

The State of Alabama

Greene County This day J. M. Thompson

and Alexander appeared in open court
and after being duly sworn said that they
attest the within last will and testament
of Dillard Beasley and that they saw him
sign said instrument and that he ac-
knowledges the same given under my hand

and seal this 14th day of October 1822
Test
J. M. Thompson
Alexander

State of Alabama
Greene County

Orphans Court, Intermediate
Term, September 25th, 1823

Present the Honorable William Murphree, Judge of the
Orphans Court of said County. This day appeared in open Court, Amos
Dumas, and the executors of Joseph Hutton
deceased, and produced the last will and testament, of said Jo-
seph Hutton deceased, and that the body of said will was proved
by the oaths of John Nichols and James Vaughan, two of the
Subscribing witnesses.

State of Alabama, Orphans Court, Intermediate Term, September
25th, 1823.

Ordered by the Court, that the will produced by the
executors of Joseph Hutton deceased, as the last will and testa-
ment, of said Hutton deceased, the body only, first being pro-
ved, by the Oaths of John Nichols, and James Vaughan, his
witnesses having been signed, James Bond, through mistake of
the writer, two of the Subscribing witnesses. be put on
records this 25th day of September 1823.
E. C. Bond & Co. Secy.

Alabama, Greene County, December, 9th 1822.
In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Hutton of State and County
of Ala. being in reasonable health & of sound mind & perfect
memory, do make, execute, & appoint this to be my last
will and testament, in manner and form following, and first
it is my will, that after my funeral expenses are paid, my
just debts be paid out of my estate either by selling
negro hereafter to be named, or otherwise it is also my will
that my wife remain on the plantation I may be living, and
the third of my death, during her natural life, & be sup-
ported together with my minor children on said premises
at her decease, the remainder of my property that is not in-
vested off as hereafter will be liquidated, is to be appraised
and equally divided between my surviving children de-
duced from the shares of my daughters Catherine & Mary to
whom they respectively be bequeathed with in my last will
about \$1000 each, as my married daughters have each
married two negroes each, in justice to my other
children.

Children I have given to these persons to me, viz. Isaac, the
negro man Eliza & John, Abraham, also I give to the son Equella
in addition, to March Parker was left to him by his David Miller
Stations one more he named May-fair & Giv'ple Spillwater For me,
groves boys, viz. Thomas, & Lacey. & to my son Francis married
the negroes, viz. Otha, & Lach. to my daughter Willia. I give two
negro girls, viz. Rebecca, & Motetan, & to my daughter Amelia. I
give, one negro girl, viz. Lidia, & negro boy Sammy, as respects
my negro man Bob, & his wife. Also, for their faithful atten-
tion to me, it is my will that that be settled on some
part of my landed possessions, where they will have good
land to cultivate, & convenient market & be furnished with
a good cow & calf, & horse & trucking, & provisions for one year,
in order that they may be enabled to make, a crop & pay
one hundred dollars in year to my executors hereafter
to be named, for the space of two years if they should live
that length of time, or before that time if either
if either should die within said period, at the receipt
of the above sum by my said executors, over & above
period, it is my will that they be legally emancipated as
they will not be to be to support themselves, more-
over will have paid the price now & when it comes, but
that Eliza not be to have with Bob as his wife, then
sell her to be sold at public auction, her price to go in
to the money that be divided amongst my children equally
as respects, negro Sarah & her future widows, it is my will
that some one or more of my sons, take them for her
& a fair allowance, at the death of their mother.
The said be equally divided amongst all of my
children - themselves drawing an equal share of it
i.e. - my intention is to make my childrens shares
equal & equal, & after the negroes above men-
tioned I shall then equal in any other distribution
if I should desire to give of land, I will it to
be divided between my three sons, Wm, Joseph, & John
Miller & Francis married I will my daughters to
have their shares of negroes at eighteen years of
age, or marriage - I also will that my children, have
marriage, or at full age as the case may be

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some bedding, & bed clothing, & that at the discretion of my executor
at a fair valuation, which is to be kept account of by him, in order
that an equal distribution may be made & preserved, the
Book of charges before alluded to, is my chief part to be
bound, for my minor children, & to be given to be educated
the amt of costs to go to the use of my wife & minor children
while they live & such. - I do hereby appoint Wm, Amos, Simon, William
to whom & my son Joseph, my executor, of this my last will - I
give my wearing apparel to Isaac, & will my executors
while necessary employed in the execution of this will
two dollars each per day, & I do hereby make & annul all
former wills & testaments, by me at any time heretofore
made, and I do declare this to be my last will & annul
made, in witness whereof
I have signed & published
this my last will, as his last
will and testament, in the
presence of us, who at his
request, have his personal
name subscribed our names
in witness whereof
Jacob, Holland
James, Nicholas
James, Ben d
James

Codicil -

Wrote this 28th May 1823. in which I do hereby declare
that in all my will, except the aforesaid, that I am now
about to make, viz. as respects Bob, this wife of Eliza
the law of the land not permitting man & wife as above
intended, I now will that Bob be to belong & be given to
Equella, in the room of May as after from immediately
my May become the residuary property of my estate &
Sarah & her income & be divided according to that Bob
change for March if Equella take do so immediately, and
then become my property, as may do, and be divided accor-
dingly, or otherwise Bob to return or remain my property
& be distributed in like manner, as may Eliza & Amos, &
Willia should decess leaving no heirs of his body
then it is my will that Eliza become the property of

and Josephus this heirs of In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th

W.B. If any of the negroes have to Josephus (Ed)
in full as off the Inlame and
I married to be made to be
made over with some of the
children my negroes Josephus

W.B. The words (immediately) in y & 10 lines
interlined by me before signed. Josephus

manuscript at full age, with

In the Name of God Amen. Charles Coleman of the County of
Missouri and County of Green. Being sick and in
the full of mind and memory I do hereby
make and ordain this my last will and tes-
tament in manner and form following, viz. First I give and
bequeath unto Charles Coleman my son the negro man named
Hart, one negro woman named Linder, one bond man
called Charles Ware. All my stock of cattle & Hogs, my
household and kitchen furniture, my crop of corn and
potatoes and all my plantation tools, also I give
and bequeath unto him my land which I lately pur-
chased together with two hundred dollars in cash, to him
and his heirs forever. I B. I leave the above property and
the lands of John Coleman my son, to Charles Coleman
of age. Secondly, I give the whole of my other property
to be equally divided among all my children, namely
John Robert, Charles, Sarah, Mary, Rebecca, and I say
individual share to be equally divided among the
heirs of Wiley Coleman, deceased. Thirdly, I do my
will and do hereby continue the appointment of
my son John Coleman, and Stephen Cost-
ington of this my, last will and testament
ratifying this my last will and revoking all other
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the twentieth day of December
one thousand eight hundred, & thirty three.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of my
W. C. Hastings
Richard G. Steele
James Carpenter.

State of Missouri Green County.
Circuit Court, Probate Term, January 1844.
It is ordered by the Court that the within
will be received and recorded as the last will of
the testator having been proved by the oath of

and Joseph C. Perkins, and James Carpenter
subscribe Metropes.

W.B. & Attorney Edw. H. Carson Clerk of our said Court
first office, this 28th day January 1824

Edw. H. Carson, C.L.
C.B. & C.

I John H. Carson being of sound and disposing
mind and aware of the uncertainty of life, have thought
fit at this time to make this my will and testament.

It is my wish that all my debts be paid.
Whatsoever may remain in cash after the payment
of my debts I bequeath to my beloved wife to be laid
out in land where her prudence may dictate.
The land thus purchased to be divided in the same
anner my real estate is hereinafter devised.

It is my wish that all my personal property be
distributed equally between my wife and her children
now being at my death. Each child to take its share on
arriving at the age of twenty one years. My daughter
or daughter sooner in case of marriage, pro-
vided they at that time have arrived at the age
of eighteen. My wife's portion to be allotted to her in
the event she marries and at that time. But dur-
ing my longed widowhood and before the children
have arrived at the periods entitling them to their
portions, the property shall remain in common
and the proceeds shall be appropriated to the
support of my wife and the support and educa-
tion of my children, and if there be any bal-
ance to the increase of my estate. And though each
of them arrive at the periods before mentioned
marriage or at full age, yet the same shall

is to receive their allotment, yet the balance is to re-
main in common among those who have not then reached
the period for their allotment.

It is my wish that my children should receive
the advantage of the best education and for this pur-
pose should circumstances render it necessary and
should it be thought advisable by a majority of my
qualified excentors they are authorized to appro-
priate so much of my personal estate as may be
necessary to this object.

And to carry into effect this my will
and testament, I do hereby appoint my beloved wife
Excentrix, my brother James W. Carson and my friends
Gabriel Benson and Ezekiel Perkins my excentors.

It is further my wish that my real estate
be divided in the same manner and be subject to the
same rules with my personal estate except that
my son Thomas Lynch already possessing a suffi-
cient estate in land shall have no part-
icipation in my real estate.

In testimony whereof, I have written
my signature and seal this 21st day of July in the year
of our Lord eight hundred and twenty three.

Done in the presence of John H. Carson
Wm. Murphy
William H. Henry
Ezekiel Perkins

State of Mahoning Green County
Orphans Court October Term 13th October 1823
This day came into Court Ezekiel Perkins one of
the subscribing Metropes to the within will
who being duly sworn deposted and said that he
saw the within named John H. Carson Co.

29 whose name is subscribed thereto, sign, seal, and acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament and that he this deponent subscribes his name as a witness thereto, in the presence of the said John H. Carson, and that he saw the other subscribing witnesses William Murphy and William Kennedy, sign the same in the presence of the said John H. Carson on the day and ^{place} ~~place~~ names, and William Murphy Esq. Judge of the County Court of said County, being one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is ordered by the Court that this the will of John H. Carson, be recorded as the last will and testament of said Carson, Deceased.

Witness Elisha Hurdson Clerk of our said Court, this 13th day October A.D. 1824.

Elisha Hurdson Clerk

30 In the name of God Amen.
I William Speed of the County of Boone & State of Alabama, being mindful of my mortality, do this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord, 1824, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, I give unto my wife Susannah Speed during her widowhood or life time the use of all my State and Household, Lands, Horses, Cattle, and all other of my personal Estate what soever, after paying my debts, and also she is to confide with all my obligations, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Susannah Speed sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, the day (and Year first above written).
Wm. Speed. Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator as and for his last will and testament, in our presence who at his request in his presence, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

West. A. Nelson Esq.

James Anderson Esq.

State of Alabama
Opphans Court - April
Green County Term, 12th April. 1824

It is ordered by the Court, that this the last will and testament of William Speed, Deceased, be received and entered on record, as the Law directs, It first having been proved by the oaths of West. A. Nelson & James B. Anderson, the two subscribing witnesses thereto.

Witness William Murphy, Judge of our said Opphans Court, of said County, this 12th day April 1824.

Attest Elisha Hurdson Clerk.

State of Alabama, Green County.
 September the first one thousand eight hun-
 dred and twenty three.

Wm. H. Hargrave being low in body but in sound
 and perfect mind. Do make and ordain this to be my last
 will and testament.

I then, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Hargrave -
 after my decease all of my real and personal property of
 whatsoever I am possessor of also all debts that are now
 or may be due my estate, I also leave her to be my sole
 and true executrix. In testimony hereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal, the day and date above written.

Wm. H. Hargrave
 J. H. Hargrave
 J. H. Hargrave

William H. Hargrave Esq.

State of Alabama, Orphans Court
 Green County, Subordinate Term

14th day Aug 1823.

This day came into Court John Sharp and
 James Whitson the two subscribing witnesses to their
 the last will and testament of William H. Hargrave
 deceased. And after being duly sworn depose that the
 within instrument of writing is their last will and
 testament of William H. Hargrave deceased. And
 Ordered to be recorded, Attest: Edw. Howard Clerk

State of Alabama, Green County, James Torbert of the County and
 Green County, State aforesaid being in his death
 bed and appearing conscious of his approaching disso-
 lution, called me to his bedside and said he wished to let me
 know how he wished his property disposed of, he said
 James M. Torbert and himself were equal partners
 in the property in Erie, from 1804 to 1808 and that
 he wished his brother J. A. Torbert to settle the Mar-
 cantile business. A short time after which he
 said, I will all my property to my wife, this
 his will was made on the 29th of June 1823
 and he expired two or three hours after it. This
 31st June 1823 J. Howell, L. H. Hargrave

State of Alabama, Orphans Court Subordinate
 Green County, Term, 16th day Dec 1823 -
 Ordered by the Court that the within and copy true
 will of James Torbert, deceased be recorded, it first
 having been proved by the oath of James L. Hargrave
 in open Court. Attest: Edw. Howard Clerk
 of the County Court, of the County of Green
 this 16th day Dec 1823
 Edw. Howard Clerk, Secy. Clk.

In the name of God, Amen, I, William Thompson of
Greenbush, and State of Madison being sick and
weak in body but of sound and perfect sense, disposal
of mind and memory following, then let it be to the Almighty
God for the same, and showing that it is my will
for all to die, do make and order this to be my
last will and testament, in manner & form following,
I, Thos, I recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty
God, that give it me, and my body I resign to its
maker so that to be buried in a Christian like manner
by my surviving friends; and as touching my worldly
estate, which it is the pleasure God to bless me with,
I dispose of in manner and form following (viz).

Now, I give and bequeath unto my son Nicholas
 1. ~~Twenty~~ One bed and furniture, one Carriage, which
 he has now in his possession. —

My dear and beloved daughter Mary & brother
The first box was for you and the second box was for
the first box was for you and the second box was for
the first box was for you and the second box was for

John. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan
McCary one feather bed and furniture, and one Cow
half which she has in her possession.

Thomas one gun and calf and one feather bed
and furniture also one gun (which gun he has at
the time on his possession).

Now, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Char-
ity S. Thompson one feather bed and furniture
of one bow and calf. —

And my will and desire is that my land and negro woman Chell be sold at the discretion of my executor, at any time and in any way that she may think best for the benefit of my family and the money arising therefrom, my will and desire is that she purchase a negro boy with in between the age of fourteen and twenty years, the said boy to be for the benefit of my estate and the balance

of said money to be put to the use of buying land
at any place my executor shall think best, and
should any money be left that arose from the sale
of said negro and land after he has bought land
as afo. my will is that he lay it out in the way he
shall think best for the benefit of my estate.

Now I give and bequeath unto my dear Mother
two W. Thompsons one Gun which I had, I have now
in my possession.

After I read unto my beloved wife and the remainder part of my estate, not already given away, consisting of negroes, house hold & kitchen

Character, and took of all things together with
the money arising from the sale of the afore-
mentioned Land, and all other money that is
due to me, during her natural life. ✓

Now, (at the death of my beloved wife) I give and
bequeath unto my son, Washington D. Thompson
(my negro slave) Caran, and her increase to him
and his heirs for ever—

Here, At the death of my beloved wife, I give
equally unto my two daughters, Sarah & Thompson
and Martha & Thompson my negro girl Jane and

her increase to them and their heirs forever, if their Mother should die, before they arrive of age my will and desire is that the same be sold, and her increase, bekened out and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between them —

News: At the death of my beloved wife, I received bequests unto my son, Phylaxius, I thought my negro boy George to him and his heirs for

At the death of my beloved wife, my
wish and desire is that ~~all~~ my estate should
be given away to be equally divided, be-
tween all my children, to them and their
descendants forever.

Constitute and appoint my lieut.

file I must have done my sole executing -
this my last will and testament to act dis-
cretionally as she thinks proper without being bound
to account for her performance -

In testimony whereof I the aforesaid
Washington hath hereunto set my hand & affixed
my seal the 19th day of February in the year of
our Lord 1824.

I signed & delivered
and acknowledged
in the presence of you
John Thompson
John T. Sharp
John Hinds

Washington Thompson

State of Alabama - Greencounty.

At an Ephraim Court held on the 13th day July
1824 at the Court House for Greencounty, the
last will of Washington Thompson dec^d was
presented into Court by Amasa Thompson
the executor named in the body of the will
for probate, which was proven by the oaths
of J. Thompson, John T. Sharp, and William Hinds
the three subscribing witnesses thereto. It
is ordered that this the last will & testament
of Washington, be rec^d and recorded as the
law directs - Michael William Mayberry
Clerk of the Ephraim Court of said County
this 13th day of July 1824.

Attest
John H. Henson Clerk

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The last will and testament of Peter B. Hurdle
of the County of Leon State of Alabama
I Peter Hurdle, considering the uncertainty of this world
and being of sound mind & memory (being of the
age and being of sound mind & memory) do make and publish this my
last will and testament in manner and form following
that is to say -

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Victoria
Hurdle the household furniture consisting of beds and
bed clothes, tables and all the table furniture, all
the silver plate, dishes & dishes & china also all the
residue of the store consisting of whiskey, sugar,
& coffee -

Item I give and bequeath to my three sons
Hyacinth Hurdle, John Hurdle, and Thomas Hurdle
my wearing apparel I move over to the said John
Hurdle my Great Coat, saddle & bridle, also gun
and bequeath to my friend and relative Thomas
Hick my Gold reflecting inverted speculum -

I name and appoint my son John Hurdle to be
the executor of this my last will and testament -
also I give and bequeath to my said three sons
Hyacinth Hurdle, John Hurdle and Thomas Hurdle
and my beloved wife Victoria Hurdle to be divided
between them in equal share, the following property
Two hundred & eighty acres of land, in the
number one Township of range 4 purchased
General Charles S. Hallman -

Also Two Hundred and five acres of land situated
in the State of Kentucky purchased of J. Meany -
Hereby revoking all former wills by me made -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal, this 3rd day of July 1824
Signed, sealed, published & declared
by the above named Peter B. Hurdle
to be his last will & testament in
presence of us who have hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses
in the presence of the testator -

John B. Haylen
Thos. J. J. J.
J. J. J.

At the State of Alabama - Greencounty
Ephraim Court, in term held on August 5th

It is ordered by the Court that this will be
Recorded as the last will & testament of Peter
Hartel deceased, of first having been sworn by
the oath of John B. Nepler and Nicholas
Gedwards, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto
William M. Mason, Sheriff of the County of
San Francisco, this 13th day of August 1874

Attest
John B. Nepler Clerk

State of Missouri, Jefferson county

In the name of God, Amen I John D. Shibe of the
County of Jefferson, State of Missouri, make and declare this my
last will and testament in manner and form following.
First I give to my son John Shibe my negro man
Daniel this be his forever, I also to my wife Mary the half
quarter section of land on which I now live during
her natural life of my widow I then I give the same
to my son Lehan and his heirs forever, I also my
household furniture, and all my stock of
cattle, I at the death to be equally divided among
my five daughters, Nancy Thompson, Mary Metter, Mary
White, Eliza Brada & Nancy Shibe and their heirs
forever, I also give to my son Lehan one negro boy
Samuel Sol, to be delivered to him when he arrives
to the age of twenty one, by my executor, I also give
to my son Martin one negro boy named Isaac
or hundred & twenty dollars in money in my
own with interest till he comes to twenty one years of
age - I also give to my son Frederick the half
quarter section of land lying west of the one now
owned by me I also give my negro woman named
Peg to the said son Frederick, all of which
shall be delivered to him by my executor within
twenty one years of age -
I also give my youngest daughter, Jane or
negro girl, Bessie and one feather bed to my
executor when she is eighteen years of age to be
married -
I also my daughter, Mary White one hundred dollars
to be paid to her by my executor one year after my
death, I also give to my daughter Eliza Brada, my
son Lehan at my death, I also give my two daughters
Nancy Thompson, Mary Metter, fifty dollars in money
to be paid them by my executor one year after my
death, I also all that I have, horses, hogs, everything I
own to my wife Mary during her and our joint
natural life.

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and then give the same to be equally divided
among my three youngest sons, Sebor, Matthew & Thomas
and I hereby appoint my son John R. H. my
Executor of this my last will & testament.

In Witness whereof I hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal, this 27th day December
1834.
Charles Cooke Clerk

Published & signed
declared in the presence
of as and in the last
will & testament of John R.
Cooke; revoking all former
wills made by him.
James H. Henson.
Thomas J. May
W. M. Meador

State of Missouri, Randolph.

Offices Court, Circuit Court,
January 25th A.D. 1835

Personally came into Court James H. Henson, Thomas
J. May and William Meador, the three subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing Will, who made oath
that they saw John R. Cooke sign, seal, & publish
the same, to be his last Will and testament
and that they signed the same, as subscribing
Witnesses in the presence of the testator, and
in the presence of each other.

Given to in open Court, and ordered to be recor-
ded, this 25th January 1835.

Attest Geo. H. Meador Clerk

In the name of God amen
I, Isaac or Thompson who being at this time in a very
low state of health but of sound memory and calling to
mind the mortality of my body, that it is appointed me
for all to die, I think proper to dispose of my worldly matters
as follows: First I would resign my soul to God that give it
my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors
and to my worldly estate that it has pleased God
to bless me with I dispose in manner and a form as
follows my negro Peter I desire that my father and
mother may have the service of during their lifetime
then to be divided between my full brothers and sisters my
horse called Brown I give to my brother Daniel Thompson a
another horse named Bob saddle & bridle I give to my brother
Isaac Thompson a young mare colt I give to my brother John
Wicklyable Thompson named Sweeper my old mare sportsman
I give to my father and mother my stock of hogs con-
sisting of sows, pigs and barrows and sheats I give the use to
my father and mother and my stock of cattle I desire
to continue with my father and mother having the use
of them as my sisters should marry to have their part
given them so that they may have equally alike in division
these two already married of to have their part given them
now my white horse I desire to be left to the use of my father
and family my crop of corn I desire that my father my
hard - also fifty Dollars I have lent to William Lewis to be
equally divided between my sisters and Mr Lewis to have
his part in proportion with them also fifty dollars I want
my father to be equally divide between my brothers Dan-
iel Isaac and John Thompson I desire that as I have
before taken my father to have one taking advice the other
to be divided between the boys the name Daniel, Isaac
John Thompson and I desire that my just debt
all be paid for which I ordain and appoint my brother
John Thompson and Daniel Thompson my whole
and sole executors for the same this my last will and
testament given and acknowledged and signed in presence
of this 27th day of July 1834