

That in my death after my death or to her death as may be convenient
my children, namely, shall dispose of so much of my personal property
as may be necessary to purchase a tract of land to contain as big then or
quicker than is now then in full value which was purchased by my executor
shall be to the use and benefit of my wife and family to live and reside on and
be supported from the term of five years from my death, at the end and
expiration of which term if my young wife Polly Coleman Cooke shall
have the ability of carrying out third part of said tract of land to occupy
live on and enjoy for the term of her natural life without paying or receiving
of any rent thereon, and the remainder of said tract of land my executor
shall sell and divide equally among all my children the proceeds thereof
my executor shall also let the choice of my wife live and dispose of the one
third part which she may see suitable as above mentioned and make equal
distribution of the proceeds of the same among the whole of my children
as the remaining part above mentioned; But if my wife Polly Coleman
Cooke shall at the end of five years from my death prefer having the
one third of the proceeds of the sale of said tract of land instead of the
third part of the said tract of land for life as above mentioned then
and in that case my executor shall proceed and make sale of the whole
of said tract of land and pay one third part of the proceeds thereof
to my wife Polly Coleman Cooke and divide the remainder equally among
the whole of my children as above mentioned. And if it is my will that the
whole remainder of my property after paying for the above mentioned tract of land
of a certain tract or description it may consist shall be kept together and
used and employed by my executor for and during the term of five years
from my death the entire proceeds of profits of the same during the said term of
five years to be applied by my executor to the payment of my debts the support
of my family the schooling of my two sons William and Charles and the
payment of a legacy of five hundred dollars hereinafter mentioned.
Lastly, I will give and bequeath to my son James Thomas Cooke
the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid by my executor
into the guardianship of my said son at the end of five years from my death and
to be by him applied to the use and only purpose of educating my said son
and I do hereby certify and declare that the said sum of five hundred
dollars is given as above to my said son James Thomas Cooke
and to be used and above his equal share of my property to be divided and disposed
of at the time and in the manner hereinbefore mentioned.

And it is my Will that the whole of my property which shall
remain at the end of five years from my death after paying my debts support
ing my family and paying the legacy to my son James Thomas Cooke with
the proceeds of the sale of said land, never been mentioned and in the disposition of
which I have already made provision shall be divided and disposed of among
my son William Cooke, my beloved wife Polly Coleman Cooke and my
said son James Cooke as the whole of the entire
remains, to hold and possess and enjoy for and during the term of her natural
life and at her death with all interest to be divided equally among the whole
of my children. The remainder of my property after my wife shall have received
her one third part as before mentioned to be fairly and equally divided among
the whole of my children. In conclusion I suppose & declare that my son
John Cooke and my son in law George Frederickson are not of the age
last will and testament I also nominate and constitute my son John
Cooke Guardian of all my infant children James and my said son and his
this 31st day of August A.D. 1827

Witness my hand and seal
James T. Cooke
Polly T. Cooke
James T. Cooke
George Frederickson

State of Arkansas, County of Craig, 17th day of October 1827
This day we produced into your Court the last will and testament
of John W. Cooke deceased and are sworn by the oath of Francis
J. Galt, James T. Cooke and George Frederickson that of the subscribing
Witnesses to the said will and Order to be records at the last will
in testament of the said John W. Cooke deceased.
Witness this 13th day of October 1827
John W. Henderson Clerk

Will
Dury & Wade

State of Alabama, Greene County.

I Dury & Wade of the County & State
of Alabama, considering the uncertainty of this life, dead being
of sound recollection and good mind, but wishing in body health
do constitute and make this my last will & testament
and do hereby make and appoint Dury & Wade my true
Executors and Verminick Sanders Executor of this
my last will & testament. And is as follows.

I do bequeath to my daughter, Winifred, one female
slave 13 or 16 years of age.

I also bequeath to my two sons, John, James and my daughter
Susan, the same amount of property with which I have
already given them, as I have heretofore given my daughter El-
izabeth Burkle.

Then the remainder of my property both real & personal and
all the debts that are owed me, is to be kept in one general
stock in the possession of my wife, to assist her in raising
and educating my children which is not of age as yet.
My sons, John, Wiley, Socrates, Jefferson & Sarah, &
as they successively come of age they are to draw the same
amount of property out of that stock as I have given my daugh-
ter Elizabeth Burkle. Then at the death of my surviving
wife the residue is to be equally divided between all of my chil-
dren, provided my wife & her wishes to marry, Jefferson is
she does so, then she shall be a general dividend of all my property
both real & personal, and she is to take an equal share
with all of my children. And further bequeath to my grand
son Thomas one female slave by the name of Eliza
and I do further authorize my Executors and Executor, to collect
all debts that are due, and pay all debts which are

Witness my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day of February
1838.

In presence of
J. H. Watson
Francis Thomas
Verminick Sanders

D. P. Wade

Woman by the name of Cephars Court
negro boy by the name of March from 10th day 1838
by the name of A. This day the within will of
by the name of A. was produced into open Court, and
negro boy by the name of A. by the oath of J. H. Watson & Francis
Thomas & Verminick Sanders to the same, &
being to be recorded.

Attest John H. Watson Clerk

Will of
John Butler

By the will of John Butler, I being
being now in my right mind and memory, and knowing
it is approaching for all men to die, I make this my last will
and testament. I first commit my soul to God. This I give it
and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors
secondly, I wish all my just debts to be paid, I give to
my daughter, Liddy Lighter one negro woman named, Tabitha
one negro boy named George, one negro boy named William
to belong to her & the heirs of her body, one negro woman
named Charlotte, one named Rachel, I give to my beloved
daughter Polly and the heirs of her body, and also one half
of my property I give to my daughter Polly, and the balance of
my property consisting of some some mags, some
some furniture to be sold, after paying my just
debts, the balance to be equally divided among my children
to wit, John, Isaac & Nathaniel Butler, and Susan Mary
I do hereby appoint John Lighter and John May my Executors
of my last will & testament, in witness whereof I have
set my hand and seal.

Attest John H. Watson Clerk, Special view Aug 22
1838
This will was sworn by the oath of John May & ordered
to be recorded.
Attest John H. Watson Clerk

Will of Joshua Roden

State of Alabama July Fifth 1828

Green County In the name of God Amen

Being in a weak state of health though in sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life I make the following my last Will and Testament (To wit) I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Charity the following property (to wit)

All the tract of land on which I now live together with the Mills on said land and all the house hold and kitchen furniture together with all the farming tools and stock of hogs and three work horses and half the stock of cattle the balance of the stock and one

negro woman by the name of Daphney to be sold to pay my just debts. I also leave and bequeath to my beloved wife one negro

man by the name of George and one by the name of Aaron and

negro woman by the name of Gin all of which she is to have during her natural life or widowhood I then wish my beloved

sons Theodore and Joshua to have out of the land the following piece (to wit) the North west Quarter of Section eleven Township seven

two Range two east also the east half of the North west Quarter of the same same section Township and Range all for them to have

equal portion of the rest of the property that may be on hand at the expiration of their mother's life or widowhood I also desire to be

to my son and negro boy by the name of David I leave also to my daughter Elizabeth Oldham one negro woman by the name of Jilpha I have also given to my daughter Liza and a negro

man by the name of

County
State
being
by birth

Woman by the name of Baty I also bequeath to my daughter Lacy a negro boy by the name of Peter and to my daughter Silasie Ann negro girl by the name of Annea I also leave and bequeath to my son Lewis a negro boy by the name of Ben I also leave and bequeath to my son Charles a negro boy by the name of George and to Harriet my daughter a negro boy by the name of Mose I also wish all the property I have left to my beloved wife at the expiration of her life or widowhood to be equally divided all my children except my daughter Elizabeth Oldham as I think I have given her what is right I also except the land left to Theodore and Joshua my sons and wish them to have an equal portion with the rest besides the land left to them It is my reason that I do appoint my son John C Roden & my son in law Peter Oldham as Executors to this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of Vincent Lee
Elihu Smith
Sathna Roden

Recorded 12th August 1828

The State of Alabama At an ex parte secret held Greene County in the County aforesaid on the eleventh day of August 1828 (called the expiration term of said Court) present the honorable Thomas H. Moody Judge of said Court The following was made & entered (viz) The will of Joshua Roden being presented by Peter S. Oldham one of the executors to the Court for probate thereof & Eliza on one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being duly sworn depone that he was present at the time said will was executed that he it appeared by said Roden in his life time & on the date thereof in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses that the said Roden declared it to be his last will & testament & that the said Roden was of sound mind at the time the said will was executed. Ordered by the Court that the said will be given & recorded accordingly to law & true copy from the minutes of said Court

Attest Eliza on Clerk
John Longmire In the name of God Amen I John Longmire of the district Edgefield and State of South Carolina being in a weak state of health but of sound mind and memory do ordain and make this my last will and testament First I wish and desire to be buried in a Christian and decent manner and secondly my just debts to be paid and the remainder to be in my wife as long as she lives and at her death to be divided among three surviving children equally and fairly and lastly my

Complete effect in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this eleventh day of September in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight
signs seals and acknowledges as his last will and testament
in the presence of us

Edward Day

John Longmire

Henderson Wade

South Carolina { By John Simpkins Esqr. ordinary personally appears
Edgefield District { before me Edward Day & Henderson Wade who
being duly sworn do make oath and say that they saw John Longmire
sign seal publish and declare the within to be and contain his last
Will and testament that he the said John Longmire was then of sound
disposing mind & memory and understanding to the best of these
deponents knowledge belief and that the said Edward Day and
Henderson Wade sign their names as witnesses thereto at the
request of the testator and in his presence at the same time qualified
John Longmire Executor to the within. Given under my hand at
my Office the 6th day of October 1828

John Simpkins
C. & D.

South Carolina { I John Simpkins Judge of the Court of
Edgefield District { Ordinary in and for the district aforesaid
do hereby Certify that the within instrument of writing is a
true copy taken from the original will of John Longmire Esqr.
and given under my hand and private seal of office this being no other
than the 24th day of June 1828

John Simpkins
C. & D.

State of South Carolina

I & H Bay are of the special Judges
of the Courts of General sessions and common pleas for the State aforesaid
do hereby Certify unto all to whom these presents shall come to view
made known that John Simpkins Esqr. who subscribes the opposite
Certification is Judge of the Court of Edgefield of the district of
Edgefield in the State aforesaid. That all due faith and credit
are and ought to be given to his signature as such and that
his said Certificate is in due form

Given under my hand this
thirtieth day of June Anno Domini 1828

E. H. Bay

Recorded 12th August 1828 { 30th June 1828

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The State of Alabama { At an orphan's court held
Greene County { on the eleventh day of August
1828 called the August term of said court present
the Honorable Thomas S. Moody Esqr. Judge of said court
The following order was made & entered, (viz):
"Ordered by the court that the copy of the will
of John Longmire deceased presented by Thomas Day
son of John Longmire as authenticated & certified
from the records of Edgefield District & State of
South Carolina be received & recorded"
A true copy from the minutes of
said court Attest J. H. Freese or clerk

The State of Alabama { At an orphan's court held
Greene County { on the 13th day of October 1828
called the October term of said court present
the Honorable Thomas S. Moody Esqr. Judge of said
court The following order was made & entered
(viz) Ordered by the court that the copy of the will
of John Gray (deceased) of the District of Abbeville
& State of South Carolina presented by Arthur
Gray, as authenticated from the records of Abbeville
District of the State of South Carolina be
received & admitted to record

A true copy from the minutes
Attest J. H. Freese or clerk

Will of John Gray { In the name of God amen I John Gray
of the District of Abbeville and State of South
Carolina being in health of body and of sound and
disposing mind and memory in aid of God for the sin
and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being
and desirous to dispose of all such worldly Estate he
at hath ple and God to bless me with do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner
following Viz As to my real estate it is my will that
the Tract of land on which I now live be divided
into four parts in the following manner: First by
a line starting at a stake corner near my grave
and running South fifty seven degrees west. twenty
four and running then making a corner, thence the same course for

thence and making a corner thence the said corner
until it strikes B. H. Gators line then making a corner
then starting at the first corner made on line now
run and running North thirty three degrees West
to a black oak station on Mr. Norris line and near
his garden and then making a corner then starting
at the second corner made on line just run and
running South eighteen degrees east until it strikes
the black, then making a corner. After the tract of
land is divided in the manner above directed. I give
and bequeath unto my son James that part or
division of it that includes my old dwelling house to
him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath
unto my daughter Mary that part or division of it
which includes the pond to her and her heirs forever.
I give and bequeath unto my son Claudius that
division or part of it including the dwelling house
in which I now live the well, garden and stable to
him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto
my son Joseph that division or part of it which lies
next James Grays, to him and his heirs forever. As to my
land in the State of Alabama in Green County I
give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna the rema-
inder of the South west quarter of Section No. First
Range five in Township twenty. After taking off ten
acres already conveyed to my son Allen to him and
his heirs forever. And it is my will, that the South
west quarter of Section No. five in range five in
Township twenty, be sold at public auction, on a credit
of twelve months and the amount of the price thereof
equally divided between my four children James, Joseph, Mary
and Claudius and I do hereby empower my son Allen,
my one of my Executors to make good and lawful title to
the purchaser of the last mentioned quarter Section of Land and
the purchase money is paid. As to my personal estate

it is my will that it be Appraised by three men who in my
Executors may choose for that purpose and except my de-
Appraiser. The Cash and notes on hand and the negro
woman Belia that it remain on the plantation as her
before, the use of which, together with of the plantation, shall
be for the common equal benefit and support of my
daughter Anna, if she remain single and my minor
children until my son James shall arrive at the age of
twenty one years at which time I wish it to be sold, with
its in or out, if any, except the following, my Library which
I wish to be equally divided among all my children, my
wearing Apparel which I give to my son James, and
the negro woman Belia, who I wish to be kind out
yearly until the Year one thousand eight hundred and
thirty four, at which time it is my will that she set free
and her issue if any. It is my will that my son Lewis
receive out of the Cash and notes on hand at my death
what further adjustment he may need, in completing his
collegiate course provided this fund, in addition to what
he may have before received, as stated in day Book No. 5
does not exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars. It is my
will, that my daughter Patsy receive from time out of my
estate for her own personal use and benefit, as she needs
while her present husband lives, such supplies as my Executors
may think proper if she will stay near them and at her
present husband's death, if she has not before received it
I wish her to receive such sum as may, together with what
she shall have before that time received as represented
day Book No. five and accounts kept by my Executors
will make eight hundred dollars but should she die before
her present husband, and leave no issue then it is my will
that what may yet be coming of her part of my estate,
equally divided among surviving children. As to the rema-
inder of my estate not heretofore disposed of it is my will
that it be divided between my children Anna, Allen, James
Joseph, and Claudius, so as to make them equal.

including in the dividend of each one, who may have previously
 requested any thing the amount he or she has received
 as represented in day Book N^o Five It is my will that
 each of My Minor children receive a good English Edu-
 cation to be paid out their own part of My Estate. And
 should any of My children die in a State of minority and
 before they marry it is my will that such Child or children
 part of My estate be equally divided among My Surviv-
 ing children and lastly I constitute and appoint Alex-
 Houston Esq John Peeply and My Son Allen and
 James Executor of this my last will and testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 Affixed My Seal this Just day of September 1826

Witness James Gray
 Andrew McClean
 Anna C Gray

John Gray

Abbeville District } I do hereby Certify that the within
 Ordinance Office } is a true Copy from the record in my
 14 Sept 1827 } office - - - - - Moss Jaggart Clerk

John Taylor

State of South Carolina

By His Excellency John Taylor Governor and
 Commanded in Chief in and over the State of South
 Carolina, all to whom these presents shall come Knows
 that Moss Jaggart Esq who appears before me as
 the awarded Instrument of writing is the lawful
 Ordinary of Abbeville District in the State of South

Carolina. Therefore all due Faith, Credit and Authority is
 and ought to be had and given to his proceedings and
 certificates as such -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and caused to be Affixed the Seal of the State in the
 Town of Columbia the twenty eighth day of May in the
 Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 twenty eight and in the fifty second Year of the inde-
 pendency of the United States of America

By the Governor R. M. Secretary of State

The State of Alabama } To all whom these presents may concern
 Green County } Know ye that I Hugh Gordon of the State
 and County of Greene being in delicate health and in all human
 probability not long for this transient world am desirous of making
 such disposition of my effects as I deem at this time most
 equitable and proper do by this my last will and testament
 bequeath unto my two affectionate nephews Daphney Burroughs &
 Jonathan Burroughs (nephews mine Mary Turner Burroughs whom
 they may lawfully serve) the sum of \$1000.00 an equal division
 in a note of hand due to me by James Pickens of Greene
 County being due the 15th January 1834 and the said day
 after the date thereof for the sum of One thousand and fifty
 dollars with the following proviso (to wit) that my nephew the
 said Jonathan Burroughs is to receive the sum of \$500.00
 and the said Daphney and Mary T. Burroughs & the balance after dis-
 burging to the said Jonathan the said sum of One thousand and fifty
 dollars to be equally distributed between the said Daphney and
 Mary Turner Burroughs I further give that the said Daphney may
 act as my executor to this my last will & testament annulling
 all former Wills and testaments do
 Signe and sealed in presence This 9th day of September eighteen
 hundred & twenty eight
 Hugh Gordon
 Witness D. & Pickens

The State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within
 Green County } is a true Copy from the record in my
 office - - - - - Moss Jaggart Clerk

And that he the deponent signed the same as a witness
 at the same time in the presence of said decedent and his request
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused
 the seal of my said Office to be affixed here at a special term of
 the Orphans Court of said County the 11th June 1839 -
 Prothon 31st August 1839. Attest J. C. Innes Clerk O. & C.

WILL In the name of God. Amen -

I John Hatter of the County of Green and State of Alabama -
 being of sound mind and memory and mindful of my mortality do hereby make Public
 and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. To wit -

1st I will and appoint that my Executors shall and they of my last Estate to the
 said administrators. To wit: The East and West half of South East quarter of Section
 Ten Township Ten Range Ten East lying in the District of St. Stephens and out
 of the proceeds thereof to pay all my last debts and with the balance of said
 proceeds to purchase a Slave of my Negro family to live on
 I provided my said estate is not sufficient to pay all my last debts
 and to purchase such slave as shall be suitable for my family it is my
 will that my Executors do one of my Negroes which are they my said Negro
 and appropriate the money to the payment of my debts and the purchase of a Slave
 suitable for my family - 2nd I will and declare that my Executors are
 to sell of my Estate and the other half for the use of my wife and children
 3rd That the balance of my property which is not already disposed to be
 disposed and all other personal property - I will and declare in this my
 last Will and Testament to my Wife Priscilla Hatter to be used and
 enjoyed by her for her benefit and the benefit of my children and as
 under life under the supervision of my Executors And if any of my children
 marry then for my Executors to give them such of the property so disposed of to my
 Wife as may be then seen fit And further having such provision as may seem
 proper to that portion which I have given to my Daughter Sarah
 Hatter or if any of them become of age then to give them so much as may
 seem fit to them And that I have desired of this that if my wife should
 marry again then it is my will and that that my Executors give of her such of the
 said which I have given - they shall as aforesaid and also in this of the personal
 property which is not - for the payment of debts to have one to each of the
 said my children and after her death then such property so given of shall revert to be
 given to her - 4th At the death of my Wife I will that my Executors do
 give to my daughter Sarah Hatter such of the balance of my Estate as shall be
 necessary for her maintenance and to be purchased by my Executors

14.
 I have personally named my children I have named my children
 Priscilla Hatter John Hatter Elizabeth Hatter James Hatter
 William Hatter Margaret Hatter and Henry Hatter I do hereby
 declare that the portions already given off shall be considered as paid in the payment
 of the property as aforesaid -

It is my will that I be buried in the my last Will and Testament it is
 my will that it be with my Executors and the proceeds thereof to be paid off as the
 proceeds of the sale of the last Estate which I have will to be sold
 I have personally and hereby appointed my Wife Priscilla Hatter Elizabeth
 Hatter and Sarah Hatter my Executors and my last Executors to carry into
 effect this my last Will and Testament -

I do hereby declare that I am sane and of sound mind and that I am
 of sound mind in the State of my said County the 13th day of June 1839

This I sealed in presence of
 John Hatter
 John Hatter
 John Hatter
 John Hatter

The State of Alabama At the Orphans Court held in the County
 of Green on the 13th day of June 1839
 Called the Orphan Court of said County

Present the Honorable Thomas J. Hardy Judge of said Court
 The following order was made And Enrolled -
 Personally came into Open Court Priscilla Hatter Widow Sarah
 Hatter Elizabeth Hatter the Executors of John Hatter deceased
 & produced to the Court the Will of said John Hatter & Thomas Hatter
 one of the subscribing Witnesses who being duly sworn & depone that
 & said that he was present at the time said Will was executed -
 That he saw the said Hatter signed his name thereto in the presence of
 himself & the other two subscribing Witnesses & that he this deponent & the other
 two subscribing Witnesses signed said Will in the presence of each other &
 of said John Hatter & at the request of said John Hatter - Hatter further
 depone that the said Hatter appeared to be of sound mind & memory
 It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said
 Will be recorded & received as the last Will -

Witnessed 31st day of August 1839 -
 Attest J. C. Innes Clerk O. & C.