

13 Last will and testament and in witness whereof I hereunto
Set my hand and seal this twentieth day of August eighteen
hundred and twenty eight Signed, David Barnett Esq
Test - Archibald Johnson, Frederick Day Signed in presence of me
Warrior Lankford, J.D.

The State of Alabama Dallas County
Personally appeared in open court Warrior Lankford One of the
Subscribing witnesses to the within will and makes oath that
himself Archibald Johnson and Frederick Day the other two sub-
scribing witnesses to the said will signed the same in the presence
and at the request of David Barnett the testator and in the
presence of each other, and that the said David Barnett assigned the
same in their presence, and was of sound and disposing mind
and memory at the time of making and assigning the same
Witness to in open court this 19 day of
September 1828. Jas Gofford Clerk of Court.

Filed in office and recorded 19th Sept
1828. J. Craig Clerk of Court.

Warrior Lankford

In the name of God Amen. I William Martin
Gowles of the State of Alabama and County of Dallas
do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following viz. I do give and
bequeath to my son Thomas M. Gowles my tract of land known
as the blue bluff tract containing of fractions eight
and nine east of Alabama River, and six quarter sections in
section ten adjoining the same, to him and to his heirs forever,
and also all the negroes which he has received from me and
their increase which said six negroes and their increase are to
be valued by three disinterested men - also I give and bequeath
to my daughter Martha Ann, and to her husband Gilbert Shearer
and their heirs forever, the lands on beach creek in his possession,
also the lot in Selma whereon said Shearer lives, with ten shares
in the Selma Company, and any money which I may herebefore
have given him, also all the negroes which I have given to afore-
said daughter and her husband and their future increase
up to the time of my death which negroes and increase up to
the time of my death, are to be valued as directed in the case
of those of my son Thomas M. Gowles. I also direct that out
of the money which may be due to me at my death, the sum
of two hundred dollars shall be paid to Gilbert Shearer
being the amount which he has paid for one quarter section
of the land on beach creek, and also the amount which he
may have to pay for two other quarter sections of said land
which has been relinquished, say the north east 1/4 of sec 32
and north west 1/4 of sec 33, in Township 17 Range 11.

Under the Land Act I give and bequeath to my son John
A. Howells all the land whereon I now live on the west side
of Alabama River, also fractions thirty three on the east side
and to enable him to purchase the fractions four and nine on the
west side of the river, which I have relinquished, I give him
the crop which may be on hand at the time of my death, also
a lot of land in the Town of Selma, containing six and 9/10
acres; also three quarter sections of land on the east side of the
River on Stanley's Creek, also my carriage and horses, and all
stock on the plantation of every kind, together with all tools or
implements of Husbandry, and all kinds of household and
kitchen furniture, also all notes mortgages and bills due to me, and
cash if any. I do hereby request his choice of these in my
possession or families, to be valued ^{directly} as in the other two cases.
Also to my two sons Thomas M. Cowles and John A. Howells jointly
my tract of land on Big Soap Stone Creek whereon I have
mills and also two lots in the Town of Montevallo, to belong to
them and their heirs forever. It is my will and direction, that
all my negroes left on my plantation, after my son John A.
Howells has chosen his thirty, be valued as directed in the other
cases, and the valuation of the four several lots or parcels of
Negroes shall be added together, and the amount of the whole
divided into three parts, so that in the division of my negro
property, each of my heirs shall receive an equal proportion.
It is also my will and direction, that all my lands in
the State Georgia that remain unsold, shall be sold by my
Executors, and the proceeds thereof equally divided between
my heirs. And for the faithful execution of this my last
will and testament, I do hereby nominate and appoint
my two sons Thomas M. Cowles & John A. Howells and my
Son-in-law Gilbert A. Hearer to be my executors.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this fourth day of October in the Year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
eight.

Signed, Thomas M. Cowles (T.M.C.)

Done in the presence of

attest D. H. Burke

Geo. Phillips

John Chandler

The State of Alabama Personally appeared before me
Dallas County James Saffold Judge of County &
Circuit Court in & for the County and State aforesaid, John
Chandler who being duly sworn saith that he saw the testator
sign and seal the foregoing will, and that he the said John
Chandler signed the same as a witness in presence and
in the presence of the said D. H. Burke and Geo. Phillips

55 and Geo Phillips subscribe their names as witnesses
in presence of the testator and in the presence of each
other; and the deponent further says that the testator was
at the time of executing the same of sound mind and
disposing memory. Written and subscribed to before
me Dec. 8th 1838 John Chandler

W. S. Saffold

Recorded Dec. 8th 1838

State of Alabama In the name of God Amen. I James
C.allas County Vassor of said County being sick and
Considering the uncertainty of this life, but of sound memory
and mind, do as to defer of my earthly concerns, do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that
it is say First I give bequeath & devise unto my beloved Sam an oba
a negro woman Elaria, and three boys Hampton, Jesse & Nathan, Sarah
and Leah, to have and to hold as her absolute and unconditional
property; also the quarter section on which I now live during her natural
life and then to be equally divided amongst my lawful heirs. To have and
to hold during her natural life provided that my Daughter Eleanor who
is to be the ultimate proprietor is to have the privilege of remaining
at all times in joint possession during said term. I then to Lawrence
Augustus Davis and Ann Caroline Davis children of my deceased
Daughter, I give and bequeath the negro Anna, Peter, and Louisa
and their mother Hannah to be their sole right, but subject
to my executors management until Lawrence arrives at the age
of 21 years, disallowing all other persons, to interfere with said negro
but my lawful Executors to be hereafter mentioned, and also that
they be educated at the expense of my Estate and when they come
at the age of twenty one years the property above named to be
equally divided between them or in case Caroline should marry before
that time she get her half, and if they die, the property in that case
must revert to my lawful heirs. I then to my Daughter Martha
I give and bequeath the negro girl Charlotte, Sam, Sam, Dinah, Henry,
Oliver and their increase, to, and for her own proper use and benefit
forever. I then to my Daughter Rebecca I give and bequeath a
negro girl Rachel and a boy Frank as her absolute property to be
had and received by her at the time of her marriage. I then I give
and devise to my son Doct. Jos. C. Vassor the S & E of Section 11 in the
Township of and Range 12. which he now occupies to have and to
hold to himself and his heirs in fee simple, and to him also
I give and bequeath forever a negro boy Jonas and Robert.

I then to my son Perry I give and bequeath the 1/2 Quarter
on which Mysses Davis now lives and also a Quarter section
in Range 11 Township 11 known by the name of Fields place. To
have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple and I also