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William Cole's Will

"In the name of God Amen I William Cole of the County of Dallas and State of Alabama being mindful of my Mortality to make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First I resign my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and believing in the redemption of my Soul by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ; And my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the direction of my Executors herein after named - And my worldly Estate I give and devise as follows. First I devise and give to my wife Jane Cole all my Estate both real and personal consisting of the farm or tract of land I now live on three Negroes - a man named Henry a woman named Mary & a boy named Henry and four head of horses and my Stock of Hogs & Cows household and Kitchen Furniture and plantation tools of every description to be at her disposal in raising and educating my children (to wit) Mary Polly, John Wesley, Soper Richardson William Riley George Washington and Sarah Jane) until the youngest be comes of age, and thus an equal division to be made between them then living, reserving to their mother her necessary support during her life - but should she die before the youngest be of age, I desire that a reasonable part be reserved to those not of age to raise and educate them and the balance equally divided between them all - And it is also my wish and desire that my wife may, on any of my children being of age or marrying to let them have a part of what may be coming to them if she can conveniently part with it and charge them with the same to be accounted for in a final settlement. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Joseph S. Lee of Autauga County Executor and my wife Jane Cole beatrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other or former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four Signed Sealed and published and declared William Cole (Seal) by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. James Porter, Robert Porter, Soper S. Roundtree Thomas Gilson -

The State of Alabama Dallas County. Personally appeared in Open Court Soper S. Roundtree, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he saw William Cole the Testator whose name is subscribed thereto sign seal deliver and duly execute the same and for him last Will and Testament.

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was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the same and this deponent further saith that he, this deponent, James Porter Robert Porter and Thomas Gibson signed the same as witnesses to the said will, in the presence of the said testator and at his request and in the presence of each other. Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court. 8 Sept 1834 before me

James D Gray clk

Oliver J Rammertree

The foregoing will of W^m Cole was proved & ordered to be recorded, see Minutes 6 page 133. Recorded 3. Oct. 1834

James D Gray clk

Christian & Sumner's will

State of Alabama Dallas County. I Christian & Sumner being of sound mind and feeble health and mindful of death do make this my last will and testament. I resign my soul to my God and Saviour my body to be earth to be decently buried. My property disposed of as follows. I will and bequeath to my Grand Son James S Pounds my land in the State of Georgia Columbia County if not sold or disposed of as I have before directed, and if sold the proceeds therefrom go to the above named James S Pounds. I also give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Christian J. Avery and Christian J. Sumner and Harriet J. Sumner one feather bed and furniture each. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha B. Sumner and her children, after my just debts are paid all my property not mentioned above or otherwise heretofore disposed of viz. Hootens and her child Frank Leazar and Gilbert, my crop of corn and cotton and all my stock of horses cattle and hogs. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son in law John Sumner Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of September 1834 one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Christian & Sumner's Wills signed sealed in the presence of us who signed our names in the presence of each other and of the testator as witnesses. Josephus S. Echols, W. M. Cousan

prohibited & ordered to be recorded, see minutes 6 page 134
Recorded 28. Nov. 1834. Oliver J Gray clk

Mrs Susan Wade's will

State of Alabama Dallas County. In the Name of God Amen I Susan Wade of the State and County aforesaid being in declining health and mindful of my mortality do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made. In the first place I direct that my body be decently interred and my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life. And with regard to my worldly affairs I dispose of them as follows —