

with as many of my farming utensils as may be necessary for their use, to be selected at the discretion of my executors & also all my stock of hogs, & also a supply of all things necessary for house keeping & provender for their stock until the time in which I am insuring after my decease, also all my household and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of. Eighth I give and bequeath to my son James Otterson a negro boy named Pleasant & his feather bed, bedstead and furniture. Nine cows & Calf I also apiece or parcel of land being the east half of the southeast quarter of section eighteen township twenty three Range two east, together with all other property that I have ever put into his possession, and believing as I do that the above named James is not of a sound mind, I hereby appoint my friends Henry Walker Esq. & R.M.B. Kennedy as his guardians; whose names signed by themselves at their own discretion, shall be necessary to transfer of any of the above named or described property from the personal use of the above named James. Ninth, I give and bequeath to my son in law Henry Walker & his wife Mary Walker, a negro woman named Hannah now in their possession, together with all her increase & all other property I have ever put into their possession Tenth I give & bequeath to my son in law Anthony Mayes & his wife Cynthia Mayes a negro woman named Ella, now in their possession, together with all her increase & all other property I have ever put into their possession. Eleventh, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas G. Otterson the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid out of my estate, & also one note executed by him to me some time in the last year. Twelfth I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Savage the negro woman named Meriah to be for her only proper use & benefit & not transferable during her natural life, together with all other property I have ever put into her hands. Thirteenth I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Otterson six hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate & one feather bed & furniture with all other property I have ever put into his hands. Fourteenth I give and bequeath to my son John Otterson a negro man named Robert Honeyfeather bed, bedstead and furniture, & one cow & half with all other property I have ever put into his hands. Fifteenth I give and bequeath to my son in law Benjamin M. Johnson & his wife Mathean Johnson a negro woman named Eliza with all her increase,

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now in their possession, and all other property I have ever put into their hands. Sixteenth I give & bequeath one hundred dollars for the support of the gospel in all Hebrew church to be apportioned in installments at the discretion of my executors. Seventeenth, It is my will and desire that any property owned by my executors their right being established, by the testimony of my son John Otterson or any other competent witness be appropriated to their individual use. Eighteenth, It is my will and desire that the following named property be exposed to sale by my executors according to law, viz a negro man named Washington & one piece or parcel of land, viz the west half of the north west quarter of section Nineteen Township twenty three Range two east, together with all my other property not otherwise disposed of. Lastly I make and ordain my daughter Nancy Otterson Babettia & my friends Benjamin Love & R.M.B. Kennedy executors in trust of my estate & desire that they be paid out of my estate for their trouble in settling the same. In witness whereof I the said Samuel Otterson have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written  
 Signed sealed published and declared by the said Samuel Otterson & for his last Will & Testament in presence of  
 John Bouchillon  
 John Davis  
 Edward Colvin

The State of Alabama & Orphans Court, Regular Term Monday Greene County January 6<sup>th</sup> 1838. Present The Honorable William H. Street Judge of said Court,  
 This day The Last Will & Testament of Samuel Otterson deceased was presented by Robert M. Kennedy one of the executors named in said will, and the court being satisfied that the heirs have had notice to appear and show cause why the same may not be admitted to probate, Registration, and no objections being offered the court proceeded to examine Edward Colvin one of the subscribers thereto touching the legal execution of said will, under oath, and being fully satisfied from his testimony, It is therefore ordered that said will be received & recorded.

Attest H. Freedman Clerk

Will  
of  
Syntha Taylor of Greene County State of Alabama, do  
make and declare this my last will & testament in manner  
and form following. First I give to each one of my Brothers  
and sisters after paying my just debt, five dollars to be  
raised out of my Estate. Secondly it is my wish therefore  
that my negro man named Stark be at his liberty during  
his natural life time, under the protection of a Guardian  
to be appointed him, by some legal authority, and if there  
should be any residue of my estate after paying my  
debt & above the five dollars above bequeathed it  
is my wish for my Brothers & Sisters to divide it equally  
between them. Lastly I leave my trusty friend Sarah  
Eatman my Executor to this my last will & testament.  
Signed sealed and declared the above to be my last  
will and testament, this 9th day of March in the  
year of our Lord 1837.

Levina J. Taylor her of Taylor Seal  
Josiah Hicks mark  
Eli Stringfellow  
Anna Hughes

The State of Alabama Orphans Court Regular  
Greene County Term, Monday November  
13th 1837. Present of the Honble Will W. 13 Street Judge,  
said Court. This day the last will and testament  
of Syntha Taylor dec'd was presented to the Court and  
the said Court being satisfied, that the heirs have  
had legal notice to appear & show cause why the  
same shall not have been admitted to probate  
and registration, no objection being offered the  
Court proceeded to examine Josiah Hicks one of  
the subscribing witnesses thereto on oath, touching  
the legal Execution of said will, and being fully  
satisfied from his testimony. It is therefore ordered  
that said will be received, established, recorded.

Attest  
H. C. Fredecor Clerk

Will  
of  
Syntha

In the name of God Amen I avow Seale of Greene  
County and state of Alabama being of sound mind and  
memory do declare this my last will and testament. First  
what I willed to my wife is paid before hand, I also give  
and bequeath unto my son Lebony Seale one negro man  
named Stark and one negro girl named Cherry or Charley.  
Also I give to my son William Seale one negro man  
named Charles and one negro girl named Lucy Anna;  
also to my daughter Betsy I give one mulatto woman  
and her increase her name is Stacy. Also I give to my  
daughter Rachel one negro woman named Juliet and  
one negro boy named Berry. Also I give to my daughter  
Anne one negro girl named Sarah, and one negro boy  
named Ellick or Alexander. Also I give to my son Rufus  
Seale one negro boy named Dick and six hundred dollars  
to be paid him in Cash; also I give to my son Eli Seale  
one negro man named Parker, and one negro girl  
named Sophia; also I give to my daughter Harriet  
one negro boy named George and one negro woman and  
two children named Jenny commonly called black  
Jenny by her paying to my executors the sum of five  
hundred dollars; also old Jenny or yellow Jenny to  
set up among my heirs and sold that she may not go  
out of the family, and the residue of my personal  
property of what nature or kind so ever it may be of  
household furniture & every thing else I will be sold,  
I call my land to be sold and the proceeds after paying  
my just debts if I have any & and money and notes if I  
should have any and the money to be paid to Executrix  
by my daughter Harriet to be equally divided among my  
children. And to the end that this my last will and testa-  
ment may be effectuated I do constitute and appoint  
my son William Seale, and my son in law James An-  
derson to be executors to this my last will, Testament  
In Testimony whereof I the said Harris Seale have this 6th  
day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty six  
hundred set my hand and affixed my seal.

Signed, sealed, published and declared  
by the above named Harris Seale as his  
last will & testament, in the presence  
of us who at his request & in his presence  
have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Harris Sealed  
Lebony Watson  
Enos Rogers  
L. M. Young

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court Special,  
Greene County 3 term Monday May 28th 1838.  
Present The Honourable William  
B. Steel Judge of said Court.

This day the last will & testament  
of James Hale deceased, was presented to the Court by  
William Hale and James Anderson the Executors there  
named, and the Testators and other heirs within the  
jurisdiction of this Court, having all notice, the Court  
proceeded to examine Henry Watson, one of the subscribing  
witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said will;  
under oath, and being fully satisfied from his testimony  
it is therefore ordered that said will be received  
established and recorded.

Attest A. C. Gaudet Clerk  
P. A. Davis D.C.

State of Alabama I George Steays of the State of County  
Greene County 3 aforesaid, being weak in body but of  
sound disposing mind memory & understanding do make  
and arrant this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner  
of writing, viz -  
1st I desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of  
the proceeds of the crop on hand & such notes, accounts  
& other demands as are due to me, & may be collected -  
2. Unto my beloved wife Ann I give & devise Steays  
Mount with a section of Land around it: also fifteen  
hundred dollars annually to be paid in quarterly  
payments, also the following house servants, viz,  
Cally, Sarah & Mary Bowden, The carriage, Horses  
& Driver, named Bridget also gardener named Dick,  
also the Household & Kitchen furniture all of which  
is given to her during her natural life -  
3. For their maintenance I authorize my executors to  
purchase annually, five hundred Bushels of Corn,  
six thousand pounds of fodder or oats, two thousand  
pounds of Bacon, three Barrels of Flour & ten gallons  
of wine -  
4. I also devise unto my wife six milch cows & calves.  
5. I authorize my executors to build, or cause to be  
built a comfortable dwelling house, 25 feet wide &  
44 long to be divided into equal parts by a partition,  
one end of which is to be subdivided into two rooms,  
all of which is to be finished in a neat style & the  
expenses to be defrayed out of the Estate.

6. I give & bequeath to my Cousin George Steays of Rochester  
Dist. South Carolina one half section of Land lying in the State  
of Mississippi to be selected & made over by Thos L. Bell.  
7. I give to Margaret Stewart of Lancaster Dist. S. Carolina  
eleven hundred dollars worth of Land at average cost or  
that amount of money with interest -  
8. I desire that all my landed Estate in the Fork be equally  
divided between my three children, except to my son Charles  
I give in addition the tract of Land called Taylors Hill, also  
also the east half of the N.E. quarter of section 1 Township 20 Range  
1 east, also my Gold watch with its rigging -  
9. I authorise & request my said executors to sell & convey away  
any or all of my Lands lying in the State of Mississippi or  
any where out of the limits of this state, except that which  
has been disposed of otherwise by this will.  
10. All my negroes (except those already disposed of) are to  
be divided into three equal parcels, whenever Charles shall  
arrive at the age of twenty one years, at which time he  
is to take possession of his own share, the remaining two  
parts still to be under the control of the executors, until the  
other children shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty one.  
11. I desire that whenever my Daughters shall arrive at the  
age of sixteen years, they shall purchase any jewelry they  
may select to the value of five hundred dollars a piece.  
12. It is my desire that each of my children shall receive  
a finished education & in selecting institutions, reference  
shall be had to such as are distinguished for their moral as  
well as intellectual character.  
13. I desire that my children be entirely supported &  
educated out of the proceeds of the estate herein devised  
& bequeathed to them, so as not to be any expense to their  
members.  
14. My plantation hands to be managed as they now  
are, until my executors shall deem it expedient &  
profitable to cause others to be opened.  
15. All of the surplus proceeds after the maintenance  
& support of these plantation together with all monies  
arising from the sale of Lands or accruing to the estate  
from any other sources, except what is already disposed  
of shall be vested in the safest Bank Stock, which is  
to be a permanent fund, the interest or dividends to  
be equally divided among my three children.  
16. I desire that old Mr. Cashy & Mrs. Cashy may be  
permitted to live on & use as they now do, all the lands  
they now have during their lives & the lifetime of  
survivor of them & Mrs. Hawkinney may be permitted

to use & occupy the land she now is, during her life, all of them to pay such nominal rent as may be necessary to acknowledge Tenancy: and I also give unto the said Mr. Holwhinney like use of such negro woman as my Executors may select out of those not disposed of during her lifetime.

17. all the other tenants on my Lands, who on paying none or only a nominal rent, I desire may be permitted to remain so long as in the judgment of my Executors, they are honest industrious & give no offence in the Neighborhood, & are not able without inconvenience to procure other places, & I hereby vest in my Executors the power to remove them or let them remain as they may think best, giving a reasonable notice to the tenant to be removed. It is also understood to be my wish that they shall not be permitted to clear more than ten acres of Land.

18. I authorize & desire my Executors to sell at private sale such perishable property as in their judgment they may think will be for the interest of my estate.

19. In consequence of my wife's acceptance of the provisions of this will, I hereby declare the Marriage contract, executed before our marriage to be null void.

20. It is my desire that my trusty friends Thos. L. Bevill, J. A. Watson, W. P. Gould, R. T. Scott & Sol McAlpine be & I hereby appoint them the Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. 6th July 1838.

Signed & sealed in the presence of,

George Hays Seal

James Watson Seal

John Watson Seal

David J. Means Seal

Thomas L. Bevill

James A. Watson

The State of Alabama, Clifhans Court Regular Term  
Greene County, held at the Court House in  
Greenville Monday the 8th day of October 1838. Present the  
Honorable William B. Street Judge of said Court.

This day the Last Will and Testament of George Hays declared was presented to the Court, and the Court being fully satisfied that the heirs have had legal notice, to appear and show cause why the same shall not be admitted to probate and registration, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine

on oath James relation one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of the said Will, and was bring fully satisfied from his Testimony. It is ordered & directed by the Court that the said Will be received, established & recorded.

Attest J. C. Medecor, Clerk,  
R. P. Davis D. C.

State of Alabama

Greene County, In the name of God Amow I Thomas Reeves being indisposed in body but sound in mind do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit, first, it is my will that my funeral expenses be paid, likewise all my just debts after death it is my will, that all my property both personal and real be sold to the highest bidder (excepting the slaves which my wife Rosannah Reeves holds on my lands and excepting also a certain negro girl named Eliza which I have excluded from the sale) on a credit as follows viz. First to my personal property with the above exception sold on a credit of twelve months & my real estate sold in a credit of one & two years, that is to say, half the amt to be paid a twelve months after date, the other half to be paid during four months after date. Second, it is my will that my beloved wife Rosannah Reeves shall have an equal division, in addition to her share of land, that is to say a child's part of my personal property which I will to her, during her lifetime, & at her death, her part of the property both personal and real shall be sold & divided amongst my children. Thirdly, it is my will that the above named girl Eliza shall remain and be in the possession of my wife Rosannah Reeves during her life time & for her own benefit alone and at the death of my wife Rosannah Reeves it is my will that the girl Eliza above named together with her increase shall belong & be the property of my daughter Penneal Reeves independent of an equal share or division with the rest of my children in all my other property, excepting one third of the valuation of said girl Eliza, & her increase, which it is my will that this one third of their value, shall be paid to my daughter Penneal N Reeves by my sd Daughter Penneal C. Reeves, as soon as she shall get into her possession the girl Eliza & her

increase. Fourthly, It is my will that my two daughters Harriett & Perketia & Reeves, receives a horse apiece worth fifty dollars, a buck saddle & blanket apiece two cows & calors a piece a bed and furniture a piece which property it is my will they shall receive at the time of a division of property among my children Fifthly, It is my will I have the amount of property or that portion of property which I have called to my two daughters, Perketia Hatch & Fanny Barnes shall be at their deaths equally divided amongst them children that is the portion of property which is called to each one of them at their death shall be divided amongst their own children, Sixthly & lastly It is my will that my son Robt S. Reeves & wife Halls act as my executors, & I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made, In testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand and affix my seal in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred & thirty eight, and on the sixteenth day of August,

Signed in the presence of the Subscribing witnesses.

Thos. Reeves Seal

Attest  
A. D. Huston,  
Wm. S. Mayes

The State of Alabama

Greene County, 3<sup>rd</sup> Orphans Court, Regular term held at the Court house in Erie on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838. Present The Honorable William B. Steel Judge of said Court.

This day the Last Will and testament of Thomas Reeves aforesaid was presented to the Court, and the Court being fully satisfied that the heirs have fully consented that the said will should be admitted to probate and registration, and no objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine on oath William S. Mayes one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of said will and being fully satisfied from his testimony it is ordered by the Court that the said will be received and established as to personal property, and be recorded.

Attest J. C. Smedley Clerk  
By A. R. Davis D.C.

John Watkins  
Will

I, John Watkins of the County of Greene of Greene and State of Alabama, do make and publish this my last will and testament setting and making void all former wills made by me at any time, And first I give unto Henry Dance the following tracts of Land viz. in The east half of the south east quarter of section twenty four, also the west half of the north east quarter of section twenty, also the East half of the south west quarter of section 17, also the south west quarter of section twenty four also the west half of the south east quarter of section twenty one all of township twenty Range two East, Provided that in consideration whereof her the said Henry Dance, shall pay all my just debts including debts for Land & other accounts & furthermore I give to the said Henry Dance one hundred dollars to be raised out of any money that may have after my decease. Secondly, I give Lavinia Ricks the following tract of Land viz. The east half of the south east quarter of section thirty six, township twenty Range 2 East, furthermore I give her the following negroes Rhane, Caroline & Warren furthermore I give the aforesaid Lavinia Ricks three hundred dollars to be raised out of any money that may arise from the sale of any of my property after my decease And leave as my Executor Henry Dance and direct that he shall pay over as she may stand in need of for her education or any other expences she may incur, the money I leave to Lavinia Ricks, And furthermore give to Rhoda Dance my horses Charles and to Lora E. Dance I give my mare Pege and to Nancy Dance I give my Horse Buck. After this having been done I direct that the balance of my property be sold on as long a credit as my Executor may see proper and the proceeds of the same to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty six.

Signed, sealed, and

delivered in the

presence of  
Joseph C. Carnahan

A. Bell

I do hereby certify that I make and ordain my friend Henry Dance my Executor to this my last will and testament, given under my hand

John Watkins

hand and seal and dated as above,

*John Watkins*

And a further consideration of this will is that in case that Lavinia Ricks as before mentioned in this will should die without lawful issue I further decree that the property & real estate given her by me shall be equally divided between my Brothers and Sisters. Given under my hand and seal and dated as above.

This condition or clause I do hereby certify was made before the sealing and delivering of this will.  
Witness

*Joseph C. Barnathan*

*John Watkins*

*A. Bell*

The State of Alabama

Greene County 3 Orphans Court Regular term  
held at the Court House in Erie on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1838. Present The Honorable William B.  
Street Judge of said Court

This day the last Will and Testament of John Watkins deceased was presented to the court by Henry Dancy the Executor therein named, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that no other heirs of the said John Watkins are living in this State and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to examine on oath Joseph C. Barnathan one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of the said Will; and the court being fully satisfied from his testimony It is therefore ordered by the court that the said Will be received and established as to personal property, and that the same be recorded.

Attest I. C. Spedding Clerk  
By A. Davis J.C.

*Fredk Foster*  
*Will*

State of Alabama

County of Greene I know all men by these presents that I am Frederick Foster considering my advanced aged and declining health and being of sound mind and desirous to make my last will and testament in writing do ordain this as my last will and testament in Item 1. Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Foster eight of the following negroes viz John or Jordan, Daniel, Ben, Joe, Shadrack, Tiddy, Lucy and her two children (a son and a daughter) Patience, Charlotte and Bell, the said eight negroes to be selected by herself. I further give and bequeath unto my wife all my interest in the lands purchased by me and my sons in partnership of John Wooldes and Robert Bell in said County, also all my interest in the lots in Mesopotamia purchased in same manner which said interest amounts to the fourth part of the whole property. I further give & bequeath to her my carriage and horses, my mules and all my stock of every description, I give and bequeath the aforesaid property to her separate and sole use forever subject to her entire and sole control and disposition.

Item 3. I set apart the sum of one thousand dollars to be a standing fund the interest and use of which shall be for the maintenance and support of my son Lydia Foster, the said fund to be managed and controlled by whomsoever shall have the care and trouble of supporting my said son Lydia at his death this money to be equally divided amongst my wife and my two sons Edward and Hillary Foster. Item 4. I give and bequeath the remainder of my negroes and all of my remaining property to my sons Edward and Hillary Foster share and share alike so that their respective portions shall be equal.

Item 5. My House hold and Kitchen furniture I give and bequeath to my beloved wife to be disposed of according to her own desire.

Item 6. I charge my wife during her life and my sons Edward and Hillary after her death if they shall survive her by their love and fidelity to reward them responsibility to God, to do all in their power to comfort and cherish my unfortunate son Lydia, and to treat him with kindness and affection so long as he shall live. In testimony of all of which I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1836 signed and sealed in presence of

R. G. Quarles, M. Quarles,

*Fredrick Foster*

*Special Term*

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court, held at the  
Greene County Court house of said County in  
Erie on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October A.D. 1838.  
Present The Honorable William B. Steel Judge of said  
Court.

This day the last Will and testament of  
Frederick Parker deceased, was presented to the Court,  
and the heirs having waived all notice required  
by law, the Court proceeded to examine Robert  
Charles one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
touching the legal execution of said Will and  
bring satisfied from his testimony It is Ordered that  
the said Will be received established and recorded  
as to personal property.

Attest A. C. Gardner Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

**Henry Minor's Will**  
The last Will of Henry Minor of Hentonville  
I give all my property real and personal to my  
beloved wife Frances J. Minor during her life or widow  
hood in order to provide as she may think best for the  
support of herself & our children. I give her full power  
to sell and convey all or any part of the property real  
personal in order to pay my debts support & educate our  
children or provide a residence for herself at any place  
she may prefer to this. I authorise my wife to give to  
divide among our children the property I may leave  
or the proceeds thereof in such portions as she shall  
think just & expedient, she will hardly marry again  
if she should it is my will that she have a child  
part of my estate estimating the whole value of all  
that she may, and I request that before such  
second marriage she will devide the remainder  
of the property among our children in such way  
as she may think equitable, or convey the childrens  
share to some friend on whom she can rely in trust  
for their benefit according to the provisions of this  
my will. I appoint my beloved wife sole Executor  
of this my will I revoke all former wills. In testimony  
of all which I hereunto put my name & seal at Hentonville this  
second day of June Eighteen hundred and twenty two.  
Sealed & acknowledged in presence of, S. Henry Minor  
L. Meade, J. H. Ford, J. H. Dunn,  
Miles Cook, E. H. Boardman,

The State of Alabama Greene County,  
Orphans Court, November 13<sup>th</sup> 1838,

Thursday the last will and testament of Henry Minor deceased was  
presented to the Court together with the commissioners directed to A.  
S. Hopkins and Wm. Bridges Paris the commissioners herein  
before appointed by order of this Court to take the deposition  
of Elijah H. Boatman one of the subscribing witnesses to  
said Will, and the deposition accompanying the same,  
and the Court being fully satisfied from the deposition aforesaid  
that the said Will was duly executed and  
acknowledged by said decedent. It is therefore Ordered  
by the Court that said will be received established  
and recorded.

A true copy from the Minutes  
A. C. Gardner Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

Mr. S. I. Alexander Humpshall of the State of Alabama  
(Hempfield) and County of Greene, do make and publish this my  
last Will & testamant hereby revoking and making  
void all former Wills heretofore by me made at any time.  
I direct as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God  
to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows:  
First I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses  
be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the  
first monies that may come into the hands of my  
Executor from any portion of my estate real or personal.  
I also direct that a fair valuation or appraisement  
be made of all my estate by three judicious free hold  
ers of such copy right and that a copy of the same be given  
to my Executor. I bequeath to my beloved wife James  
Edward Humpshall my two slaves to wit Rose and Harry  
to be retained by my Executor for him until he is  
of sufficient age to take care for himself say twentyone  
or sooner if his master thinks proper. I direct have to  
be hired at one hundred dollars a year without interest  
until he (as) shall come of age, and the boy Harry  
to work in James' place while he goes to school. I hereby  
appoint my beloved brother James to Humpshall's  
Executor of my estate both real and personal. I also  
bequeath to my beloved wife James Edward Humpshall  
one small house with a ball face and saddle and bedchamber  
my land consisting of two hundred acres more or  
less I direct my Executor to sell either publicly or privately  
as he may think best together with my stock of cattle  
and hogs, (Boundaries of the land) as follows:

The west half of the south east quarter of section twenty one in township twenty three range two east, and the south half of the south west quarter section twenty one township twenty three, range two east, and the south east quarter of the south east quarter in section 21.

Township twenty three, range two east. And I bequeath to my beloved nephews and nieces the children of James & Hemphill and John Hemphill my brothers all the money that shall arise from the sale of my property both real and personal, over settling my just debts as above to the children of James & Hemphill and John Hemphill equal, and to my beloved sister Nancy Pittitchell. I bequeath five dollars, this I declare my last will and testament, In witness whereof Alexander Hemphill the testator have set my hand & seal, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Eight.

Signed sealed and delivered  
in the presents of us who have,  
subscribed in the presents of ) Alexander, Hemphill his  
each other. ) Marks

Elijah Edges  
John C. Johnson  
Josia A. Compton

The state of Alabama, Greene County, Orphans Court December 10<sup>th</sup> 1832.

James & Hemphill, Esq.  
of Alexander Hemphill, dec'd. This day the last will and testament of  
vs (contested will) Alexander Hemphill, dec'd being presented to  
John Hemphill, the court for probate, by James & Hemphill  
the executors therein named and the same being contested:  
It was thereupon ordered by the court that a jury of twelve men be  
summoned to appear immediately to try the validity of said will  
whereupon came the following jury to sit, Jonathan Cockrell, James  
Carky, John Haigle, Ephraim Wallace, Kennedy, Allicorn  
Pettibone, Robert McAllister, Alexander Brown, Hillery Isbell,  
Joseph Parriathan, Edwin Whitehead and John Young,  
who being impaneled and sworn well and truly jurors  
joined to try after hearing the evidence and the charge of  
the court, upon their oaths do say that the final judgment of  
said will. It is therefore considered by the court that the said  
will be received established and probated.

A true Abstract from the Minutes  
Attest J. C. Sheddock, Clerk  
T. D. A. Davis, Esq. Clerk

Willis Pope of the County of Greene State of Alabama being  
in a low state of health, but of sound mind, do make and  
publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and  
making void, all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.  
And first I direct that my body be decently interred and  
that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding  
with my estate and situation in life, and as to such writing  
estate as it shall please God to intermit me with, I  
dispose of the same as follows, viz. I will and bequeath  
unto my beloved wife Agnesa Copier during her natural  
life the plantation whereto I now live with all my  
landed estate, with the houses, & out buildings shewnto  
appertaining with all the household and kitchen  
furniture, except that hereafter disposed of to my  
children, also her carriage and horses, one negro,  
Open with the ox cart kind belonging to my stock of  
horses, four choice mules, ten horses of stock latter  
half of the stock of hogs & sheep, I also will unto my  
said wife for her following negroes with their present and  
future increase, viz. Samy, Henrietta & Children, Jim,  
& Jacob, Jane Child, Lucy, Martha Child, Gallant  
girl Susan, with negro man Henderson, Nat, Joe, Ben, Billy  
George. I have w<sup>t</sup> to hold the above described property  
for her own uses and benefit during her natural life but the  
death of my wife a prescind, I will that the said described  
property with its full increase归入 my children  
the fair legatees of my estate as hereafter named.  
Second and bequeath unto my son A. D. Pope all my Library  
of Books, Medical & otherwise, with all my medicine, sur-  
gical instruments with whatsoever appertains to my  
medical shop, I will that the negro girl Catherine given  
to my daughter Selina Riddle at her marriage stand  
forever with her property over and above any share she  
is hereby entitled to of my estate, I will and bequeath unto  
my daughter Selina the bed and furniture with her  
Chamber. I will that the balance of my property of  
 negroes, cattle and mules, with the proceeds of my plantation  
be applied to the payment of my funeral expenses with  
my other debts in the way may accrue to hereafter named  
shall deemed most to the benefit of my heirs, I will and  
bequeath unto my four legatees viz. A. D. Pope, Selina  
Riddle & Celestia Copier, with my grand daughters Julia  
& Ann & Helle an equal share of the residue  
of my estate viz. that Julia & Ann & Helle shall  
draw one share equal to either of my three children and  
I do hereby make and ordain A. D. Pope, John Riddle and Alvin

Piddle Reciters to this my last will and testament,  
In witness whereof I Achilles Pope the Testator have set  
my hand and seal, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred Thirtynine,  
Signed sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us who have  
subscribed in the presence of each other,  
Sam' Witherpoon  
Alex Dobbins  
James Witherpoon

Achilles Pope

The State of Alabama { Circuit Court  
Greene County } February 4<sup>th</sup> 1839

This day the last will and testament of Achilles Pope dec'd  
was presented to the court for probate by Alexis Pope  
and John H. Hill, and it appearing to the court that  
the heirs of the said Achilles Pope dec'd have had legal  
notice to appear and show cause if any why the same  
should not be admitted to probate and regularization and no  
objection being offered the court proceeded to examine  
Samuel Witherpoon one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
touching the legal execution of said will and being fully  
satisfied from his testimony. It is therefore Ordered by  
the court that the said will be received established and  
recorded,

True copy from the Minutes  
Attest O. J. C. Medecor Clerk  
(S. J. C. Medecor Clerk)  
(S. J. C. Medecor Clerk)

Doct Achilles State of Alabama Achilles Edwards of said County and  
Edwards Madison County State do make and declare this my  
last will and testament hereby witnessing and making  
void all former wills by me at any time heretofore  
made. First I direct all my just debts and funeral  
expences to be paid as soon after my decease as possible  
out of the first money that shall come into the hands  
of my executors from any portion of my estate real  
and personal and for that purpose my executors shall  
despose of such of my personal estates as to them  
shall seem advisable, collect all my outstanding  
debts and sell and despose of my land lying in  
the republic of Texas the title of which is now in  
the person of my uncle Gustavus Edwards excepting as

aftermentioned and should the monies to be thus realized be found  
inadequate for the payment of my debts then my executors shall sell  
and dispose of my tract of land lying in Greene County and states  
aforesaid, entailed by me with and held by the General Government  
and marching with and adjoining to the lands of Arnold Jolly  
in the neighbourhood of Mount Heron; secondly my executors  
shall appropriate and set apart for my beloved wife Eliza M.  
Edwards all goods and chattles out of my personal estate and  
out of my real estate such portion of land in amount of down  
as by law she may be entitled to. Third I hereby require my  
executors to convey and make over to Mary E. Waller, and  
to her heirs executors and administrators such tract or parcel  
of land lying in the state of Alabama as my said wife  
Eliza may elect for that purpose the said tract or parcel  
of land not to exceed in extent three hundred acres, fourth  
I hereby devise to Christopher Strait one hundred acres of  
my said tract or parcel of land aforesaid lying in  
the republic of Texas. Fifth I hereby devise and bequeath  
the residue of my means and effects both real and personal  
to my daughter Sarah Edwards, and that the same shall  
moreover be under the superintendance and management  
of my executors until she shall have attained the age  
of twenty one years or have married, and the annual  
proceeds of said estate real and personal after defraying  
the expence of her board, education and other necessary  
charges. I hereby appoint to be invested in such manner  
either in real or personal estates as to my said executors  
shall appear most beneficial and in the event of the  
said Sarah Edwards dying without heirs of her body  
I hereby devise and bequeath the whole of my means  
and effects real and personal with all the annual  
accumulations thereon to my said wife Eliza Edwards  
and to her heirs executors and administrators in fee  
simple. Sixth I do hereby nominate and appoint  
the said Christopher Strait and William Tasker  
executors of this my last will and testament and  
further I hereby nominate and appoint my said  
executors guardians of my said daughter Sarah  
Edwards and do hereby commit the guardianship of  
the said Sarah to the said Christopher Strait and  
William Tasker until she shall have attained the  
age of twenty one years or until her marriage. In  
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
this Seventh day of October in the year of our Lord, one  
thousand eight hundred and thirty eight  
Signed sealed and delivered Achilles Edwards

In presence of  
 A. P. Sutton  
 Francis Heavens  
 Ed. Garrison

The State of Alabama, (Orphans Court)  
 Greene County, February 11th 1839.  
 This day the last will and testament of Achille Edward dec'd was presented to the court for probate by Achilleam Garrison, one of the executors therein named and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that he has had legal notice to appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate and registration, and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to examine Dempsey Garrison one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of the same, and being fully satisfied from his testimony, it is therefore ordered by the court that said will be received established and recorded.

True Copy from the Minutes  
 Attest, J. C. Snedecor Clerk  
 By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

W. B. Lee In the name of God, Amen, I James W. Lee, being weak in body but of sound mind wishing to make my disposition of my worldly effects, do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit, in the first place, I wish and do hereby direct that my executor herein after named do and shall proceed to make sale of all my lands and real estate, either at publick or at private sale, for cash or on a credit or partly for cash and partly on credit as shall to my said executor seem most to the interest of my estate giving him full power to sell and convey the same. I do also direct that my stock of horses, mules, farming utensils and all other my property except my negroes shall also be sold on such terms as my executor shall deem most to the interest of my estate and from the proceeds of the lands and other property so sold shall pay all my just debts. It being my wish that the lands shall be retained in possession and also so much of the stock and utensils as shall be necessary and the present crop be made and sown

for my estate after which the disposition hereinafter provided shall be made. I do direct also that a negro woman named Charlotte and her child shall be sold by my executor at any time & on such terms as shall to him seem best and the proceeds also used in payment of my debts. In the next place I do bequeath to my son Charles R. Lee a negro boy Jack and a negro boy Ishmael. In the next place I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife two negroes to be selected from among my negroes of equal value with Jack and Ishmael. In the next place I do direct that the balance of my negroes shall be divided equally among my wife and my son, the share of my wife to be given up together and of my son to be retained by Achilleam Garrison whom I do appoint the guardian of my son until he shall be of age to choose for himself. I do appoint my friend and brother in law Achilleam S. Garrison to be the Executor of this my last will and testament, should any money or other property remain after the sale wherein directed and the payment of my debts, I do direct that it shall be equally divided between my wife & child. Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator James W. Lee to be his last will and testament in presence of us whose names are subscribed hereto and who in his presence and at his request and in presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses hereto the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1839.

Henry McCann  
 J. H. Locke  
 Newton Marley  
 Henry Wilson

The State of Alabama, (Orphans Court  
 Greene County, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1839,

This day the last will and testament of James W. Lee dec'd was presented to the court for probate by Achilleam Garrison the Executor therein named and the widow of said decedent having waived all notices required by law and consented to the taking of the probate of said will whereupon the court proceeded to examine Henry Wilson one of the subscribing witnesses to said will touching the legal execution of the same, and being fully satisfied from his testimony it is therefore ordered by the court that said will be received established and recorded.

True Copy from the Minutes  
 Attest, J. C. Snedecor Clerk  
 By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

D. D. Ash's Will

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I Elizabeth Ashe of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, bring of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and retain this as my last will and testament, I will and bequeath the whole of my estate both real and personal except such special bequests as shall herein after be specified to the control and disposal of my executors to wit, the house and lot upon which I now reside in the town of Greensboro' Greene County and State of Alabama (Kinston) and designated as a lot beginning at a corner on the main road leading through the town of Greensboro' to Eric thence running west along said road one hundred and twenty feet to the line of the land lately owned by the heirs of Solomon Walker deceased hence north with said line to the northwest corner of lands formerly owned by Abigail Peck dec'd thence along the said line east one hundred and twenty feet the line south to the beginning also that portion of said lot upon which I now reside formerly purchased from the Commissioners of the McAlpineland, and known and designated as a part of lot No 1 in their Survey, Beginning at the Southeast corner of said lot thence running east fifty feet, thence North four hundred and twenty feet, thence east fifty feet thence south to the beginning with all the appurtenances, also my slaves to wit, a negro woman named Ann a negro girl named Isabella a negro girl named Jane a negro girl named Sarah, a negro woman named Nancy and a negro boy named Lewis, my present growing crop, all my stock of whatever description and all my farming tools, and implements and it is my will that if my executors wish to do so, and believe it best to the interest of my children that they shall sell said lot or lots of land with all their appurtenances and good full and sufficient titles to the same to make and execute selling the same either at private sale or public auction as my executors may think best and appropriate the proceeds thereof to the payment of my just debts, and the balance so to vest as they shall deem most to the interest of my children, also if my executors shall wish and deem it best to sell my slaves, it is my will that they shall do so either at private sale or public vendue and so to vest the funds after paying my just debts as they shall think best for my children. It is further my will that if my executors shall deem it advisable they shall bring suit for a negro woman named Mary and her increase now in possession of

William Howell of the state of Tennessee which s<sup>r</sup> negro woman was left to me by my brother John Bell dec'd or compromise with s<sup>r</sup> Howell as they may think expedient, and should s<sup>r</sup> negro woman and her increase come into possession of my executors they are authorised to dispose of her as of my other slaves, or if anything be recovered by compromise the same to vest as my other funds, all my rights, titles, interest, remainders or reversions falling or coming to me either as one of the heirs at law or legatees or devisee of Margaret Buchanan dec'd may be bargained sold or conveyed or compromised by my executors and the proceeds whereof they may be applied to the payment of my just debts or vested as my executors shall think best for my children, I will and bequeath my Bonds Notes and Bonds issued to my daughters Mary A and Sophia T Ashe, I will and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture of whatever kind or description to my mother Sophia Ashe to be kept by her for the use of herself any my children or sold or distributed by her among my children as to her shall seem best. If the land conveyed to Mr. P P Ashe by Sophia Ashe in trust for me and liable to be sold in my lifetime for my benefit shall be sold in my lifetime and the funds come into my estate, then it is my will and bequest that after my just debts are all paid that all my children shall share equally and alike the remainder of my whole estate. But if the above named land be not sold during my lifetime but fall agreeably to s<sup>r</sup> trust to my daughter Mary P, Sophia T & Malinda Ashe then it is my will and bequest that after my just debts are paid, that my sons, Richard D, Egbert R and Thomas Ashe shall have and receive the entire balance of my estate equally share and share alike. It is my will and bequest that my executors shall appoint my children each as they shall marry or arrive to the age of twenty one their respective portion of my estate and in the meantime so to manage sell vest etc as they shall deem most to the interest of s<sup>r</sup> estate and the good of my children. It is further my will that in the event of my Brother Henry H Bell herein afterwards to be appointed one of my executors shall wish to remove my children and their property out of and from the state of Alabama & he is fully authorised to do so then and in that event he shall make settlements with my other executors, give them full releases and acquittances and become sole Executor and also remove the property without giving any further security and also release his then securities and should his children leave the state of Alabama innocent he is bound

qualifying and acting as executors for a term of years and my other executors shall, in the mean time, manage my Estate, upon his returning to the state of Alabama and wishing to remove the family and property from the state my other executors may and they are authorized and required to deliver all my property into his hands and take from him release and discharge forever absolving them from future liabilities. It is my will and request that my brother Henry Hobbs, my friends Matthew Hobson and Elasha Young will act as my Executors and I do constitute appoint and ordain them my true Executors to carry into full force and effect all the foregoing provisions of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

In presence of

Geo B. Fisher (L)

J. S. Jones

P. Hargood

E. S. Ashe Esq<sup>rd</sup>

I Elizabeth S. Ashe Testatrix of the within Will do make this addendum to the same as a substitute thereof, reposing special and full confidence in my Executors, Henry Hobbs, Matthew Hobson and Elasha Young be not required nor either of them to give and hold security for the discharge of their duties as executors but manage my estate upon their own personal responsibility. Given under my hand and seal this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

In presence of

Geo B. Fisher (L)

J. S. Jones

P. Hargood

E. S. Ashe Esq<sup>rd</sup>

The State of Alabama } Orphans Court  
Greene County } March 11, 1839

This day the last will and testament of Elizabeth S. Ashe was presented to the Court for probate and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the heirs have had legal notice to appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate and registration and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine Rufus Caywood one of the subscribing witnesses thereto

touching the legal execution of the same and being fully satisfied from his testimony. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said will be received established and Recorded.

A true Copy from the Minutes  
Attest I. C. Snedeker Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Sept 7, 1839

Enoch Stringfellow, of the County of Greene, in the State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, declare and publish the following to be my only true and authentic Last Will and Testament, hereby expressly revoking, and making void all and every other Will or devise hereof, made by me And First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Stringfellow, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executors herein after named, within twelve months from the time of my decease, one bed and furniture, one mahogany sideboard and one metal clock, and I desire it to be distinctly understood, that the provision herein made for my said wife is to be in full of any share, right or claim which she has, or may or can have to my estate real or personal, and every part thereof or of any interest therein. And if after my death she shall receive or recover from my estate any other property whether real or personal, by way of flower, garnish or in any other way then she is to have no part whatever of the provision herein made for her. - Secondly - To my son Eli Stringfellow I give and bequeath one negro boy, named Harry. Thirdly - To my son Enoch Stringfellow I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executors within one year after my death. Fourthly - To my son Robert Stringfellow I give and bequeath one negro boy named Jacob. Fifthly - To my son McDonald Stringfellow one negro man named Sam. Sixthly - To my son Jessie Stringfellow, I give and bequeath one negro boy named Fallon and one negro girl named Mary, and one bed and furniture. Eighthly - To my son Martin Stringfellow I give and bequeath two negro boys - one named Bob and the other named Sam - one bed and furniture and the sum of one hundred dollars in money. Ninthly - To my son Jasimus Stringfellow, I give and bequeath two negro boys - one named Littleton and the other named Jordan - one bed and furniture, and the sum of one hundred dollars in money. Tenthly - To my son Truel Stringfellow I give and bequeath two negro boys - one named Will and the

other named) Sylvanus one bed and furniture, and the sum of one hundred dollars in money. Eleventh. To my daughter Martha Edmund Stringfellow, I give and bequeath one negro boy named Allen, one negro girl named Matilda, one negro girl named Caroline, one negro girl named Manah, one negro girl named Aunala, one set of Mahogany Table, now in my possession, one tester bedstead (one bed) and furniture, and one mare named Poll, herself. To my daughter Phebe L. Smith, I give and bequeath the sum of six hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executors within twelve months after my death. Twelfth. And to my daughter Mary Ann Powell, I give and bequeath the sum of six hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executors twelve months after my death. Thirteenth. Will and devise that all the tract or parcel of land whosoever I now reside shall be sold by my Executors on a credit of one, two and three years, and the whole of the proceeds and money arising from said sale I will and bequeath to my four youngest sons. That is to say, Isaac, Martin, Erasmus and Fidel to be equally divided between them, share and share alike. Fifteenth. I will devise and direct that all the residue and remainder of my property, both real and personal, of which I may die seized or possessed, or have a right to, shall be sold by my Executors on a credit of twelve months, and that out of the proceeds together with money I die possessed of or which may arise, from the collection of all debts accounts or claims due, owing, or coming to me, my Executors shall pay my funeral expenses, all debts that I may justly and lawfully owe at the time of my death, all the pecuniary bequests contained in this my last will and testament, and all the necessary charges and expences that may be incurred or created in the execution of the same, and the administration of my estate, pursuant thereto, and after the payment of the debts of the same. It is my will that the residue and balance that may remain shall be equally divided among my children, share and share alike. Lastly, I hereby appoint my worthy and esteemed friends Thomas H. Herndon, Samuel Williams and John A. Wilson, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventh day of November AD 1838

Mrs. The words "other, and also" inserted and the words "and one negro woman Harriett" struck out

Enoch Stringfellow *Esq.*

before execution and in numbering the items or provisions of the will, Seventh was left out and eighth inserted & so on to the end of the will.

Signed, sealed & published

In presence of, Test

Silas Williams

G. W. Roberts

Stephen Delany

The State of Alabama

Greene County Orphans Court May 30th 1839.  
This day the Last Will and Testament of Enoch Stringfellow deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Thomas H. Herndon and Samuel Williams two of the Executors therein named, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the heirs had had legal notice to appear and show cause if any why the same should not be admitted to probate and registration and no objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine on oath Silas Williams, George W. Roberts and Stephen Delany the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of the said Will, and being fully satisfied from their testimony, It is Ordered by the Court that the said Will be received established and recorded.

Attest I. C. Sheddeler Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Adept Clerk

Wrights Valley  
In the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Wright of the County of Greene and State of Alabama bring of sound Mind, memory & discretion hereby Ordain, constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament, and hereby enjoin all my heirs, and representatives to a strict and legal compliance with the same; that is, I hereby give and bequeath to my youngest son Alcmar Wilson, the following named negroes to wit, Susan, Sophia, Billy, Alread, Nancy, and Jackson with all their future issue, and all other personal property which may belong to me at my death, except a negro girl by the name of Harriette and one bedstead, bed furniture which last mentioned property I hereby give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Morton, Provided she lives to be married, or arrives to the age of twenty one years, in either event the said last mentioned property shall go to her, and her heirs forever, If she the said Elizabeth should not marry, or arrive to the age of twenty one, then & in that case the same together with

my other property, to go to the said Duncan Atton & his heirs forever. And I hereby constitute Pleasant Wright and Howell L. Remond my executors, to carry into effect the requirements as above mentioned of this my last will & testament. Given under my hand & seal, this first day of December, 1834.

Attest

J. P. Moody  
for Charles

Elizabeth X Wright Seal  
mark:

The State of Alabama Orphans Court  
Greene County September 2d 1839.

This day the last will and testament of Elizabeth Wright deceased was presented to the court for probate by Duncan Atton, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that all the heirs living within the jurisdiction of this court have had legal notice to appear, and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate and registration and Pleasant Wright being present in court and consenting to the same: and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to examine on oath James Childs one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said will, and being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witness. It is ordered by the court that the said will be received established and recorded as to personal property. Attest J. C. Predecor Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Prob.

Eliza Goss In the name of God Amen (I Eliza Goss of the Will) County of Greene State of Alabama bring my sound mind and memory, yet in a low state of health, blessed by God for his mercy, and calling to mind that myself as well as all others must die. I do make this my last will & testament, in manner and form following, viz: I recommend my body to the earth & my soul to Almighty God, who gave it, hoping for a joyful resurrection at the great day through the merits of my Saviour, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I desire it should be disposed of as follows. Item 1. Item. It is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid, first. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Goss my negro boy Haigwood, and all of my clothes, to her and her heirs forever. Item 3. I give and bequeath to my two Brothers Jim and William Goss all of my share and interest in one negro woman named

Miley and her two children. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 13 day of May AD 1839. I also constitute and appoint my friend David Brassfield my whole and executor to this my last will and testament. In witness my hand and seal this the 13 day of May 1839.

Signed in presence  
of us  
D. Robert Remond  
Simon P. Brassfield

Eliza X Goss Seal  
mark:

The State of Alabama Orphans Court  
Greene County September 2d 1839.

This day the last will and testament of David Brassfield Eliza Goss deceased was presented to the court for probate by David Brassfield the Executor therein named, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the heirs and legatees of the said decedent are John Goss, William Goss and Elizabeth Goss, all minors and the said David Brassfield their guardian being now here present in open court, and having the notice required by law, whereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath Robert Remond one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said will and being fully satisfied from his testimony. It is therefore ordered by the court that the said will be received established and recorded.

Attest J. C. Predecor Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Prob.

Wm. Tasker's  
Will.

In the Name of God Amen (I William Tasker of the town of Clinton in the County of Greene and State of Alabama bring aquain of body & soul) in mind, in view of the uncertainty of this life, do in the presence of these witnesses make this my last will and testament and appoint as my executors Nat Means, W. L. Hollow & John B. McAllister, all my property both real and personal I hereby give & devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Thomas Tasker to her use and benefit forever, but in event of her death without issue, I hereby devise and bequeath the same unto Sarah Achilles Edwards daughter of Achilles & Eliza Edwards to her use and benefit forever. And should it by the dispensation of Heaven fall to her during her minority my said Executor will hold the same in trust for her use and benefit until the time of her majority or marriage. The word done in the eighth and eleventh lines was intellined before signing

In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and seal  
done at Clinton this nineteenth day of August in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.  
and of the American Independence the fifty fourth.  
Signed, sealed and  
acknowledged in  
our presence  
Edward Herndon  
A. Clashburn  
R. B. McMullen

Wm Tasker Seal

The State of Alabama Orphans Court  
Greene County September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839  
This day the last will and testament of William Tasker,  
deceased, was presented to the court for probate by William  
L. McRae and James Williams two of the executors herein named  
and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the  
widow of the said decedent is the only heir at law of the  
said decedent within the jurisdiction of this court, and she  
having waived in writing the notice required by law, whereupon  
the court proceeded to examine on oath Edward Herndon one  
of the testifying witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution  
of the said will, and being fully satisfied from his testimony  
it is therefore ordered by the court that said will  
be received established and recorded.

Attest I. C. Medecor Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

NOTE. I know all men by these presents that I John B. Harwell  
do hereby constitute & appoint my friend David Tanner  
my executor to settle my estate, given under my hand  
at this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1839.

Attest E. D. Whitehead  
Stephen M. Edgworth

J. B. Harwell Seal

I hereby desire & request my Executor to settle all my  
debts & the balance of my property of every description  
to give to my friend Stephen Williams R. Dawson, given  
under my hand & seal this 17<sup>th</sup> of Augt 1839.

Attest E. D. Whitehead  
Stephen M. Edgworth

J. B. Harwell Seal

The State of Alabama Orphans Court  
Greene County September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839

This day the last will and testament of John B  
Harwell deceased was presented to the court by David Tanner  
the executor therein named for probate, and it appearing  
to the satisfaction of the court that there are no heirs  
at law of the said decedent living within the jurisdiction  
of this court, whereupon the court proceeded to examine  
on oath Stephen M. Edgworth, one of the subscribing witness  
es thereto, touching the legal execution of the said  
will, and being fully satisfied from his testimony. It is  
therefore ordered by the court that said will be  
received established and recorded.

Attest J. C. Medecor Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Arthur McRae of the  
County of Greene and State of Alabama being of sound mind  
and disposing memory do make this my last will &  
testament in manner and form following, to wit.  
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret  
McRae, for and during her natural life, the plantation  
on which I now reside, being all the real estate that I possess  
in Alabama, and comprised of two half quarter sections and  
at the death of my beloved wife Margaret, I give and be-  
queath the above named real estate, to my beloved son  
Arthur McRae, to have and to hold the same to him  
and his heirs forever, the real estate which I hold in the  
State of South Carolina consisting of Mountain lands there  
and bequeath jointly to all my legatees, I do moreover  
give and bequeath to my wife Margaret during the term  
of her natural life, a negro woman named Lydia, as her  
absolute property, to dispose of as she sees fit, and also the  
Household furniture to dispose of as she may see cause.  
I also give unto my beloved wife Margaret, a negro man  
named Sampson, to have and use for and during her natu-  
ral life and at her death (the death of my wife Margaret),  
the said negro man Sampson is to be sold, and the pro-  
ceeds thereof equally divided. Between all of my legatees  
I do give and bequeath unto my son Allegan L. McRae  
to his heirs all the property which he has here to receive  
from me, with the exception of the proceeds of two half quarters  
of which which he has sold inander date Co. Mississippi

which I wish to be divided equally between the said  
William S. Mc Dow, Sarah Neville, Isabella Ramsey, Eliza  
Wren, Mary Robertson, Jane Steele, or to their lawful  
heirs & Arthur M. McDow & his heirs. 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will  
that my daughter Jane Steele should retain to herself  
& to her heirs all the property which she has heretofore  
received from me. 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my  
daughter Sarah Neville should retain all the property  
which she has heretofore received from me for herself  
& her lawful heirs. 6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my  
daughter Isabella Ramsey should retain to herself  
& her heirs all the property she has heretofore received  
from me; 7<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my daughter Eliza  
Wren should retain to herself and to her heirs all the  
property which she has heretofore received from me.  
8<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my daughter Mary Robertson  
should retain to herself and her heirs all the property  
which she has heretofore received from me. 9<sup>th</sup> It is  
my will, & I do give and bequeath unto my son Arthur  
Mc Dow my negro man Isaac to have & enjoy for himself  
& her heirs forever. 10<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my negro  
woman Siede in consideration of long faithful services  
should at the death of my wife be permitted to enjoy  
the fruit of her own industry and if she should not  
be able to maintain herself I do hereby enjoin upon  
my son Arthur M. McDow to make the necessary  
arrangement for her support & comfort during her life  
as I have already paid him for so doing. 11<sup>th</sup>  
It is my will, that at my death that my negro  
slaves, Henry & Beny be sold and the proceeds thereof  
to be equally divided between all of my legal heirs.  
12<sup>th</sup> I do give and bequeath to my wife Margaret  
my four wheeled carriage during her natural life  
and at her death to be sold, and proceeds thereof  
divided equally between all of my legal heirs.  
13<sup>th</sup> It is my will that all my stock of every description  
whatever should remain on the plantation for the use  
of the family, subject to the control of & disposal of my  
wife Margaret & at her death to be sold and equally  
divided between all of my legal heirs. 14<sup>th</sup> It is my  
will that Jacob Thompson I should have a journeyman  
that I have running in the neighborhood of Andrew  
Ramsey if she can be found, to be his and at his  
disposal if she can be 15<sup>th</sup> I will that the thirteen  
Bales of Cotton which is my part of the Crop of 1838 be sold  
and out of proceeds, I will all my just debts to be paid

and being desirous to have the gospel spread, believing  
it contains the Word of God, I do devote one hundred  
dollars, to the Bible Society, to be also paid out of  
the proceeds of said lot of Cotton. The balance of said  
proceeds of said lot I give and bequeath unto my beloved  
wife Margaret McDow, to dispose of in any way or manner  
she may think proper. 16<sup>th</sup> I do hereby request nominate  
and appoint my beloved wife Margaret McDow my  
Executor, and my beloved sons William S. McDow and  
Arthur M. McDow my Executors, to carry into effect  
this my will, and do hereby enjoin it on them to carry  
every part & point thereof into effect hereby revoking all  
former Wills and testaments made by me and do declare  
this to be my only and last Will & Testament, in testimony  
of which, I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal  
this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and thirty nine  
(Signed Sealed and published)

I declare by the above named  
Arthur McDow to be his last  
Will & Testament in presence  
of us,

Olive Herndon,  
Chas. Cheever  
G. W. Blair  
J. W. Meany

Arthur M. McDow Esq.

The State of Alabama (Orphans Court  
Greene County) September 1<sup>st</sup> 1839  
This day the last will and testament of Arthur McDow deceased  
was presented to the Court for probate by William S. McDow  
and Arthur M. McDow the executors therein named, and  
it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the heirs  
at law of the said deceased have had legal notice to appear  
and show cause if any why the same should not be admitted  
to probate and registration, and no objection being offered  
the Court proceeded to examine on oath James Williams and  
George W. Blair two of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching  
the legal execution of the said will, concerning the legal  
execution of the said will and being fully satisfied from  
their testimony, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the  
said will be established and recorded.

Attest J. C. Shadcock Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

Elder Dugger  
Will

State of Alabama & I, Eldred Dugger, through the grace  
of god and in full possession of all  
my mental faculties in a safe condition, do make and my  
last Will and Testament, in the following manner to wit:

First, I bequeath to my daughter Catherine Harrison Dugger  
all of my estate, both personal and real, after payingable  
of my just debts and in case of the death of my daughter  
Catherine Harrison Dugger before she arrives at age or  
has an heir or heirs capable of inheriting said estate, then  
and in that case I bequeath all of my estate together with  
the increase thereof to my youngest sister Laura (Eugenia)  
Dugger. Secondly, In this my last will and testament  
I certify and confirm the sale of the present stock  
of goods in the house in which I am interested located  
near the town of Greenboro under the style and firm of  
Harrison Dugger & Co at cost, to William & Harrison that  
is to say my interest in the present stock of said firm,  
which is mine and I hereby appoint George S. Dugger,  
John Shroder, William Dugger Jr. and John Gilmore part  
to take an Inventory of said stock in said firm. Thirdly, I  
appoint William & Harrison my brother in law and  
William S. Dugger my father Executors of this my last  
will and testament. And I further appoint William &  
Harrison the true and lawful guardian of my daughter  
Catherine Harrison Dugger till she comes of age or is married.  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my seal this the Second day of July in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
In the presence of  
Geo S. Dugger  
P. B. Noddy  
Robert Beverly Junr.  
Jno G. Davenport.

The State of Alabama & Etaphus Court August 24<sup>th</sup> 1837  
Green County of Etaphus Court August 24<sup>th</sup> 1837  
This day the last Will and Testament of Eldred Dugger dec'd  
was presented to the court for probate by William & Harrison one of the Executors  
therein named, and he being apprised by the Testator the legal guardian  
of Catherine Harrison Dugger, the only heir at law of said decedent,  
the court proceeded to examine George S. Dugger on oath, he being one of  
the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said will  
and being fully satisfied from his testimony, it is therefore ordered by the  
Court that said will be record and established in record.

Attest, J. K. Medecor Clerk  
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Thorn

VII.

The State of Alabama & James Thorn of the County and the  
green County aforesaid, do make and publish this  
last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void  
all former Wills, by me at any time heretofore made; & me  
first, I direct that my body be decently interred and as  
such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me  
with I dispose of the same as follows. First, I direct the  
all my debts and Buruing expenses be paid as soon as  
possible after my decease out of the first monies, that shall  
come into the hands of my executors. Second, I will  
unto my son Canada One hundred dollars, as that is all  
intend for him. Third, I will unto my son Nazareth  
James and Henry the following negroes to be equally  
divided according to valuation, viz., Tom & George.  
Fourth, I will unto my daughter Elizabeth a negro girl  
named Rachel. Fifth, I give unto my son Simon a negro  
boy named Charles, and the plantation which I reside  
containing two hundred acres. Sixth, I will unto my  
daughter Polly, Patsy & Eda, five dollars each, bring all  
intend for them. Seventh, After my debts & expences  
are paid out of my personal property, I will divide  
to my children equally, viz., Jesse, Nazareth, James, Henry  
Simon and Elizabeth. And I do hereby make and  
ordain my neibours Benjamin Everett and William  
& Talbot Executors of my last will and testament. In  
Witness whereof I James Thorn the testator of this will  
written on half sheet paper, set my hand & seal the  
twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand  
eight hundred and thirty seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of us, who have  
subscribed in presence of,

each other  
Robert Miller  
Ranom & Benfield  
mark  
J. H. Talbot

James Thorn <sup>test</sup>

The State of Alabama &amp; Etaphus Court,

October 14<sup>th</sup> 1839

This day the last Will and Testament of James  
Thorn deceased was presented to the Court for probate, and it ap-  
pearing fully to the satisfaction of the Court, that the heirs at law  
of the said decedent residing within the jurisdiction of this Court have  
had legal notice to appear and show cause if any they have why and  
will should not be admitted to probate and registration, and no objection

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A. R. Davis  
Deputy Clerk

being offered, the Court proceeded to examine one with William H. Talbot, one of the subscribing witnesses touching the legal execution of said will, and being fully satisfied from his testimony, It is therefore Ordered by the Court that said Will be accepted established and recorded.

Attest. J. C. Sneedecor Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

Gideon  
Reynolds  
**Will.**

State of Alabama & I, Gideon Reynolds of the aforesaid Greene County State and County do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. I give and bequeath to my wife Mary all my Hunted estate for her own proper use and benefit during her natural life, also all my personal property that will remain after my debts are paid I also will that she may dispose of such part of it as she may think proper for that purpose, I do also will that at my death that the land and all the personal property that remains shall be divided among her legal heirs so that all shall have an equal part, according to the account I have kept of what they have already had, I do also nominate controller and appoint Mary Reynolds my wife sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have signed set my hand and seal the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty nine,

Signed sealed by the Testator  
Gideon Reynolds in presence of  
George W. Patten  
Ezekiel Reynolds  
John Cottrell

Gideon Reynolds

The State of Alabama &amp; Orphans Court, October 14th 1839

Greene County This day the last Will and Testament of Gideon Reynolds deceased was presented to the Court for probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the heirs at law of the said decedent living within the jurisdiction of this Court, have had due and legal notice to appear and show cause if any they have why the same should not be admitted to probate and registration, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine one with George W. Patten one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of the said Will, and the Court being fully satisfied from his testimony, It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the said will be received established and recorded.

Attest. J. C. Sneedecor Clerk  
By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

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**J. H.  
Sims****Will.**

In the name of God, I Julius H. Sims of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, bring of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me. I impriune: Having provided for my children who have settled off to themselves so far as I am able, I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Malinda H. Sims all the property which I now have or may have at my death both real and personal, To have and hold the same to her and her heirs forever. I do hereby will make the best provision for our young children now with her; her circumstances will allow. I do hereby appoint my loving wife my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of March 1835.

Signed & Acknowledged  
In presence of

Mr. S. Pierce

Julius H. Sims Seal

The State of Alabama & Orphans Court  
Greene County November 18th, 1839  
This day the last Will and Testament of Julius H. Sims deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Malinda H. Sims the Executrix therein named, And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the heirs at law of the said Julius H. Sims deceased have had due and legal notice to appear and show cause if any they have why the same should not be admitted to probate & registration and no objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine William H. Clegg the subscribing witness thereto, on oaths touching the legal execution of said Will, and being fully satisfied from his testimony, It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the said Clegg be received established and recorded as to personal property.

Attest

(J. C. Sneedecor Clerk)

By A. R. Davis Deputy Clerk

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South Carolina, Anderson, Decr.

In the name of God Amen (X) I Robert McCann Esq. (knowing that am infirm in body and expect my dissolution), do this 10th day of April anno Domini 1831. make my will being of a sound mind and memory blessed be God, wherein my soul to my Creator through the merit of my precious sanguine, hoping to be saved by his precious blood as an atonement for all my sins and my body to be buried in a Christian manner at the will of my Executors, and as to what worldly property God has bestowed on me, I dispose as follows, and first I give and bequeath unto my son Hugh McCann a negro boy Andy, &c., I give unto my son James McCann the plantation, on which I did grant in my own name, also the tract purchased of Steamer's Blowers, also my servants Thompson, Abraham, Lazarus, their child Pauline & Neddy, two feather beds his mother made for him and my surveying instruments. Thirdly, I bequeath to my daughter Martha, a negro woman Bernicia a walnut chest I bought of the Revd Mr. Pitt likewise a set slaves sermons in 3 Volumes. Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas McCann the plantation, I bought off the Davis & H. Aches and a small tract joining that granted to me, and my servant George, Caroline, Lucy, Lucinda, Anderson, and Louis and my feather beds over the one her got of his mother with all the furniture, including the bed with curtains he got of his mother's chest of drawers with book case & his share of the books as hereafter mentioned also a certain bay horse colt, I also give and bequeath him a tract of land on Breaches Creek as there is no building of any value on the plantation left him, if it should turn out as is suspected, a goldmine or it worth over one thousand dollars to be equally divided with James L. McCann and sister Martha Dr. & brother Hugh McCann and himself; my servant woman Bonyal leave her her choice to live with any of my children she may choose not as a slave, for if the law would permit her emancipation I would do it, for she has been a trusty honest faithful servant to me & give her one cow and calf to be her own choice of the stock, and if she is displeased after her choice, that she may remove to any of my other children. My grand children by my daughter Linda Hamilton is provided provision by a Will made by Mr. Whifield and

my son James Executor of it which Establish and confirm as a part of this my will, dated 20th of May 1831. It is my will that my executors have a large plow at the grave of each of my wives, engrave the year they died and at my grave my age, my departure from time to eternity. my Executor will sell according to law what goods land & chattels I possess not otherwise disposed, my books or Library to be equally divided in 3 lots to my 3 sons each a plot, what debts may be due me & what Cash if any on hand and after agreement of the sales after paying all my just debts & twenty dollars I subscribe to the Theological Seminary established at Columbia, the balance to be equally divided to a share to my son Hugh, daughter Martha, son James and J. Hamilton, & I constitute & appoint son James L. McCann & Thomas Hamilton, McCann Executors of this my last Will and Testament (intended before signing)  
Signed sealed & acknowledged { Robert McCann  
In the presence of -  
John W. Smith  
Regia Hammett  
Hannah Green

In the name of God Amen that I Robert McCann being of sound mind and memory and being mindful of death am desirous of disposing of what I hold & retain it hath pleased God to bless me with a number of children to be a part of my last Will and Testament (that is) I do hereby give unto my beloved Grandchildren named Morrison, Hamilton, Sarah & Ann Hamilton, Thomas Morrison, Martha & Hamilton a negro woman named Sally and her three children, Nancy Beaumont and Ralph which negroes it is my express will and desire that they remain in the hands of my executors to be hereafter named until the youngest of my grandchildren becomes of age until which time my executors will hire them but and after paying unto my estate three hundred dollars, the amount paid by me to their father K. Hamilton for his trouble in raising of the negro children above named, then at the period when the youngest grandchild arrives at lawful age for my executors to make an equal division of the above named negroes together with all their future increase between my four grandchildren above named and should either of

then die without lawful issue the negroes togetherwith  
their increase to be divided equally among the surviving  
or their lawful issue, and I do hereby appoint my son  
James & Elijah my sole executors to this my last Will  
& Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand & seal this 28th day of May 1831.

Signed sealed & acknowledged,

In presence of

J. S. Whitfield

John Mulliken

Wm Anderson

John R. Lewis

Robert McCann

State of South Carolina personally appeared Robert  
Anderson District 3 Sheriff, and upon being sworn  
on the holy evangelist of Almighty God makest oath  
that he did in the presence of the testator subscribe  
his name as a witness to the within last will and  
testament that the testator was to the best of his knowledge  
& belief of sound and disposing mind and memory  
that Elijah Slanney andannah Lewis did at the  
same time subscribe their names to the first, and J. S.  
Whitfield, John Mulliken and William Anderson to the  
second at the request of the Testator & in his presence  
and in the presence of each other subscribe their names  
thereto as witnesses unto himself, sworn under my  
hand Seal this 4th day of June anno Domini 1831

John Harris

South Carolina I John Martin Ordinary of Anderson  
Anderson District do hereby certify that the  
foregoing is true & accurate instrument having different  
deals, is a correct copy of the last will and testament  
of Robert McCann as on file and Recorded in my office  
November 18th 1831.

John Martin O. S.

The State of South Carolina I Elijah Webb Clerk of  
Anderson District to the Court of Sessions and  
Common Pleas for Anderson district do hereby certify  
that the signature whose signature appears to the following  
certificate is and was at the time of signing the same  
Ordinary for Anderson District & that full faith and  
credit be due and ought of right to be given to his  
signature as such Ordinary. In Testimony of which

I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
Office at Office this Eighteenth day of  
November in the year of our Lord One  
thousand eight hundred and thirty nine  
and sixty fourth years of American In-  
dependence.

Elijah Webb Clerk

The State of Alabama  
Greene County Orphans Court December 21st 1831

This day a certified Copy of the Last Will and  
testament of Robert McCann deceased from Anderson  
District in the State of South Carolina was presented  
to this Court for registration. And the Court being  
fully satisfied of the Authentication. It is therefore  
Ordered by the Court, that the same be received and  
Recorded.

Attest I. C. Swedecov Clerk

By A. C. Davis Clerk

<sup>4th</sup> The name of God Amen. I Henry Thewalt  
of the County of Dinwiddie and State of Virginia being weak  
in body but of sound mind and memory but calling to mind  
the mortality of body do make and ordain this my last  
will and testament. Item I give and bequeath unto  
my wife Jane Thewalt two negroes James and Alice  
and her increase, and one fourth of my household furni-  
ture to her and her heirs forever. Item I tend to my  
wife Jane Thewalt two negroes Catherine and Susan  
and their increase during her life and then to be at  
her disposal as she may think fit so that the said  
negroes be given to my children or to their increase or  
lawful heir to them and their heirs forever. Also tend  
to my wife three negroes Annie, Mary, and Belles,  
and their increase in trust during her life or endow-  
ment for the support of my son James Thewalt and  
the profits arising from the said negroes to be applied  
to the support of my son James as my wife's discretion  
And further it is my will that at my wife's death  
or marriage should that happen before the death of  
my son James that the County Court of Dinwiddie et

appoint some person to take charge of the said negroes  
as trustees for the purpose aforesaid, who shall have  
the power to hire the said negroes privately at their  
discretion, and at the death of my son James to be  
equally divided between my children Thomas Thewatt,  
Mildred Jones, Lucy D' Burgo, Henry G Green and Annaliza  
Green, the said Henry and Annaliza to have one share  
between them, to them and their heirs forever. But it  
is my will that the parts given to my two daughters  
Mildred Jones and Lucy D' Burgo and their heirs in  
this legacy shall not be subject to pay any debt or contract  
hereafter or hereafter made, or that may be due from  
the husbands of the said Mildred or Lucy, that is to  
say from Steven Jones or Bradford Burgo. Item I  
give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Thewatt fifty  
four acres of land which has been surveyed for him  
by Isham Grange and one negro named Nancy  
with her present and future increase to him and his  
heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my  
daughter Mildred Jones two negroes namely Creddy  
and Jerney and their increase during her life and  
the life of her husband Steven Jones and then to be  
equally divided between all her children, to them and  
their heirs forever. But it is my will that the slaves above  
given shall not be subject to pay my debt or satisfy any  
contract hereafter or hereafter due or contracted made by her  
husband Steven Jones. Item I give to my daughter Lucy  
D' Burgo two negroes Sally & a boy John, and the increase  
of both during his life and then to be equally divided among  
her children to them and their heirs forever. But it my  
will that the slaves above given shall not be subject to  
pay any debt or satisfy any contract hereafter or hereafter  
due, or contract made by her husband Bradford Burgo.  
Item I give and bequeath to my two grand children  
Henry G Green and Annaliza Green five negroes that  
is to say, Wall, King, Steeg, Jacob and Peter, and their  
increase, provided they live to the age of twenty one  
years, or are married, to be equally divided between  
them, but if they should die before they arrive to the  
period above named, the said negroes to return to my  
estate if one of them should die and not arrive to the  
period above named, the other to be entitled to the share  
of the deceased, to them and their heirs forever. Also  
I give to the above Henry G Green sixty dollars to be  
abated out of my estate to buy him a horse. Item  
my will is that my negro man Elsha be sold by my

executors here after named to pay my just debts and  
if the amount of his sale be not enough to pay my  
just debts and funeral expence that then so much  
of the remainder, not above disposed of out of my  
personal estate shall be sold as shall be sufficient  
to pay all my just debts at their discretion.  
Item I leave the use of all my land to my wife  
Jane Thewatt, after the fifty four acres is taken off  
that is given to my son Thomas above during her life  
or widowhood, with all the remainder part of my  
estate after my just debts, and the above legacy and  
paid out, but provided my wife should marry my  
will is that she should have one third of my land  
during her life, and the other two thirds I leave to  
be equally divided between my son Thomas Thewatt and  
my two daughters Mildred Jones, Lucy D' Burgo and  
my two grand children Henry G Green and Annaliza  
Green, my children to have whole shares and my  
grand children half shares. And further my will is  
that in case my wife should marry, that then all  
that part of my estate included in the remainder clause  
(except the lands) be equally divided between my wife  
and my son Thomas Thewatt, Mildred Jones, Lucy D'  
Burgo and my grand children Henry G Green and  
Annaliza Green, my grand children to have half  
shares as above, to them and their heirs forever. But  
it my will that that part of this legacy which may  
be allotted to my daughters Mildred Jones and Lucy D'  
Burgo shall be prohibited from paying any debt or  
contract due or contracted for as I have prohibited  
in the other clauses of this will. I do hereby  
constitute and appoint my wife Jane Thewatt, execu-  
tor and my son Thomas Thewatt, John Wynn, Dan-  
field Grange and William Cowman executors  
of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third  
day July, One thousand eight hundred and twenty one.  
Sealed, sealed, acknowledged  
In presence of,

Elizabeth Thacker  
mark  
Charles Robert  
David Thacker  
Richard B Thacker

Henry Thewatt

At a Court held for Dinwiddie County the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1821.  
This last Will and Testament of Henry Thewall deceased  
was presented into Court and proved by the oaths of Charles  
Preston, David Thacker and Richard Thacker three of the  
Witnesses thereto and sworn to be recorded. And on the  
motion of Jane Thewall the Executrix therin named who  
made oath thereto according to law, Certificate is granted  
her for obtaining a probate which is due from giving  
Security whereupon she together with Peterson G. Duffin  
and Thomas Thewall her Trustees entered into and  
acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of twenty  
thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Teste  
Nicholas C. C.

State of Virginia  
Dinwiddie County Court I John O'Cramp Clerk of the  
County Court of Dinwiddie in the State of Virginia do  
hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true transcript  
from the Records of the said Court.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and  
annex the seal of the said Court this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1837, and in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth.

M. P. Crump C. C.

State of Virginia  
Dinwiddie County Court

I Robert Birchell presenting Magistrate  
of Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia do certify  
that John O'Cramp is the Clerk of the said Court and that his Attestation  
Certificate is before the said Court and that his Attestation  
is in due form. Given under my hand and Seal  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1837.

Robt. Birchell Seal

The State of Alabama Orphans Court  
Greene County December 20<sup>th</sup> 1839  
This day a certified copy of the last Will and Testament  
of Henry Thewall deceased was presented to this Court for  
recognition from Dinwiddie County in the State of  
Virginia and the Court being fully satisfied of its  
authenticity. It is therefore Ordered by the Court that  
the same be received and recorded.

Attest. J. C. Sneedor Clerk  
By A. R. Davis D. Clerk

Wm. Purnell's Will It is my Will & wish that my  
Wife Elizabeth should have the use  
of the plantation, Negros & stock during  
her life for a home & support to go for her  
All of my children to educate them & if any  
should marry to receive an equal proportion of  
the negroes & that my wife deems the property to be  
equally divided amongst them & that my son  
Stephen will see equal justice done.

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1835.

Wm. Purnell

The State of Alabama Orphans Court  
Greene County December 9<sup>th</sup> 1839.

This day the last Will and Testament of William Purnell deceased  
was presented to the Court by Stephenus Purnell for probate  
and the heirs of agt living within the Jurisdiction of this  
Court having waived the notice required by law by ac-  
-tending it writing, and the said Will being proved  
to the satisfaction of the Court by the testimony of William  
McMurphy who was well acquainted with the hand  
writing of the testator. It is therefore Ordered by the Court  
that said Will be received established and recorded  
as to personal property.

Attest. J. C. Sneedor Clerk

By A. R. Davis D. Clerk

The State of Alabama Selma Rainey of the county of  
Greene and State of Alabama do  
make and declare this to be my last will and testament.  
In the first place I will and desire that all my just debts  
be paid. I do will and desire that my negro man Ned  
shall have his freedom and I do hereby set him free  
and liberate him from bondage and do appoint my  
sister Martha Rensford of Edgefield District in the State  
of South Carolina his guardian to take care of and  
secure to him his freedom and I do also give and bequeath  
to my negro man Ned aforesaid my Rose house  
and also the sum of Fifty dollars to pay his expences  
in getting to my sister Martha Rensford in the State  
of South Carolina. I do give and bequeath to my nephew  
Stephen May one fourth part of all the negro property  
that I do in possession together with the future

increase of the same. I do give and bequeath to my niece Slave Mary one fourth part of all the negro property I die in possession of together with the future increase of the same. and in case of the death of either one of the above named Lewellen or Slave Mary without lawful heirs, then and in that case I will and desire and I do hereby will that the property of the so deceased shall revert to the survivor.

I do give and bequeath all the remainder of my negro property to my sister Martha Ransford now of south Carolina together with all the future increase of the same. I will and desire the all the negroes be kept together until the crop now planting be made and taken care of and then that all the crop of cotton corn fodder &c and all the stock together with the whole of the land now owned jointly between me and my Brother in Law Stephen Mays shall be sold and out of the proceeds of such sale to pay and satisfy all my just debts, and the remainder if any to be equally divided between my nephews Lewellen Mays and Slave Mays.

I do nominate and appoint and hereby request my friend Samuel Pickens to act as executor to this my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Signed sealed and  
Delivered in presence of us      *William Rainey Seal*  
Jrnl Stringfellow  
Stephen Mays  
S. R. Jennings Jr.

The State of Alabama <sup>3</sup> Orphans Court May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Greene County <sup>3</sup> 1840

This day the last will and testament of Sherman Rainey deceased was presented to the court for probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Lewellen Mays and Slave Mays are the only heir at law of said decedent living within the jurisdiction of said court and that the said Lewellen Mays and Slave Mays are minors, whereupon the court proceeded to examine Stephen Mays one of the subscribing witness to said will upon oath concerning the legal execution of said will after the court being fully satisfied

from the testimony and no objection being made by <sup>any</sup> who is the father of said minors, It is Ordered by the court that said will be received and established as to personal property. Recorded

Attest <sup>3</sup>  
Wm Wardlaw <sup>3</sup>  
The State of Alabama <sup>3</sup>  
Greene County <sup>3</sup>

I know all men by these presents that I William C. Wardlaw being of sound mind and disposing memory and mindful of my mortality, do hereby declare and publish the following as my last will and testament. Whereas I have already had my tract of land wherein I now live advertised for sale consisting of one hundred & twenty acres, now if it should please God that I should die before the day of sale, it is my wish and will that my executor should proceed to sell according to the terms of said advertisement all of my land, and other things now advertised for sale, and in case any thing should happen that the sale is not made at that time I direct my Executor to sell as soon thereafter as convenient upon the same croato and after my death I direct that all the balance of my property be sold by my executor, and out of the proceeds of both real and personal property I bequeath and give unto my grand daughter Belsey H. Wardlaw the sum of five hundred dollars, unto my granddaughter Caroline Murphy five hundred dollars, unto my daughter Lydia Murphy five hundred dollars, unto my daughters Melinda Robins & Elizabeth formerly Elizabeth Turner five dollars each. The balance of the money after paying the above legatees to be equally divided among my children John F. Wardlaw Thomas H. Wardlaw Zackry Wardlaw, Isaac Wardlaw, Peggy Wardly Steptons, Lydia Murphy and my grand children the heirs of William M. Wardlaw and Richard Turner <sup>3</sup> I mean thereby my grand children, the children of William M. Wardlaw & Richard Turner alone. The aforesaid legatees are to be paid after my executor shall have first paid all my just debts.

I think proper here to state that one half hogs and cattle I now have on hand belongs to my son Isaac Wardlaw I do not wish my family Bible sold I give that to my daughter Lydia I reserve from sale of my land a sufficient of ground for a road sixteen feet wide leaving out from Benjamin in 100' Stephens south as agreed upon by my self and said Stephens I do hereby constitute and appoint Stephen B. Murphy my Executor to carry this my last will and

increase of the same. I do give and bequeath to my niece Jane Mays one fourth part of all the negro property I die in possession of together with the future increase of the same. and in case of the death of either one of the above named Leavelin or Jane Mays without lawful heirs, then and in that case I will and desire and I do hereby will that the property of the so deceased shall revert to the survivor.

I do give and bequeath all the remainder of my negro property to my sister Martha Ransford now of south carolina together with all the future increase of the same. I will and desire the all the negroes be kept together until the crop now planting be made and taken care of and then that all the crop of cotton corn fodder &c and all the stock together with the whole of the land now owned jointly between me and my brother in law Stephen Mays shall be sold and out of the proceeds of such sale to pay and satisfy all my just debts, and the remainder if any to be equally divided between my nephews Leavelin Mays and Jane Mays.

I do nominate and appoint and hereby request my friend Samuel Pickens to act as executor to this my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Signed sealed and  
delivered in presence of us

William Rainey Seal

Willie Stringfellow  
Stephen Mays  
S. R. Jennings Jr.

The State of Alabama <sup>3</sup> Orphans Court May <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>  
Greene County <sup>3</sup> 1840

This day the last will and testament of William Rainey deceased was presented to the court for probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Leavelin Mays and Jane Mays are the only heir at law of said decedent living within the jurisdiction of this court and that the said Leavelin Mays and Jane Mays are minors, whereupon the court proceeded to examine Stephen Mays one of the subscribing witness to said will upon oath as being the legal execution of said will after the court being fully satisfied

from the testimony and no objection being made by him who is the father of said minors. It is ordered by the court that said will be received and established as to personal property. Preceded

W. Wardlaw  
Will

The State of Alabama <sup>3</sup>  
Greene County <sup>3</sup>

I know all men by these presents that I, William C. Wardlaw being of sound mind and disposing memory, and mindful of my mortality, do hereby declare and publish the following as my last will and testament. Whereas I have already had my tract of land wherein I now live advertised for sale consisting of one hundred & twenty acres now if it should please God that I should die before the day of sale, it is my wish and will that my executor should proceed to sell according to the terms of said advertisement all of my land, and other things now advertised for sale, and in case any thing should happen that the sale is not made at that time I direct my executor to sell as soon thereafter as convenient upon the same credits and after my death I direct that all the balance of my property be sold by my executor, and out of the proceeds of both sale and personal property I bequeath and give unto my grand daughter Delsey H. Wardlaw the sum of five hundred dollars, unto my granddaughter Caroline Murphy five hundred dollars, unto my daughter Lydia Murphy five hundred dollars, unto my daughter Melinda Robman & Elizabeth formerly Elizabeth Turner five dollars each. The balance of the money after paying the above legacies to be equally divided among my children John G. Wardlaw, Thomas H. Wardlaw, Zackry Wardlaw, Isaac Wardlaw, Peggy and by Stephen, Lydia Murphy and my grand children the heirs of William M. Wardlaw and Richard Turner &c. I mean here by my grand children, the children of William M. Wardlaw & Richard Turner alone. - The aforesaid legacies are to be paid after my executor shall have first paid all my just debts.

I think proper here to state that one half hogs and cattle I now have on hand belongs to my son Isaac Wardlaw. I do not wish my family, wife sold I give that to my daughter Lydia & derive from sale of my land a sufficient quantity of ground for a road sixteen feet wide leaving out from Benjamin in 100 Stephen's south as agreed upon by myself and said Stephen. I do hereby constitute and appoint Stephen B. Murphy my executor to carry this my last will and

testament into effect. The word "advertised" interlined before signing.

Signed and sealed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1840  
in presence of  
Tod. Tho. Middle 3  
Tod. Robert Burns 3  
and William Batten 3

Wm. Wardlaw

The State of Alabama <sup>Green County</sup> Orphans Court June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1840  
The Will of William Wardlaw having been presented to the court by Thophilus B Murphy the executor & proof of its due execution having been made by Robert Burns. It is ordered that the further proof thereof be continued till next term of this court to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of July next & that subpoenas issue to Thomas Middle & William Batten to attend at said court to prove the same

The State of Alabama <sup>Green County</sup> Orphans Court August 10<sup>th</sup> 1840  
This day the last will and testament of William W Wardlaw was again presented to the court for probate Whereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath Thomas Middle one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said Will and the court being fully satisfied from his testimony in addition with the former testimony. It is Ordered by the court that said Will be received established and recorded

Attest A.R. Davis Clerk

If John A Smith being of sound mind but weak in bodily health & considering the uncertainty of human life do therefore make & retain this my last Will & testament hereby revoking all others which I may have made.

Will Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my wish & desire that all my just debts be provided for & paid & it is further my wish & desire that my executors or administrators shall & it is hereby my request that they shall so soon as the growing crop may be gathered house & prepared for market that they shall there advertise & sell to the highest bidder in one, two, or three payments as they may deem best all my real estate including the tract of land on which I now reside, together with all

my stock of horses cows hogs plantation utensils household & kitchen furniture & also my entire crop of corn, cotton &c The cotton to be sold for cash or credit as may be thought advisable by my representatives

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my wish & desire that whatever may left after paying all my just debts either of money or personal property or any thing else of which I may die seized & possessed of whatsoever & character whatsoever be equally divided among my children, namely James Daniel, Mary Elizabeth Josephine, Sarah Ann & Ellinella Nicholas. Unto these are the names of my children

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my wish & desire that whatever money may be in hand that it may be put out at Interest & all the money so hired out from year to year for the benefit of my children above named. It is also my wish & desire that administration may be made as soon as the oldest child may become of age

Item 4<sup>th</sup> And I do hereby request & appoint John Richardson & Joseph Richardson as my executors to this my last will & testament given under my hand & seal this eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty

Attest  
J.B. Richardson  
Alexander Campbell

John A. Smith

The State of Alabama <sup>Green County</sup> Orphans Court July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1840  
This day the last will and testament of John A Smith deceased was presented to the court for probate by John Richardson one of the executors therein named, and appearing to the court that Mary Eliz, James Daniel, Joseph Joseph J, Sarah Ann & Ellinella R Smith infant children of the said John A Smith are the heirs at law of said decedent. Whereupon the court appointed Daniel B Richardson guardian ad litem of said minor heirs for the sole purpose of appearing for and defending the interest of said minors in the premises aforesaid and the said Daniel B Richardson appearing in open court and acknowledging due and legal notice of the application to admit said Will to probate whereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath Daniel B Richardson and Alexander Campbell the subscribing witnesses to said will touching the legal execution of the same and the court being satisfied from their testimony. It is Ordered by the court that said will be received established and recorded as to all property

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In the name of God amen, I William B. Street of  
the County of Greene in the State of Alabama do make  
Will, declare, and publish this my last will and testament.  
It is my will and desire that all my just debts, should  
be paid as soon after my decease as practicable, reposing  
the interest utmost confidence in the honesty, integrity  
and discretion of my wife Eliza S. Street. I do desire  
and bequeath unto her the same Eliza S. Street all the  
real and personal estate, of which I shall die seized and  
possess. For and during her natural life or widowhood  
And in the event of her marriage again, the property then  
remaining in her hands shall be divided equally between  
her and such children as she may then have living—  
It is further my will and desire that my Executors here  
inafter named shall have full power, in the payment  
of my debts, to dispose of any species of property, either  
real or personal, at private or public sale, as they may  
think most beneficial to the estate.—  
I do hereby constitute my wife Eliza S. Street the sole  
Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony  
whereof I have set my hand and seal this the 7th of June AD 1840  
Published in presence of us  
John Street  
Wm. S. Street  
Jane Shuckford

The State of Alabama  
Greene County  
Orphans Court July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1840  
The day the last Will of William B. Street deceased was presented to  
the court by Eliza S. Street the Executor therein named,  
and the other heirs at law of said deceased being minors  
under the age of twenty one years, the court thereupon  
appointed Charles L. Roberts Guardian ad litem of  
said minor heirs for the purpose of appearing for and defending  
the interest of said minors, and the said Charles L.  
Roberts appearing in open court and acknowledging  
due and legal notice of the application aforesaid  
whereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath  
John Street Jr. one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
touching the legal execution of said will, and the court  
being fully satisfied from his testimony it is ordered  
by the court that said Will be received, established  
and recorded.

Attest J. L. Spedecor Clerk  
A. R. Davis D. C. L.

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In presence of  
Tho. Wostenholme  
Mr. Price  
A. Sadler  
The State of Alabama  
Orphans Court

Greene County September 14<sup>th</sup> 1840  
This day the last Will and Testament of George Tinkley deceased was presented to the court by George Tinkley Senior the Executor therein named for probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the Claims which accrued to the heirs at law of said decedent, have been duly served, and no objection being made, the court proceeded to examine, on oath William Price one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of said Will and the court being fully satisfied from his testimony. It is ordered that said Will be received, established and recorded?

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

I Thomas Riddle of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, do make and publish this my last will and testament. First, It is my will in the event of my death that all my estate, both real and personal together with the increase thereof, and accumulations thereto, except as hereinafter excepted, be left together upon my plantation, in the County aforesaid, under the care and control of my executors until my son William Thompson Riddle arrives to the age of twenty one years, and then to be divided as hereinafter mentioned, unless some of the contingencies hereinafter mentioned should before that time happen. Secondly,

It is my will that while my property remains together as aforesaid, my wife Elizabeth Mary Riddle and my children William Thompson Riddle, Elizabeth Mary Riddle, and Sarah Ann Riddle shall be supported and maintained in a gentle and respectable manner and my children given a good practical as also a classical education so as to render them useful members of society, said support and education to be out of the yearly profits of my estate without interfering with the principal, unless absolutely for the support and education. Thirdly,

It is my will that in the event of my wife or either of my daughters marrying before my son arrives at the age of twenty one years, that then my estate both real and personal be divided between my wife and my three children as follow