property I wish allotted in thirteen equal parcels, or as near equal as practicable, to be valued by three competent persons, after said valuation and allotments, I wish my wife to have choice, the remaining twelve parcels to be drawn for by my heirs. 9th. My River Plantation I wish allotted in parcels, if practicable, if not sold so as to be equally divided among all my heirs according to my views expressed above. 10th. It is my wish that my worthy friends Henry Jordan and George C. Kins act as my Executors to this my last will and

and testament, made and expressed the 26th day of July, 1837
in our presence who subscribe to this instrument the 29th
July 1837. Joseph Coon, Robert W Chambers, Henry Fox & am^{ts}

The foregoing will was admitted to probate and
Ordered to be recorded, see minutes & page 144.
Recorded September the 1st 1837

James Herrick, clk

James Hatcher's Will

"In the name of God amen I James Hatcher of the County
of Dallas & State of Alabama now of sound and disposing mind
but being mindful of my mortality do this in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six make and publish
this my last will and testament in the following manner, that
is to say, First I desire the so much of the perishable part of
my Estate not including Slaves as may be sold or be immediately
sold after my decease as will pay my just debts and funeral
expenses, the Sale to be by executors in such a manner as they
may think proper. Second. After my debts and funeral expenses
are paid it is my will and desire that my property both real
and personal be kept together by my executors as the Common part
of my wife and children to be owned by them in equal
shares in common except as is herein after excepted. Third it is my wish
and desire that Fifty dollars should be paid to my son Robert
together with a negro woman named Polly & family a negro
boy Corian & the proceeds of land which he has already
sold and received their value which negro he has also has
in possession amounting in all to thirty two hundred &
fifty dollars. Fourth it is my will and desire that my daughter
Martha Vaughan besides the negroes which she has received to wit
Sarah and her family and a negro boy named Jerry, receive the
value of eleven hundred & fifty dollars to be laid out in negroes
by my executors and to be kept in trust with them for the use and
benefit of her and her children together with one horse bed and
furniture the said horse and bed having been received together
amounting in all to thirty two hundred & fifty dollars.

Fifth it is my wish and desire that my daughter Ann Holmes
after the negroes which she has received to wit, Malinda & her
children whose names are as follows Priscilla Ellen Soffer & a
young child together with the future increase of said Malinda
received so, boy named Charles, & fourteen hundred & twenty five
dollars to be laid out in negroes by my executors and that said boy
Charles with what negroes the above named Ann may wish
be kept in trust by said executors for the use and benefit of her